

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
CITY OF WISCONSIN DELLS
MUNICIPAL BUILDING-300 LA CROSSE STREET
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

Chairperson Marshall called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. Notice of the meeting was provided to the Dells Events, WNNO Radio, and posted in accordance with State Statutes.

1. Present: Mayor Ed Wojnicz, Ald. Brian Holzem, Ald. Jesse DeFosse and Ald. Terry Marshall

Others: Public Works Director David Holzem, City Planner/Zoning Administrator Chris Tollaksen, City Atty. Joseph Hasler, DPW Office Clerk Monica Dorow-Leis, City Clerk Nancy Holzem, City Treasurer Karen Terry, Clerk/Treasurer Sarah Brown, Ald. Freel, Ald. Anchor, Ald. Anderson, Fire Chief Pat Gavinski, and Utility Supervisor Tony Wiczorek
2. Motion by Mayor Wojnicz and seconded by Ald. DeFosse approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.
3. Public Works Director David Holzem said there is about a 5½% increase to the Public Works Expenditures that was primarily driven by the increased recycling contract with Pellitteri. Motion by Ald. Holzem and seconded by Ald. DeFosse move forward as presented to Finance for the 2021 Operating Budget for Public Works. Motion carried.
4. The budget is a work in progress due to the Covid-19 and the uncertainty of the numbers impacted. Consumption from Aug19 and Aug20 is down almost 30% and overall year to date consumption down 17%. Water Revenues Aug19 to Aug20 are down around 16% and year to date revenues in water are down almost 8%. David Holzem and Chris Tollaksen will look at next month's numbers and the budget numbers are subject to change. Motion by Mayor Wojnicz and seconded by Ald. DeFosse move forward as presented to Finance for the 2021 Operating Budget for Water Utility. Motion carried.
5. City Treasurer Karen Terry said this will be the 1st fiscal year with the dryer numbers and should be getting the numbers from the Sewerage Commission to see how the expenses will look for budgeting purposes. Motion by Ald. Holzem and seconded by Mayor Wojnicz move forward as presented to Finance for the 2021 Operating Budget for Sewer Utility. Motion carried.
6. Consumption from Aug29 to Aug20 is down about 20% and actual revenue is down about 14%. The purchased power cost is significantly lower. A rate increase is needed with the electric rate case. Motion by Ald. Holzem and seconded by Mayor Wojnicz move forward as presented to Finance for the 2021 Operating Budget for Electric Utility and the approval for the proposals from Pro Electric for directional drill work on the Church Street and Wisconsin Avenue for the amount of \$40,745; and for directional drill work on the Church and Ramsey Project for \$19,400 with funding derived from the Electric Utility 2020. There is a cost savings in doing both projects at the same time. Motion carried.
7. Utility Supervisor Tony Wiczorek would like to budget \$45K-\$50K for a new electric pickup truck. He has been pricing trucks and will get figures that include Municipal discounts that may save a lot of money, possibly bringing the rough estimate cost down to \$40K-\$45K range. He will get at least three estimates to present to the committee.

With all TIF Projects going on and with changes in personnel, there are no concrete Capital Improvement Projects planned. This item was information only.

8. Motion by Ald. Holzem and seconded by Ald. DeFosse to convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Stats. 19.85(1)(e) & (g) 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 council 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 4-0.
9. Motion by Ald. Holzem and seconded by Mayor Wojnicz to reconvene into Open Session. Upon roll call vote the motion carried 4-0. No action in open session.
10. There were no referrals to a future meeting
11. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2020 at 5:30pm.
12. Motion by Mayor Wojnicz and seconded by Ald. DeFosse to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Monica Dorow-Leis
Public Works Office Clerk