



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 07, 2022 at 5:15 PM
Committee Room - City Hall, 3rd Floor
1717 E. Park Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members: Darla LeClair, Tim Petri, Jason Ring

Staff & Others: Greg Buckley (City Manager), Jim Mc Donald (Public Works Director), Scott Ahl (Civil Engineer II), Ross Blaha (Water Utility), Andrew Sukowaty (Water Utility), Dave Casebeer (Wastewater Utility), Brian Dellemann (Electric Utility),

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Jason Ring, seconded by Tim Petri, to approve minutes as presented. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

5. WASTEWATER UTILITY:

- Review of billing practices for multi-unit buildings
- approximately 30 billing accounts have been under charged
- some less significant have been over charged
- need to determine how to handle prior billing
- future bills will be adjusted to reflect proper billing rates
- staff recommendations are to back charge for the up to the previous 24 months and spread payments over the next 12 months.
- Set a special meeting for June 22, at 4:45pm to determine potential impacts on the budget, a and determine if it changes how much of a rate increase would be required for the proposed projects.
- loading issues at wastewater – noted loadings were above design plant limits 11 of 12 months in 2021
- staff noted material is being removed by primary treatment, which thus allows the plant discharges to meet current discharge limits

6. UPDATES ON CWF AND SDWF UTILITY PROJECTS:

17th Street – E. Park to Jefferson and East Street to Zlatnik: project start expected in July due to parts availability

- contractor and staff met with residents to provide estimated costs for private sewer and water services
- staff recorded right-of-way encroachments, some of which are being allowed to remain on eastern portion of project; sidewalk will be relocated closer to right-of-way to allow for snow storage and tree planting

7. ELECTRIC AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES:

Staff worked with WPPI on new layout of utility bill, which provides more information and usage history; expect to start sending in next several weeks with residential cycles.

- ultimately, will be working towards utilizing My Account which will allow on-line access to account information in the future
- noted electric power purchase factor on electric bill may increase due to expected natural gas prices due to global conditions

8. WATER UTILITY:

program will automate when filter racks need cleaning/maintenance, which will level off chemical usage and increase plant level by 3 ft; should also reduce staff call-ins

- scattered services – contractor has materials for 25 services

- will be starting testing at reservoir for chemical changes
- will be starting unidirectional hydrant flushing in next several weeks

9. STORM WATER UTILITY:

- TMDL standards to be discussed at next Environment Advisory Board meeting on June 22nd; noted preliminary
- noted resident complaint about sand blowing on adjacent yards @ 22nd & Neshotah

10. ANY OTHER ITEMS OR ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, WITH DISCUSSION AND ACTION

11. SET DATE, TIME, LOCATION, AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Special meeting to be held June 22, 4:45pm. Will determine if a regular meeting will be needed, which would be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 5:15pm.

12. ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Tim Petri, seconded by Jason Ring, to adjourn at 6:50pm