

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-300 LA CROSSE STREET
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Mayor Landers 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: Mayor Landers, Ald. Ed Wojnicz and Ald. Brian Holzem
Absent: Ald. Dar Mor
Others: Public Works Director David Holzem, City Planner Chris Tollaksen, Asst. City Attorney Joseph Hasler, DPW Office Clerk Monica Dorow-Leis, City Clerk Nancy Holzem, City Treasurer Karen Terry, Ald. Freel, Ald. Anderson, Mike Kaminski, and Ed Legge from the Dells Events
2. Motion by Ald. Wojnicz and seconded by Ald. Holzem, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.
3. From the July 10, 2017 meeting the city decided to move forward with Option #3 to build an Integral Valve Lift Station to replace the existing grinder station at the Chula Vista Employee Lift Station. Chula Vista needs more capacity for an expansion that includes a laundry building and more employees housing. David said the city cannot meet these demands, so they came up with an agreement to split the cost 2/3 Chula Vista and 1/3 City of the estimated cost, so the city can allow others to tie on to the lift station as well. The way David understands it, it would be built under Chula Vista, but under the city's supervision, then once it was paid for and all lien waivers clear, then the City would take it over. David said they are still working out the details as to who is responsible through the warranty period. David said the city would take care of the utilities from the beginning. Motion by Ald. Holzem and seconded by Ald. Wojnicz recommend to council approve principle of the idea, a deal with Chula Vista with a 1/3 City 2/3 Chula Vista split and with the city to end up owning it. Details need to be worked out yet as far as guarantees. Motion carried. The funds would come from the sewer utility.
4. The closest water utility is at the clubhouse. Sewer and electric utilities will be provided by the City. Motion by Ald. Holzem and seconded by Ald. Wojnicz recommend to approve the request from Todd and Kimberly Nelson to install a private well for the residential lot located at Trappers Turn Golf Course on Lot #2, CSM 6510 to serve a single family residence. Motion carried.
5. David said he is expecting 6.5% increase in revenues, mostly allocated to snow removal invoicing with increased equipment rates. The expense portion of the budget includes an additional Public Works employee. This would be split 50/50, half for garbage pickup in the summer months and the other half other Public Works duties. To make this somewhat feasible, David removed the previously budgeted limited term employees. David said the expenses would end up being a 3.9% increase. Factored in was an estimated 3% increase in health insurance. Ald. Wojnicz said it seems to be a fair and reasonable budget.

Motion by Ald. Holzem and seconded by Ald. Wojnicz move forward as presented to finance for the ***Operating Budget for the Department of Public Works***. Motion carried.

Motion by Ald. Holzem and seconded by Ald. Wojnicz move forward as presented to finance for the ***Operating Budget for the Electric Utility***. Motion carried. Budget numbers show consumption is running 3% less than the previous year and the revenue is running 5% less. This is probably due to less number days of hot weather. Expense wise,

The Sewer Utility Consumption is down .56% and revenues were up 3.3%. The increase in revenue was due to the rate increase that came into effect in February 2016. David said sewer is running pretty flat. Some of the expenditures are up and significant increase in operating supplies

and expense account, which is due to anticipated increases from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Operating and Maintenance Expenses associated with the new dryer project. Motion by Ald. Holzem and seconded by Ald. Wojnicz move forward as presented to finance for the ***Operating Budget for the Sewer Utility***. Motion carried.

David said he is anticipating minor increase in revenues. Currently, water consumption and revenues are up. Some increased due to the Ice Castle at Mt. Olympus.

David said the utilities in general are pretty flat. He said even with the electric rate increase it is not expected to affect the revenue. The water tower restoration was paid out of the utility funds. Motion by Ald. Wojnicz and seconded by Ald. Holzem move forward as presented to finance for the ***Operating Budget for the Water Utility***. Motion carried.

6. David Holzem said there is a long list of projects. David said he would like to concentrate rebuilding La Crosse and Superior Streets. He said it would be a huge improvement and would benefit to the community as a whole. David said he does not have good cost numbers associated with it, but it looks like there will be approximately \$750,000 in PRT money going forward, which he hopes this would get a substantial portion of the project done. He would like to get numbers on the whole area to present at next month's budget meetings to include that whole area. These numbers would show whether or not the project would need to be done in phases. He said there is a long list of projects. He would like to move forward with this project and start figuring out the configuration, televising for existing storm and sanitary sewers in that area. David asked for input on what project(s) to focus on to best meet the needs for the city. Mayor Landers spoke about River Road. He said there are several jurisdictions involved with River Road, but at one time it may have been considered a Scenic Highway. David said he does not think it ever got approved and said the intent was to get it dedicated as a scenic highway, with the possibility of getting certain grant money for it. David said he would like to narrow down the focus of what projects they can and cannot do. Ongoing, he would like to budget money for a sealcoat process. Mayor Landers said they had talked about improving Superior to La Crosse Street, but there are other things in motion, so he would caution before breaking ground around here. Mayor Landers suggested going forth breaking it down to Washington Avenue and that would be a safe route to do. This item was discussion only and David Holzem was directed to create a list for the next meeting.
7. Bauer Street is substantially complete. The water tower project is done.
8. Motion by Ald. Wojnicz and seconded by Ald. Holzem to convene into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Stats 19.85(1)(e) & (g) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Upon roll call vote the motion carried 3-0.
9. Motion by Mayor Landers and seconded by Ald. Wojnicz to reconvene into open session. Upon roll call vote the motion carried 3-0. Motion by Ald. Wojnicz and seconded by Mayor Landers for Chris Tollaksen to proceed as directed in closed session. Motion carried.
10. There were no referrals for next month's meeting.
11. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 9, 2017 at 5:30pm.
12. Motion by Mayor Landers and seconded by Ald. Wojnicz to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.