

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-300 LA CROSSE STREET
OCTOBER 12, 2015
(REVISED)

Chairperson Mor called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Notice of the meeting was provided to the Dells Events, WNNO Radio, and posted in accordance with State Statutes.

1. Present: Ald. Dar Mor, Mayor Landers and Ald. Brian Holzem
Absent: Ald. Ed Wojnicz
Others: Public Works Director David W. Holzem, City Planner Chris Tollaksen, and DPW Office Clerk Monica Dorow-Leis
2. Motion by Mayor Landers, seconded by Ald. Holzem, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.
3. a) David Holzem said he did some cost estimates on projects they looked at for the 2016 PRT budget and depending on the limits of the projects, there could be potential overages. It impacts a large storm water area all the way to Vine Street and Broadway. The storm water goes to the southwest corner of Bowman Park, then directly south for two blocks to the intersection that the city is planning to rebuild. His belief would be to expand the project. He is hoping to know more by December. He said if they bid out Capital Street and make a determination, then they should be able figure the extra costs for storm water to determine the costs. He said maybe not take Bauer off the table until they get actual numbers. David Holzem recommended bidding out Capital Street and pulling Michigan off list at this time.
b) It is David's understanding they are trying to get things done in a timely matter. David said it was his understanding, the last item that needs to be submitted to the Bureau of Structures are the boring logs and the numerical data that goes with them to support the way they want to build the retaining wall. Vierbicher Associates is planning to bid the project out in December to be awarded in January 2016. This item was discussion only.
4. David Holzem would like a new cost estimate sheet from Dan Greve, MSA. When the sanitary sewer dryer goes in, it will increase the cost to the sewer utility by \$180,000 annually between debt service and increased operating and maintenance. Chris Tollaksen estimated the dryer not actually working for another 1½-2 years, and is assuming that \$50,000 of the \$180,000 annual cost would be the amount to pay for the gas and this cost will not be included until the dryer is turned on. David said with a 15% sewer rate increase to just to keep the city where they are at. He said the city could go as low as a 5% increase, based on the current information and still meet the Clean Water Fund Loan requirements, but only just above the requirement. The rate increase should be done by February 2016. David Holzem said working with consultant John Walkers numbers from 2014, he and City Treasurer Karen came up with about a 38% increase without the dryer at the full rate of return. Ald. Mor said the responsible way would be to increase the sewer by 15% to cover projected costs at this time, and then look at small incremental increases. David was directed to have a recommendation at next month's meeting.
5. The city received the traffic study results from MSA, but waiting to see what the other committees are coming up with for the plaza and market center and other development downtown. This item was discussion only.
6. There were no referrals to a future meeting.
7. Scheduled is the next Public Works meeting Monday, November 9, 2015 @ 5:30pm.
8. Motion by Mayor Landers, seconded by Ald. Holzem to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.