PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 27, 2026
5:30 p.m.

The Public Works Commission met at the above date and time. The following members were present: Alderpersons Myron Moldenhauer, Ken Berg, Tony Arnett, Gina Nitecki (remote). Members absent: Citizen member Pete Thompson. Also present: City Staff Andrew Beyer, Maureen McBroom, Stacy Winkelman, Ali Panagopoulos.

1. **Call to order.** Chairperson Arnett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present.** - Barb Winkelman, 1608 Lakeside Terrace, asked the Commission to consider partnering with the residents around Lake Victoria on weed control. Courtney Krause, 1600 Lakeside Terrace, spoke about a damaged culvert near her property. Susan Hutson, 301 Franklin St., spoke about water flowing from Heiden Pond to Lake Victoria. Ellen Wollin, 1617 Neenah St, spoke about the weed control treatment costs the neighbors of Lake Victoria have been paying for many years.

3. **Review and take possible action. Minutes of PWC meeting of October 13th, 2026.** Mr. Berg moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Moldenhauer. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. **Review and discuss: Lake Victoria and Heiden Pond –** Public Works Director Andrew Beyer reviewed a memo covering the research staff had done at the direction of the Commission. This included recapping the legal status (both are owned by the State), permitting requirements, a vegetation study done by Jefferson County, and possible grant sources. Mr. Arnett highlighted the potential to use a Lake Association or Lake District to partner with the Lake Victoria neighbors on weed control. Ms. Nitecki asked if other cities are getting involved in similar ways in similar circumstances. Mr. Beyer replied that Wisconsin DNR staff were not aware of any other municipality getting directly involved in this type of issue. Mr. Berg urged the Commission to take some action, highlighting the inflow of water from the City's stormwater system into Heiden Pond. Mr. Moldenhauer questioned why the State is not taking an active role in this since both bodies of water are owned by the State. The Commission agreed by consensus to consider at a future meeting a proposal to work with a proposed Lake Association or Lake District and make a City contribution toward weed control (managed by the Lake Association or Lake District.)

5. **Review and take possible action: Revisions to Chapter 453, Article I Stormwater Management Utility and Review and take possible action: Stormwater Utility Rate Update** – This is a proposal to alter the administrative process for Stormwater Utility Rate Updates. Stormwater Utility Rates are the only utility rates that are reviewed by both the Public Works Commission and the Finance Committees (others are only reviewed by Public Works Commissions) and are executed by ordinance (others are done by Council resolution.) This proposal would align Stormwater Utility Rate process with the others. The rates included in the legislation are the rates previously approved by the Commission, with the addition of an Open Space/Parks rate category. Mr. Moldenhauer moved to recommend the legislation to Council, second by Ms. Nitecki. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

6. **Review and approve Loader purchase for DPW - Street/Solid Waste Division** – This is a 2026 budgeted item, and the low and best bid came in below budget. Mr. Berg moved to approve the purchase, seconded by Mr. Moldenhauer. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

7. **Review and Approve purchase of Tandem Axle Dump Truck for the DPW - Street/Solid Waste Division** – This is a 2026 budgeted item. It is a two-part purchase, with one bid for the chassis and the second bid for the body. The combined lowest and best bids exceed the budgeted amount by $19,000. However, this is offset by the savings in the Loader purchase above. Mr. Moldenhauer moved to approve the two bids, seconded by Ms. Nitecki. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

8. **Adjournment.** Mr. Moldenhauer moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Nitecki. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Arnett, Chairperson