

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

5:30 p.m.

The Public Works Commission met at the above date and time. The following members were present:

Alderspersons Ken Berg, Myron Moldenhauer, Gina Nitecki, and Tony Arnett, Citizen member Pete Thompson.

Also present: City Staff Andrew Beyer, Pete Hartz, Richie Piltz, Alderperson Fred Smith.

1. **Call to order.** Chairperson Arnett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present.** - None.
3. **Review and take possible action. Minutes of PWC meeting of June 23rd, 2026.** Mr. Berg moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Nitecki. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Review and take possible action: Sidewalk Repair Order for 300 Emerald Street** – Mr. Moldenhauer moved to approve the order, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
5. **Review and take possible action: Report on Preliminary Estimated Assessments for Town of Emmet Utility Extension Project #11-26** – The preliminary estimate report is the first step in special assessment process. If approved by the Commission, it goes to Council for final approval, starting the formal process for preparing the special assessments (with several more meetings and approvals required.) The draft report includes all costs. However, in line with prior practice, Staff recommends excluding the costs related to street reconstruction and storm water, which instead would be covered by City funds. The assessments are calculated bases on linear street frontage. There are some adjustments for particular properties based on existing conditions. Mr. Berg commented on the large amounts most property owners would be assessed and urged a different approach to special assessments in this case. He also commented that the intergovernmental agreement between the City and the Town of Emmet was slanted in favor of the Town (and against the City and the affected property owners.) Alder Smith echoed Mr. Berg’s concern about the large assessment amounts and added that those with existing homes would also face significant costs for the lateral lines to their homes, along with costs for closing up their existing well and septic systems. Mr. Arnett moved to recommend the report to Council, with the exclusion of the street reconstruction and storm water related costs, and the Public Hearing date of August 18. Mr. Moldenhauer seconded. Motion carried on roll call vote 3-2 (Nay: Berg, Moldenhauer.)
6. **Review and take possible action: Phase I Street and Utility Program Design Services with Reukert & Mielke - Hart Street Area** – Mr. Berg recognized the value of using Reukert & Mielke for this project given the time savings that would come from their existing knowledge of our systems and conditions. However, he asked that we periodically look at other consultants just to make sure we’re getting competitive rates. Mr. Thompson moved to approve the contract and Ms. Nitecki seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
7. **Adjournment.** Mr. Thompson moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Moldenhauer. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Arnett, Chairperson

Note: These minutes are uncorrected, and any corrections made thereto will be noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.