

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
MAY 14, 2024

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Austin Baehnman at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 8:31 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, Administrator Marcus Rennicke, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Shani Appleby, Cameron Looker, Meta Berg, Andy Schmidt, Carson Faulkner and Richard Rupno.

Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve the Public Works Committee meeting minutes from April 9, 2024. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Department Update: Carson Faulkner gave an update on the Public Works Department which included:

- Mowers had their spring tune ups and ready to go
- Cameras are ordered and Master Electric will be on site to do the wiring. Hoping to have operational by the end of May.
- Still waiting for start dates for the Pickle Ball Courts and the Sealcoating.
- Park Bathrooms are open for the season
- Have removed 6 dead ash trees. Will be taking down about 9 more.
- Masonry work on city garage complete. Painting will be done soon.
- Spring street sweeping complete
- Have started changing oil in the lift stations.
- Quotes have come in for the ORP probe installation at the WWTP
- UV disinfection bulbs have been installed
- Septage receiving tank has been cleaned out and a new piece of equipment has been installed to make it more efficient.
- Well #4 is back up and running. Water distribution system is running much better.
- Work is continuing to be done to find lead service lines.
- Pool water and chemical rooms will be put online in the coming days
- Weed spraying along lake has been scheduled

Discussion and possible action on condition of Lake Street Pier: Faulkner reported on the condition of the Lake Street Pier. It has shifted and created a large gap. He would like to reach out to someone to see what the cost would be to repair the pier or look at other options like an aluminum or removable pier. The pier is used quite a bit. Gorchals looked at the pier and minor repairs can be made to it now to make it safe and then look at options to replace at some time. *Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to make the immediate repairs to the Lake Street pier and look at options to replace it. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

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Discussion and possible action on School Zone Lights on W. Main Street: Berg asked for discussion on traffic in front of the Lutheran School on W. Main Street and having a flashing school zone light. Chief Leschke reported that the department has been patrolling the area more and haven't issued any citations yet for excessive speed. Because of W. Main Street also being a State Hwy any changes would need to go through DOT requirements and they may need to do a study. Leschke did report on the criteria for the school zone flashing lights when a crossing guard is present. W. Main Street does have minimal foot traffic since most vehicles pull into the parking lot and drop off at the school door. There is more congestion at this time with the construction project going on at the school so some teachers are parking across the street. The Chief will have the area patrolled more often.

Discussion and possible action on electrical work needed for ORP Probe at WWTP: A quote from Master Electric was presented to do the necessary electrical work needed for the ORP Probe at the WWTP. *Motion Baehnman, second Gorchals, to approve the Master Electric quote for work needed at the WWTP for the ORP Probe. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Discussion and possible action on W. South Street overlay: Faulkner spoke on the issues with W. South Street between Mill and Mary that has deteriorated. Quote was received from Waupaca Highway Department to put a 2" overlay on that block. Rennie asked about extending W. South Street for future development and if spending money on the overlay is worth it at this time. Currently there are no plans to extend the road. That would be many years down the line if the City would budget for it. *Motion Gorchals, second Gunderson, to move forward with the W. South Street overlay. Motion carried with all "ayes"*

Discussion and possible action on the Lead Service Lateral Project with McMahon: City Engineer, Andy Schmidt, spoke on the Lead Service Lateral Project. He gave an update to the new council members. The bids for the project came in much higher than expected. McMahon did go to the DNR and ask if they would contribute more through the Safe Drinking Water program to help offset the increased costs to residents which they have agreed to help with. The cost for ten laterals came in at \$114,000 when it was \$60,000 two years ago. Contractors claim the low number of laterals is not efficient and causes an increase in cost. The price for a lateral replacement would be approximately \$4,000 with the homeowner paying about \$2,000 versus the \$1,000 that was calculated last year. If the City wants to continue with the 10 laterals for this year they could split the increase cost with the homeowners. Since the City does not know exactly how many lead laterals there are and the more laterals there would be to replace the better cost savings we would receive from the contractors Schmidt feels that the city should do a full inventory of every property. Could find more laterals that we don't know of and then all of them can be replaced at the same time to get a better cost by a contractor. *Motion Gorchals, second Gunderson, to rescind doing 10 lead laterals this year and reevaluate the whole city to get a more accurate count of lead laterals to replace them all at once. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

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Discussion and possible action on Wetland Delineation with McMahon: Rennie would like at some time to have a wetland delineation done on the City property off of Cty Rd AA. The DNR has said that it is not necessarily wetlands since no official determination has been made. The determination would need to be made if there is any possible extension of W. 3rd Avenue to Cty Rd AA for future housing developments. No action at this time.

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting will be held on June 11, 2024 immediately following the Police, Fire and Ambulance Committee meeting.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Baehman, second Gunderson, to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendations to Council:

- 1. Recommend approving immediate repairs to the Lake Street pier and to look at options to replace it.*
- 2. Recommend approving the Master Electrical quote for work needed at the WWTP for the ORP Probe.*
- 3. Recommend to move forward with the W. South Street overlay.*
- 4. Recommend to rescind doing 10 lead laterals this year and reevaluate the whole city to get a more accurate count of lead laterals to replace them all at once.*

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk