PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

Tuesday, October 13, 2026
5:30 p.m.

The Public Works Commission met at the above date and time. The following members were present: Alderpersons Myron Moldenhauer, Ken Berg (arrived 5:31), Tony Arnett, Gina Nitecki, Citizen member Pete Thompson. Also present: City Staff Andrew Beyer, Maureen McBroom, Ali Panagopoulos.

1. **Call to order.** Chairperson Arnett called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **Comments and Suggestions from Citizens Present.** - James Kevin Jeffrey, 235 West Haven Dr., spoke concerning the West Haven subdivision pond, suggesting the City take some action.

3. **Review and take possible action. Minutes of PWC meeting of September 22nd, 2026.** Mr. Berg moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Nitecki. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

4. **Review and Approve Updates to Ordinance 446 –** These updates are just administrative corrections and clarifications. Mr. Moldenhauer moved to recommend to Council, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5. **Review and Approve: 3-Year Contract with Village of Clyman for Solid Waste & Recycling Collection** – This renews an existing agreement, with updated fee structure. Mr. Thompson asked if we are covering our costs. Stacy Winkelman confirmed we are. Mr. Thompson moved to recommend the agreement to Council, seconded by Ms. Nitecki. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

6. **Review and take possible action: West Haven Stormwater Pond Temporary Maintenance** – Director of Public Works Andrew Beyer briefly reviewed a memo ending with a recommendation to have the city remove about 6 mature trees from around pond. It will take about 1 week and cost an estimated $15,000 in equipment charges and personnel hours. Included in the recommendation was having the residents named in the stormwater association sign off on City access to the pond, as well as the tracking of hours and equipment charges. Mr. Berg asked if this was necessary, which the City Attorney confirmed as the pond is private property. Mr. Moldenhauer asked if residents signing off on access would mean they are agreeing to a Homeowner's Association. Staff stated it would not mean that. Ms. Nitecki expressed concern about setting a precedent that other owners of private flood control ponds would seek to leverage. Mr. Berg moved to approve the staff recommendation in its entirety, seconded by Ms. Nitecki. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

7. **Review and take possible action: Approve scope of work for a scheduled plant power shutdown to inspect and test the high-voltage switchgear, emergency power transfer equipment, and plant transformers** – Pete Hartz presented 3 options: 2 involved renting, 1 involved purchasing. When taking into consideration this work will need to be done twice, the purchasing option was the least expensive. Mr. Berg moved to purchase the necessary equipment, seconded by Mr. Moldenhauer. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

8. **Review and take possible action: Presentation of near-term improvement for sludge dewatering options by Applied Technologies** – One of the two centrifuges has failed. This was slated for replacement in 2028. Three options were presented: repair it, replace it in 2027, or replace it by conversion to a screw. Mr. Thompson asked if the DNR would approve the screw conversion. Staff answered so long as the anaerobic processing was not affected, DNR would accept it. Mr. Berg moved to bring forward the replacement from 2028 to 2027, to include the screw conversion as an optional bid, and to approved $25,000 for Applied Technologies to do the plan and evaluation of the conversion option. Ms. Nitecki seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

9. **Review and take possible action: Set date for Public Hearing regarding the Biosolids Dryer Project** – The public hearing is required by the State. Mr. Thompson asked if the proposed date of November 2nd allowed for sufficient public notice time. It was determined that November 17th would be better. Mr. Berg moved to set the public hearing date for November 17th. Mr. Thompson seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

10. **Review and take possible action: Wastewater Department; approve biosolids land application agreement** – This would be a 4-year agreement. Because of anticipated changes in PFAS regulations, the other party in the agreement was asking for indemnification. Mr. Thompson moved to approve the agreement, contingent on approval by the City Attorney. Ms. Nitecki seconded. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

11. **Adjournment.** Mr. Moldenhauer moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Nitecki. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Arnett, Chairperson