

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

5:30 p.m.

The Public Works Commission met at the above date and time. The following members were present: Alderpersons Brad Blanke, Dan Bartz, and Tony Arnett. Absent: Alderperson Myron Moldenhauer, Citizen member Pete Thompson. Also present: City Staff Andrew Beyer, Maureen McBroom, Pete Hartz, Nathan Williams.

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 March 24th, 2026.** Mr. Blanke moved to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by Mr. Bartz. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
4. **Review and take possible action: Milford Street sidewalk infill from South Street to Grinwald** – The Commission considered a citizen request to prioritize the infill of sidewalk on Milford St from South Street to Grinwald Park. Mr. Arnett commented that while this sidewalk is in the list of core projects in the recently approved Pedestrian plan, he thought the Commission should look at the list of core projects as a whole, rather than just considering a portion of one of the projects. Mr. Blanke added that the section from Hepp Heights to Grinwald should also be considered. Mr. Bartz commented that the split in funding between the City and affected property owners should be reconsidered to less burdensome on property owners. The Commission will review the full list of core projects in the Pedestrian plan at a future meeting.
5. **Update, no action required: Hill Court Bridge** – The bridge at the end of Hill Ct. next to Riverside Park will be closed to automobile traffic for safety reasons. Access to the parking lot to the west of the bridge will be provided from Hill Ct. (from the direction of Labaree St.)
6. **Review and take possible action: Financial Agreement between TDS and City of Watertown** – As part of TDS' effort to install fiber optic service throughout the city, TDS will provide the funding necessary for the city to staff permit review and construction oversight activities. Mr. Blanke moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Mr. Bartz. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
7. **Review and take possible action: Westside Creek System Assessment Agreement with McMahon Associates for \$122,142** – The city received 8 proposals. These were ranked on quality factors and the top 3 were then compared on price. A State grant will reimburse 75% of this expense. Mr. Bartz moved to recommend the agreement, seconded by Mr. Blanke. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
8. **Review and discuss: Wilbur Street design overview** – This is a discussion-only item. Mr. Blanke recused himself due to living next to the location.
9. **Review and take action: Wastewater Department, approve one year extension for active non-irrigated farmland / agricultural lease for the wastewater utility owned property: 140 acres** – Extending this one lease by one year will be synchronized with adjacent farmland leases. Mr. Blanke moved to approve the lease extension, seconded by Mr. Bartz. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

10. **Review and take action: Enter into an agreement with Win Technologies for IT upgrades, including a new firewall and network switches, to improve Water Systems communications and security** – Win Technologies provides broader IT services to the City. This work was budgeted for 2026. Mr. Blanke moved to approve the agreement, seconded by Mr. Bartz. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

11. **Adjournment.** Mr. Bartz moved to adjourn at 6:04 p.m., seconded by Mr. Blanke. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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.