**Minutes FOR** **Public Works Commission**

A Public Works Commission was held on **Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at** **5:30 PM** in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI.

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**Call to Order - Roll Call**

John Glynn (P), Dean Peterson (P), Lamont Kiefer (P), Brian Rice (A), Kerwin Greeno (P), Mayor Mike Murray (P), Nicole Hart (A). Quorum Present. Also present, Director Kirk Arity, Brandy Leis, Joe Kube and Mark Rezin.

**Approve Minutes**

April 2023 Minutes 1st by MM, 2nd by DP. All ayes. Motion approved.

**Discussion Items**

1. Elect Chair and Vice Chair
   1. 1st by JG, 2nd by DP to nominate Lamont Kiefer as Chairman. All ayes. Motion approved.
   2. 1st by MM, 2nd by DP to nominate John Glynn as Vice Chairman. All ayes. Motion approved.
   3. 1st by DP, 2nd by KG to close nominations. All ayes. Motion approved.
2. Airport Update
   1. Partnering with Sparta for fuel. Blacktopping around T-hangars. Steve Austin was present and advised there is a land line in the flight office and asked if that could be eliminated. He also stated that he works with Volk Field tower quite often and wanted it known how great they are and how much they are appreciated, Director Arity said he would pass that information on to them.
3. Street Closure: 100 Block of E. Council
   1. Director Arity spoke with Rick Eagan about why he wanted the Street closed and he thought it would be safer for those crossing the street to the bathrooms and they would like more room for food trucks.
   2. The committee stated there are crosswalks there for pedestrians to use and suggested food trucks to be parked along Superior Ave. There is also a financial aspect for the City, to pay overtime wages and it is hard to always have the manpower. They suggest if there are more concerns or issues in the future that it should be brought back.
   3. 1st by MM, 2nd by DP to deny closure of E Council. All ayes. Motion approved.
4. Driveway Permit: 240 Alyssa
   1. 1st by DP, 2nd by MM to approve the driveway permit. All ayes. Motion approved.
5. Resolution for Standard Airport Lease
   1. 1st by LK, 2nd by DP to approve Resolution. All ayes. Motion approved.
6. Project Updates
   1. Departments are working on locates for TDS and Brightspeed every day.
7. Payment of Monthly Water & Sewer Bills
8. Sewer- 1st by MM, 2nd by DP to approve sewer bills as presented. All ayes. Motion approved.
9. Water-1st by MM, 2nd by DP to approve water bills as presented. All ayes. Motion approved.
10. Departmental Reports
11. Sewer- Power outage for 4 hours, generator worked great. Helped at Fire Station with setting the new siren pole, water was filling hole so brought jet vac to help. Sucking out storm sewers with jet vac. Put a camera in the Glendale sewers and they look good. Working on five-year permit. Will be pumping out pool for Parks and Rec in the next couple weeks. Took 62 loads of sludge out in two days. Average daily is 1.6 million, had 4 days of 2.1.
12. Water- 1.3 million a day, skewed due to flushing. Have been doing directional flushing since April 18th. Looks like it is helping as the water is better color. Better quality of water means less chemicals need to be used. Send PFAS samples in March for EPA, will be a long time before hear results. Sent PFAS samples in for DNR, should know in roughly three weeks. Nate Waege represented the water department at Career Day in Wyville. DNR annual inspection will be on Tuesday.
13. Public Works- Helping at Rec Park with last phase of the rodeo grounds. Patching up streets and fixing plow marks in alleys. Cleaned up the airport dump site. Replacing street signs and straightening them out. The department will have chainsaw training next month. Crack sealing will start next week if the weather is good.
14. Directors Report
    1. Working with Chamber on directional signage. Five-year capital improvement plan used $8 million for a starting off point on a new Public Works shop. Project is projected for 2028.

**Adjourn 1st by MM, 2nd by DP at 6:01 PM. All ayes. Motion approved.**

Submitted by: Kim Lambert