

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 11, 2022

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Bruce Goetsch at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 7:00 pm. Roll call was taken. Members Present: Bruce Goetsch and Chris Gunderson. Not present: Cameron Looker. Also Present: City Administrator Jeremy Schroeder, Clerk Rebecca Loehrke, Public Works Supervisor Kyle Young, and City Engineer Thad Majkowski by Zoom.

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve the meeting minutes from December 14, 2021. Motion carried with all "ayes".

Citizen Appearances: None

Engineer Report:

Cedar Corp –

- a. Water System New Tower Update:** No new update.
- b. Booster Station Update:** Majkowski reported that the generator was set and started up before the end of the year deadline. The project will be closed out in February.
 - 1. Booster C20 Pay Request #9 for \$20,274.05:** *Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve Booster C20 Pay Request #9 for \$20,274.05 contingent on lien waivers and wage rate verifications. Motion carried with all "ayes".*
- c. Wastewater Treatment System Update:** Project will be closed out in February.

Manor Drive Lighting Proposal – Discussion/Action: Schroeder discussed that he met with Casey Beyersdorf from Waupaca County Highway Department and went over the lighting situation out on Manor Drive. The County would like to have all of the electrical issues out there get cleaned up before the City installs new light poles and is asking for the City to hold off before allowing WE Energies to come in and install new street lights. The County has electrical wires running underground all over due to old buildings being torn down over the years. *Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to hold off on the current electrical proposal for street lights with WE Energies and allow Casey Beyersdorf and the County to fill out an application with WE Energies to have the underground electrical wiring fixed on Manor Drive. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

Vehicle/Equipment Breakdown Status Update – Discussion: The Western Plow hit a frozen chunk of snow in the roadway that caused a lot of damage to the plow. Total cost to repair the plow would be \$6,700 and out 4-6 weeks. A new plow would cost \$8,300 and would have in about 2 weeks. The current plow is 11 years old and has done a lot of work for the City. The Freightliner also has an oil leak that will need to be taken in for repair work. Goetsch would like to see the purchase of a new western plow and use it for 2 years then sell it and get something that is more appropriate for plowing city streets. *Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to replace the Western snow plow instead of repairing it. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

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Monroe Plow Blade for Loader Updated Quote – Discussion/Action: The quote Young received in October for a new Monroe Plow Blade for the loader had now increased by \$4,000. Because of the large increase it needs to come back to committee for approval. If the plow blade is ordered now it will be here in September. *Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to approve going forward with purchase of the Monroe plow blade for the Case Loader with the increase of \$4,000 from the original quote. Motion carried with all “ayes”.*

Public Works Resignation & Staffing – Discussion: Schroeder and Young discussed that they will keep the department at 4 full time staff after losing Michael Pfankuck. They have struggled to find competent individuals over the last year. The department is making it work now with 4 staff members. They have ideas for hiring summer staff. *Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson to approve the resignation of Michael Pfankuk. Motion carried with all “ayes”.*

Public Works Supervisor Report: Supervisor Young reported on the following items from the department:

- Had a sewer back up and water main break that the department dealt with. Immel was on site for the water main break. They were very efficient and had the repair done quickly.
- Faulkner took the written CDL test on Monday and will be taking the driving test next week.
- Burton will be taking the written test on Wednesday and will be doing the driving test in 2 weeks for his CDL.
- The committee will have to discuss in the future for the Personal Manual on how to deal with CDL schooling and the cost. New regulations go in place next month that will change the cost from \$300 up to \$4,000.

Administrator Report: Schroeder noted the biggest challenge is the constant change in trying to stay on top of things. He is appreciative to city staff for their hard work.

Set next meeting date/time: The next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law: Goetsch thanked the Public Works Department for the good job cleaning up the streets and dealing with the water main break in the recent cold snap.

Motion Goetsch, second Gunderson, to adjourn at 7:27 pm. Motion carried with all “ayes”.

Recommendations to Council:

1. Recommend to approve Booster C20 Pay Request #9 for \$20,274.05 contingent on lien waivers and wage rate verifications.

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2. Recommend to hold off on the current electrical proposal for street lights with WE Energies and allow Casey Beyersdorf and the County to fill out an application with WE Energies to have the underground electrical wiring fixed on Manor Drive.
3. Recommend to replace the Western snow plow instead of repairing it.
4. Recommend to approve going forward with purchase of the Monroe plow blade for the Case Loader with the increase of \$4,000 from the original quote.

Rebecca Loehrke
City Clerk