

August 11, 2025

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

8:30 a.m.

Chairperson Larry Grisen called the meeting to order with the following members present: David Earney and Randy Brommer.

Also present: Rick Champeny, Mayor, Joe Wick, City Foreman, Sharaya Reed, Deputy Clerk, Calvin Loewenhagen, and Bernie Bartz.

Agenda Item III: Citizen comments on posted agenda items

None.

Agenda Item IV: Bid opening for retaining walls repairs

One bid was received from Geo Stabilization International (GSI) in the amount of \$525,629.88 with the option of sculpted shotcrete facing for \$30-\$40.08/SF.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to present the bid to Council contingent on committee meeting again for presentation from GSI before Council. All members voting yes.

There is some more to do yet for sidewalk/curb repairs. Joe has Semling Brothers Concrete quotes.

Motion by Brommer seconded by Earney to authorize Joe to continue repairs in town. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item V: Streets

Vista Drive vacuuming was done on July 22nd.

N 2nd Street and Laue Street will be getting done soon.

Motion by Brommer seconded by Earney to send a letter to the new owners building the home where the old Kitzman house was to patch up the gravel with blacktop where they connected to the sewer line. All members voting yes.

Brommer did some research on street sweeping for 2026.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to do a fall sweeping with Supreme Sweeping out of Eau Claire. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item VI: Sewer and wastewater

Grisen to contact Shawn Welte to find out update on the chemical storage addition.

Joe talked to Flow-Rite about storm drain cleaning. It would be \$325 an hr.

Email response received from Atty Seifert to have City get a survey for the Schfeldt property so the City can replace the catch basin for N Main St. Grisen to go with Joe to Schfeldt house to ask permission to have survey done.

Agenda Item VII: Water

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to proceed with agreement on split bill for Riverland Energy. All members voting yes.

Grisen went over cost comparison of flushing hydrants vs. pigging.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to preapprove process of removal and reinstall of bluff street lift station hydrant for \$30,000 per Council approval. All members voting yes.

Grisen presented the new user policy language for the city's responsibility for turning on/off water service.

Motion by Brommer seconded by Earney to approve the language. All members voting yes.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to adjourn. All members voting yes.