

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA**

**TUESDAY, August 22, 2023, AT 5:30 PM**

Commission Members present: Smith, Bartz, Board, Thompson

Commission Members missing: Wetzel

City employees present: Public Works Director / City Engineer Holloway, Water & Wastewater Manager Pete Hartz, Assistant Water & Wastewater Manager Tim Hayden, Streets Division Operations Manager Stacy Winkelman (virtual)

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Acting Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM for Chairman Wetzel

### **2. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS PRESENT**

No citizens present, no comments

### **3. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES**

Public Works minutes from August 8, 2023

Motion to approve: Board, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Thompson. Carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **4. BUSINESS**

A. Review and take possible action: Street repair request for 1100 block of Pleasant Street. PWDCE Holloway reported the issue was resolved prior to the scheduled PW meeting.

Motion to table: Bartz, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Thompson. Carried by unanimous voice vote.

B. Review and take possible action: Establish native prairie plantings at several large open areas owned by the water & wastewater utilities. WWM Hartz and AWWM Hayden explained that they currently have about 40 acres of grass to cut using one PT employee and another FT staff member for all of their landscaping work. They would like to use native prairie plantings which offer a wide variety of plants and flowering species that attract pollinators and other beneficial insects and make for a more aesthetically pleasing impression of open spaces. They suggest a 2-3 year approach to transition from mowed grass to a living prairie. They are proposing to convert about 7.5 acres of grass at 5 remote areas. All sites have been approved for the new native landscaping allowed by city rules and requirements. They plan to contract with Tallgrass Restoration, LLC, of Milton, WI, and expect the cost to be offset by the reduction of mowing costs.

Motion to approve: Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bartz. Carried by unanimous voice vote.

C. Review and take possible action: Wastewater Department; purchase 2 new spiral heat exchangers from Gooch Thermal Systems, Inc. for the anerobic digestion treatment process for a total of \$93,500.00. WWM Hartz explained that during normal plant operations the staff found that the closed loop hot water heating system was leaking water. After spending several days isolating the system, they discovered a water leak inside one of the spiral heat exchangers. After discussions with the manufacturer regarding the size and location of the leak, it was determined the 20+ year old exchanger could not be repaired. Sufficient funds are available in the wastewater capital account due to a pause placed on the UV disinfection system upgrade.

Motion to approve: Board, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bartz. Carried by unanimous voice vote.

### **5. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn: Thompson, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Board. Carried by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartz