

CITY OF WEYAUWEGA  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Austin Baehnman at the Weyauwega Municipal Building Council Chambers at 8:00 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, Treasurer Trina Herbst-Gutche, Police Chief Brandon Leschke, Shani Appleby, Meta Berg, Lori Gosz, Andy Schmidt, and Carson Faulkner.

*Motion Baehnman, second Gorchals, to approve the Public Works Committee meeting minutes from August 14, 2024. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

**Citizen Appearances:** None

**Department Update:** A written report for the water, parks/streets and the wastewater departments was submitted in the meeting packet. Faulkner reported that the inflatables have been put away. They will be finishing street painting soon. Wisconsin Street has been repaired and waiting on the asphalt patch. Have an issue with the new backboard brackets that were ordered so working to get the right ones yet. Faulkner is working on getting a barrier fence for the area between the two pickleball courts. Will most likely be installed in the spring. Tires on the F150 have been changed. Still waiting to hear on the permit for the WWTF. It expired at the end of August. Eric Feil is working on a land management plan from the DNR. He is also working on polymer for better efficiency and getting the sludge storage tank cleaned out.

**Update from Andy Schmidt, McMahon:** Schmidt gave a report on the Lead Lateral Project. Michael Lee has about 400 properties recorded so far. Have about another 150 to go. He will be sending out another round of letters. Have 40 lead laterals so far. Figured there are 50-60 in the City. Will be having an informational meeting to inform the residents with lead laterals on the next steps that will be followed. Still on track for 2025. He then reported on a few small projects that Agropur is working on that he is assisting with along with Faulkner. He then brought up discussion regarding sanitary sewer extension vs allowing a private septic system for existing structures that are in an outlying area of the city and not able to be hooked up to the city's sewer system. He has received a request for a property on Highway AA to install a bathroom in a storage/shop area. There is only a forced main that is near that area and you cannot connect to it. A new sewer line would cost lots of money. An option would be for him to do a private sewer system with the possibility to hook into the city sewer system if that would become available.

**Discussion and possible action on set-up fee from Faulks Bros for snowplow staging:** The quote submitted for snowplowing from Faulks Bros included a \$15,000 initial set up fee to have the grader parked in the City and additional \$5,000 for the loader with wing. This is above any plowing charges. There are very few other options in the area for plowing of the City. Public Works does not have the equipment to do big clean outs. Can open streets if it's not a large

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dumping of snow. The County could take an additional 1-2 more streets if needed. Luedke would like to talk to them again before the committee takes any action.

**Discussion and possible action on clean out of treatment plant digester 180,000 gallon tank:**

Just an information piece for now. Faulkner said Feil is getting a quote from Hyler on what the cost would be to clean out the tank. It will come back to committee next month.

**Discussion and possible action on adding fire hose connection on treatment plant west wall for septage receiving clean out:**

Another project that will be coming back once Feil receives a bid on it. The area of the Treatment Plant that needs a fire hose for cleaning does not have a hose connection.

**Discussion and possible action on listing the dump truck on Wisconsin Surplus Auction Site:**

The City is continually sticking money into the dump truck and it continues to lose power. It cannot handle wet heavy snow. It has starting issues, and shifting issues. The repair shop couldn't fix the issue last year. Public Works would just like to get rid of it. *Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to approve listing the dump truck on the Wisconsin Surplus Auction Site. Motion carried with two "ayes" and one "nay".*

**Discussion and possible action on extended warranty for generator with Total Energy**

**Systems:** Committee asked how much the generator gets used and if the extended warranty is needed. Need to find out which generator it is for. Faulkner believes it is for the new one on East Street.

**Set next meeting date/time:** The next committee meeting will be held on October 8, 2024 immediately following the Police, Fire and Ambulance Committee meeting.

**Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:** None

*Motion Baehnman, second Gunderson, to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Motion carried with all "ayes".*

**Recommendations to Council:**

1. Recommend to approve listing the dump truck on Wisconsin Surplus Auction Site.

Rebecca Loehrke  
City Clerk