

# PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Tuesday, December 9th, 2025

5:30 p.m.

The Public Works Commission met on the above date and time. The following members were present: Alderpersons Brad Blanke, Dan Bartz, Myron Moldenhauer, and Tony Arnett; Citizen member Pete Thompson. Also present: City Staff Andrew Beyer, Pete Hartz, Maureen McBloom, Staci Winkelman.

1. **Call to order.** Chairperson Arnett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present.** None.
3. **Review and take possible action. Minutes of PWC meeting of October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025.** Mr. Bartz moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Review and discuss: Draft recommendations for the City-Wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan.** City staff and consultant Jody Rader gave a brief update on the City-Wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan. The final draft of the plan will be presented in Q1 of 2026. Mr. Arnett urged a prioritization on paths from the West St. neighborhood and the Meadowbrook/WRMC neighborhood.
5. **Review and take possible action: Weed ordinance dispute - 201 N. Concord Avenue.** There were questions about whether the property owner had been clearing the sidewalks of the recent snow. As they had not, this added to a general sense of lack of intent to properly maintain the property by the owner. Mr. Blanke moved to deny the reduction in the fee to the property owner for weed removal. Mr. Bartz seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
6. **Review and take possible action: Enter into an agreement with Sabal Mechanical for the labor, materials, and equipment needed for the installation of new primary sludge pumps.** Three bids were received for this work. Sabal was the lowest and best bid. The total cost of the pumps (previously approved) and the installation will still be below the budgeted amount. Mr. Bartz moved to recommend the purchase to Council. Mr. Thompson seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
7. **Review and take possible action: agreement with the City of Waukesha Fire Department and the City of Watertown Fire Department for specialized emergency response services.** This agreement was reviewed at the October 28th, 2025 meeting. Mr. Thompson moved to recommend the agreement to Council. Mr. Moldenhauer seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
8. **Review and take action: Surplus Energy Purchase Agreement / Customer Generation CGSCU Wisconsin CO-GEN power less than 5-megawatt Solar Array Project with We Energies.** While the City does not anticipate having extra power to sell from the solar array installed at the Treatment plant, the State requires the City to have an agreement in place to cover the possibility. Mr. Blanke moved to recommend the agreement to Council. Mr. Bartz seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
9. **Review and take possible action: Approve change order #1 for revised engineering design and construction related plans for biosolids dryer project provided by Mead - Hunt.** Changes to the design arose from the DNR review of the original design. Mr. Thompson moved to recommend the change order to Council. Mr. Blanke seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

10. **Update for Commission on Solid Waste Utility Landfill Contract.** This contract went before Finance on December 8th. A new landfill vendor, GFL in Horicon, has been selected, at a substantial cost savings of \$71,000. While it is a longer drive, the savings are well beyond any additional cost in transportation. The contract is for 3 years, with a 3% increase in years 2 and 3.
11. **Update and discussion on Leaf Collection Program.** City staff presented an update on the pilot program using bags for leaf collection, seeking direction from the commission on next steps. Commission members expressed resistance to the bagging model due to the impact on homeowners. Staff recently viewed a new type of collection truck used in Jefferson that reduces collection time. There may be other collection models or vehicle types out there. Any vehicles would come at a significant cost. (The Jefferson truck cost \$400,000.) Commission members directed staff to investigate alternatives to the pilot bag program.
12. **Update, no action required: Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) Pre-Disaster Flood Mitigation Grant Application.** The City applied for and did not receive this grant last year. The City is re-applying this year. The study area is the westside creek system (the Brandt-Quirk Creek and High School Creek systems, which meet near the new fire station site.) Grant awards will be announced early next year.
13. **Convene into closed session per §19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (Hart Street Drainage improvements.)** Mr. Moldenhauer moved to go into closed session for the reason stated in the agenda. Mr. Bartz seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote at 6:15 pm.  
Mr. Bartz moved to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion carried unanimously by roll-call vote at 6:31 pm.
14. **Adjournment.** Mr. Bartz moved to adjourn at 6:31 p.m., seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Arnett, Chairperson

Note: These minutes are uncorrected, and any corrections made thereto will be noted in the proceedings at which these