

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Bruce Goetsch at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 7:30 pm immediately following the Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee Meeting. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Bruce Goetsch and Chris Gunderson. Not Present: Kaley DuCoeur. Also Present: Mayor Rick Luedke, City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, City Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Dewey Stelzner, Shani Appleby, Andy Schmidt, John Hanke, Richard Rupno, Sam Berry, Erik Jensen and Tracy Jensen.

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the Public Works Committee meeting minutes from August 8, 2023. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: Richard Rupno asked about the status of 118 E Main Street. Mayor Luedke respond that the City was informed that an individual is working with Wendy Bennet to purchase the property and fix it up. It is taking a little longer to close on the property due to it being in a defunct LLC. Hoping to have the property turned over soon so they can begin repair work. The City did get three quotes for razing the building but will not act on them to give the individual that is trying to buy the property time to get everything in order.

Department Update: Mayor Luedke reported on the following items:

- Staff is beginning seasonal transition work preparing for fall.
- Couple of the trucks have to go in for recalls.
- Continued work at the treatment plant on some maintenance items that included the septage receiving getting cleaned out and upcoming head works influent well grit clean-out.
- Eric is beginning to work on the WWTP permit renewal application that is due in January.
- Michael is conducting annual meter testing.
- Carson and Kyle finished up all street, curb and catch basin painting.
- Carson is working on low hanging tree limbs and all of the Ash trees that are dying from Ash Borer.

Discussion on vacant parcels being missed from Fire Protection charges: City Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche discussed finding vacant parcels that are not being charged Fire Protection. She will be working over the next couple of weeks to look at all parcels in the City and see what has been missed. Hoping to have done by October 1st to be able to add the charges to the next billing cycle. Will have to look into the parcel attached to Goetsch's property being in a TID. Goetsch was told he was not able to combine the parcels due to the TID so that is why he has not been charged. Staff will look into it.

Public Works Facility Needs Analysis Update: Andy Schmidt with McMahon went over a draft layout of the proposed Public Works facility on the City's land across of the Historical Grain Silo. Schmidt said they are still working to finalize the layout. Question was asked on public bathrooms being added to the exterior of the building. That is something that can be looked at. It is currently not in the plans. Once finalized will be able to then go out and get pricing.

CIP Plan Update & Discussion: Schmidt also went over the proposed CIP that was in the meeting packet. Lots of potential projects in the plan. He also included some information on possible grant and funding opportunities available. If committee sees anything to change let him know. This is a growing document that will change.

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Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting will be held on October 10th immediately following the Police, Fire and Ambulance Committee meeting.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Recommendations to Council: None

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk