

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
NOVEMBER 14, 2023

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Bruce Goetsch at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 6:48 pm immediately following the Police, Fire & Ambulance Committee Meeting. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Bruce Goetsch, Chris Gunderson and Kaley DuCoeur. Also Present: Mayor Rick Luedke, City Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, City Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Lori Gosz with McMahan, Andy Schmidt with McMahan, Chief Brandon Leschke, Shani Appleby, Rick Binley, Corey Baehnman, Richard Rupno and Sam Berry.

Motion Goetsch, second DuCoeur, to approve the Public Works Committee meeting minutes from October 10, 2023. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Engineer's Report: Aaron Schmidt from McMahan updated the committee on the following items:

- **Update on Funding Programs:** The STP Local is a 80/20 split. Did not receive last cycle but submitted again for this cycle period. LRIP did not submit for. Is divided up from the County. No major street projects going on right now. There is a Rural Development USDA Program that we can apply for that helps with Public Works Facilities.
- **Update on Lead Service Replacement Program for 2024:** Currently have 26 lead services in the City that we are aware of. This first year we will be looking at replacing 10 of them. Did receive a principal forgiveness grant of \$9,862 which will go towards offsetting the cost for property owners. The cost for the lateral replacement for property owners will be approximately \$1,000. The City will provide financing for homeowners who request a payment plan.
- **Public Works Facility Update:** The cost estimate of the building came in at \$3.8 million. Did have \$4.6 million listed in the CIP. DuCoeur asked if any Focus on Energy grants available for lighting. Will have to look into it. The biggest challenge now is to wait and see what happens with the Fire District Referendum and if it goes thru. The City is basically on hold to see what will happen with the referendum first. In the meantime can check into different funding options.

Department Update: A written report on the department was provided in the meeting packet. Has been brought up if the City ever thought about contracting for leaf pick up. The Mayor has recently spoke with a local business owner that would like to contract with the City next year for a potential leaf pick up. The City could look at cancelling the fall street sweeper and use those funds towards a leaf pick up. The business owner will be submitting a proposal in the future.

Discussion and Possible Action on pot holes on South Street between S Mill and S Mary Street: An email from a concerned resident came into City Hall in regards to the pot holes on South Street. Alderman Goetsch did go and look at the area. There are many shallow pot holes

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and an area washed away from the fire hydrant testing. Goetsch thought the best way now to fix it would be to put millings in the pot holes with gravel on top and post loose gravel signs for the winter. Then in the spring will have to patch the area. *Motion DuCoeur, second Gunderson, to fix South Street between Mill and Mary as best as can be from the suggestion of Goetsch and look at patching in the spring. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Discussion and Possible Action on brush grinding for the Yard Site: Proposals were received from Bucklin's and TLB Wood Products. TLB asked for assistance with our tractor and an operator and was slightly higher than Bucklin's proposal. *Motion Gunderson, second DuCoeur, to go with Bucklin's for brush grinding at the Yard Site. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Discussion and Possible action on quote to remove concrete at water tower on Slough Rd: Quote from Faulks Bros is to remove broken concrete that has accumulated at the Yard Site over the years from different projects. Committee feels to get it all removed now and then going forward have staff haul out the concrete. *Motion DuCoeur, second Gunderson, to approve the quote from Faulks Bros. to remove the concrete at the water tower on Slough Road. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Discussion and Possible Action on Faulks Brother Snowplow Quote: Mayor Luedke and Goetsch meet with Cody Loughrin from Faulks Bros. Faulks Bros will be coming in with a grade and do Main Street first to assist our Public Works Department. Which will allow our guys to get working on other areas. The grader cost is \$168 per hour. *Motion Gunderson, second DuCoeur, to approve the use of the grader at \$168 per hour and as needed for snowplowing from Faulks Bros. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Discussion and Possible action on Cathodic Protection Systems for 250,000 Water Tower and 300,000 Water Tower: This is maintenance on the water towers for the next year. *Motion DuCoeur, second Gunderson, to approve the Cathodic Protection Systems for \$1,850 for two water towers. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Discussion and Possible Action on Alarm Notification Software Renewal for WWTP: Alarm Notification Software renewal for the system at the WWTP from Altronex. *Motion Gunderson, second DuCoeur, to approve the Alarm Notification Software for the WWTP from Altronex. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Discussion and Possible Action on Jim's Plumbing Quote for updates to the restrooms at the Swim Lake: Was mentioned in the past about updating the old plumbing fixtures at the swim lake. Some are almost original. City staff reached out to Jim's Plumbing that has taken care of the plumbing needs at the park in the past. *Motion DuCoeur, second Gunderson, to approve the Jim's Plumbing quote for updates to the restrooms at the Swim Lake. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

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Discussion and Possible Action on 2024 Water-Sewer Utility Budgets: Lori Gosz went over a couple of changes she had made to the original budgets that were sent out in the packet after talking with City Staff at the WWTP. *Motion Gunderson, second DuCoeur, to approve the 2024 Water-Sewer Utility Budgets with the changes made. Motion carried with all “ayes”.*

Sewer Utility Rate Study Update: The approved operating Water-Sewer Budgets will now be submitted to Ehlers for their review to go along with the Sewer Utility Rate Study that is almost complete.

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting will be held on December 12th immediately following the Police, Fire and Ambulance Committee meeting.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Motion Goetsch, second DuCoeur, to adjourn 7:29 pm. Motion carried with all “ayes”.

Recommendations to Council:

1. Recommend to fix South Street between Mill and Mary as best as can be from the suggestions of Goetsch and look at patching in the spring.
2. Recommend to go with Bucklin’s for brush grinding at the Yard Site.
3. Recommend to approve the quote from Faulks Bros. to remove the concrete at the water tower on Slough Road.
4. Recommend to approve the use of the grader at \$168 per hour and as needed for snowplowing from Faulks Bros.
5. Recommend to approve the Cathodic Protection Systems for \$1,850 for two water towers.
6. Recommend to approve the Alarm Notification Software for the WWTP from Altronex.
7. Recommend to approve the Jim’s Plumbing quote for updates to the restrooms at the Swim Lake.
8. Recommend to approve the 2024 Water-Sewer Utility Budgets with the changes made.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk