

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
MARCH 11, 2025

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Austin Baehnman at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 6:17 pm immediately following the Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee Meeting. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Austin Baehnman, Chris Gunderson and Pat Gorchals. Also Present: Mayor Rich Luedke, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Shani Appleby, Meta Berg, Tom Cullen, Dan Nehring, Brian Doherty and Bruce Goetsch.

Motion Gorchals, second Gunderson, to approve the Public Works Committee meeting minutes from February 11, 2025. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Department Update: The department update from Leschke was in the meeting packet. Crane Engineering is coming in to replace the conveyor motor on the lime conveyer. While they are here, they will also inspect the East Street lift station for an alarm of a seal failure. The polymer make down unit that is currently on loan to us is out for repair. Will need to make a decision in the near future on either purchase a new or used unit or continue renting. The city is on the list for water tower/tank inspections this summer by James Orr Coatings Inspections LLC. Snow plowing continues to work well. Leschke is meeting with Southgate Lease Services to discuss the possibility of renting options for some equipment. The light pole by the hill in the park is on the schedule to be removed. The department has been working closely with M&S Mechanical in town. Traded in one of the weed trimmers for a newer model with a sidewalk edger. Also, they sold the Husqvarna lawn mower to the Village of Amherst.

Discussion and possible action on East Street Road Project: East Street is in dire need of being resurfaced. It has been put off for so long. *Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve the quote for \$47,000 from Waupaca County Highway Department for the East Street Road Project. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Discussion and possible action on sealcoating of Maasch Park Upper Parking Lot: Leschke discussed sealcoating the upper section of the Maasch Park parking lot. It has not been done for many years and keeps getting patched up by city crew. The lower section was done a few years ago and is in good shape. The lowest quote received was from Badgerland Sealing. Not a separate budgeted item in the budget but would come out of street maintenance. Committee feels that it is not a priority at this time and can hold off. They would like to wait till fall and see how the budget is coming in at that time.

Discussion and possible action on tree grate repairs on Main and Mill Streets: Leschke presented quotes from Advanced Exteriorscapes on replacing the tree grates/electrical boxes in front of Star Dairy and Dockside Designs on Mill Street and two on Main Street in front of Premier Bank. This would include the new electrical boxes that are flush and concrete work similar to the one they did in front of the Gerald Opera House last year. Total cost of

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approximately \$5,200 with 15% discount if approved before March 20th. Gorchals recommends it be sent to council for further discussion pending answers on where in the budget the funds would come from.

Discussion and possible action on pavilion in the Dog Park/Kayak Launch Area: Committee went over quote provided by Advanced Exteriorscapes for a 14x14 pavilion area and concrete work. The committee feels that it would be a very nice addition to the dog park and kayak area but would like to wait for now and possibly budget for it in the future. Gunderson has been working with Faulkner on a request for a memorial bench in the dog park area. Leschke would like to see the bench mounted to a concrete pad to make it easier to mow.

Discussion and possible action on concrete work by ballpark concession stand: There is a need to correct the runoff from the hill that keeps washing out the dugout area. The quote for concrete work would cover the parking lot to the batting cages with drains added and a tired platform system for seating. Leschke had asked Doherty about donations from the youth ball league to help offset the cost. The city would spend the money up front with possible donations overtime towards the project. The new concrete work would still allow for the concession stand to be redone in future years without harming the concrete. Future plans include tearing down the existing stand and rebuilding a new concession stand off the back of the bathrooms with a small garage for the ballfield equipment. Gunderson stated that the park is the heart of the city in the summer months and brings a lot of people to the community. Council should find where the money would come from in the budget. They would like to have John Mueller with Advanced Exteriorscapes come and present the project to the council. He has a video presentation of what the area would look like. Leschke will speak with Herbst-Gutche to see what is available in capital money. Might not know for sure till the 2024 audit is done.

Discussion and possible action on weed spraying and fertilizing of city properties: Quote from True Green is for two applications mostly in three park areas for \$5,800. The quote from Green Boyz is for two applications covering 16 acres of city properties at a cost of \$2,200 per application for a total of \$4,400. Gorchals would like Leschke to see if Green Boyz can also do the spraying along the lake in Kaminske Park. *Motion Gorchals, second Gunderson, to go with Green Boyz for spraying of 16 acres in two applications at a cost of \$4,400. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Discussion and possible action on Safe Step Sidewalk Program: Leschke wanted to revisit the project since it was brought up for discussion a few months ago but nothing was decided. The sidewalk repair program would have the City pay the cost up front with reimbursement from the property owners back to the city. Safe Step would do phot documentation before and after and send out all the quotes to the property owners. Leschke thought that Ann Street with the school walking traffic would be a good pilot program to start with. Mayor Luedke would like to hold off this year because of the lead lateral replacement program going on this year. Do not know if the lead lateral program is going to damage many sidewalks that would need to be

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replaced. Would like to revisit it for next year. The Mayor would like Leschke to look into if the company does any sanding/grinding of the tennis courts.

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting will be held on April 8, 2025 immediately following the Police, Fire and Ambulance Committee meeting.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendations to Council:

1. Recommend approving the quote for \$47,000 from Waupaca County Highway Department for the East Street Road Project.
2. Recommend approving the quote with Green Boyz for spraying of 16 acres in two applications at a cost of \$4,400.
3. Discussion and possible action on tree grate repairs on Main and Mill Streets.
4. Discussion and possible action on concrete work by ballpark concession stand.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk