



Public Works Committee
Tuesday, June 13, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Cravath Conference Room
Municipal Building - 2nd Floor
312 W. Whitewater St
Whitewater, WI 53190

AGENDA

1. Call to order and roll call.

The meeting was called to order by Stone at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Municipal Building in the Cravath Conference Room - 2nd Floor.

Present: Allen, Gerber, Stone

Others: Brad Marquardt

2. Approval of minutes from May 10, 2023

It was moved by Allen and seconded by Gerber to approve the Public Works Committee minutes from the May 10, 2023, meeting.

AYES: All by via voice vote (3). NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

3. Hearing of Citizen Comments

No hearing of citizens comments at that time.

4. New Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Wastewater's Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR).

Marquardt stated this is a required annual report for the Wastewater Utility to complete. It is basically a self-assessment tool. This report must be submitted to the DNR by the end of June.

For 2022, the Utility recorded an "A" in each rating section with the exception of the Biosolids Quality and Management section. During the fall application period, soil at a field site was not sampled in advance of the application of biosolids. A sample has since been taken. Our contracted land application business is responsible for this step. The contractor was forthright with the error and we have maintained open communication and transparency with the WDNR.

Marquardt stated the Utility had a "C" recorded under #2. Maximum Monthly Design Flow and Design BOD Loading. Under Design BOD, lbs./day – the DNR listed 3065 lbs., which should be closer to 4000. The DNR has since acknowledged their mistake; therefore, using that number the Utility does not have any exceedances for 90% of 100%. With that change in number the Utility received an "A" in that category as well.

Marquardt asked the members to notice the “Phosphorus” section. In 2022, the phosphorus limit was 1.0, and moving forward it will be 0.075. The Utility is very close to the 0.075. The consistent treatment quality has allowed us the flexibility, with regulators, to utilize the MDV (Multi-Discharger Variance) option for phosphorus compliance. Had the effluent phosphorus concentrations been worse this compliance alternative may not have been feasible. The result is a very economical compliance strategy for the City of Whitewater.

Marquardt stated overall the plant is running very well, and staff are doing a great job.

Marquardt also wanted to mention another item noted by Reel. Most biosolid land applicators are no longer interested in taking on new customers. It appears, based on their service capabilities and time restrictions, that they are performing as much work as possible. We do have a contract in place through 2026. However, it may become challenging to obtain multiple bids for a future term. Marquardt stated a task order will be coming to this committee in the future regarding looking at biosolids and what they may want to do in the future. There is now a concern with PFAS in biosolids and putting that on farm fields. Does that contaminate ground water and such? The DNR may come out with new regulations on this topic. Therefore, the Wastewater utility is trying to stay one step ahead to see what might be the best route in the future.

Marquardt asked for approval on the resolution to forward to Council.

Allen moved to approve the resolution for the CMAR and seconded by Gerber.

AYES: Gerber, Stone, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

b. Discussion and Possible Action regarding removing No Parking on the George Street cul-de-sac.

A request was received from a resident at 311 N. George Street asking for the No Parking to be removed in the cul-de-sac portion of George Street. The City has 24 streets with a cul-de-sac, of which seven have No Parking within the cul-de-sac. The diameter of George Street is 82 feet. Other cul-de-sacs that allow parking range in size from 80 feet to 90 feet. The Fire Department was asked for their input. Chief Freeman indicated they don’t have an issue removing the No Parking on a portion of the cul-de-sac but would like to keep it in place from the east side of the pedestrian path past the hydrant on the west side of the cul-de-sac. The pedestrian path is an emergency access for the Fire Department in case they need to get onto George Street and the entrance from North Street is blocked.

Staff would recommend adjusting the No Parking signs to align with the Fire Department’s request. If the Committee agrees, an Ordinance change will be brought forward to the full Council.

Gerber asked if anyone spoke with the neighbors. Marquardt stated, no. Gerber stated then we don’t know how the neighbors feel on the cul-de-sac. Allen asked if there were signs up now. Marquardt stated as you drive north on George St., there are no parking signs on the east side and all around the cul-de-sac. Gerber would like letters sent to the people on the cul-de-sac so they have an opportunity to show up to future meetings regarding this change.

Allen moved to approve the No Parking on the George Street cul-de-sac with the addition of Gerber’s request that letters be sent to the neighbors around the cul-de-sac area informing them of the opportunities to attend a meeting regarding this change and seconded by Gerber.

AYES: Stone, Allen, Gerber. NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

c. Discussion of all potential sanitary sewer and water main extension requests anticipated for the next two years for new development.

Marquardt stated Public Works Committee Chairperson Stone asked for this to be on the agenda. Currently, the only request known is for the extension of the water main to Johns Disposal, which will occur later this fall. For new developments, typically the developer is responsible for the installation of the sanitary sewer and water mains. However, it could be possible the utilities could pay to have sanitary sewer and/or water main extended to a development site. Costs for installation vary depending on soil conditions, especially if rock is encountered and the depth of removal.

Stone asked if there was a plan if the City would encounter a large development within the City. Would the utilities be able to handle it? Marquardt stated the Wastewater is currently treating 1.6 mg/day. Our max design flow is a factor of 3.8 mg/day. We have plenty of capacity on the Wastewater side of things. Marquardt didn't have the water numbers in front of him but noted we are in good shape on the water side as well.

5. Future Agenda Items

a. Sidewalk Replacement Program (July)

Marquardt stated this request came from Gerber. He is hoping to have something to discuss at the July meeting. He stated there were speed bumps on Ann St., (and in general) brought up at the last Council meeting. He thought it was better to have the discussion start with the Public Works Committee.

b. Allen had also asked for a review of the motor home - trailer parking ordinance. Discussion would include parking on the street or on the grass or side yard.

c. Allen also brought up an issue about siding on a house on the east side of Whitewater. Is there an ordinance for building maintenance and repair?

6. Adjournment

It was moved by Allen and seconded by Gerber to adjourn the Public Works Committee meeting at 6:28 p.m.

AYES: All by via voice vote (3). NOES: None. ABSENT: None.

Respectfully submitted,

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