October 13, 2025 **UTILITIES COMMITTEE** **8:30 a.m.**

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

Also present: Mayor Richard Champeny, Foreman Joe Wick, Bernard Bartz, Calvin Loewenhagen, and Clerk Linda Torgerson.

Bernie Bartz reported that he is doing the weekly testing.

He informed the committee that the chlorine is not reaching the proper levels throughout the system he has parts on order to fix the chloring pump. The committee suggested that he have a spare pump on hand. Bernie stated the cost would be approximately $700.00.

Collins Plumbing has not put in the air release valves as of yet.

Automatic flushing has been installed on Hydrant #26. Location of additional hydrant is to be determined.

Foreman Wick stated that the new Bluff Street hydrant could not be installed due to the sewer line running directly above the water main. There is a total of 34 hydrants throughout the City. To be replaced are at Walnut and 2nd, Elm Street and 2nd and then Spring Street and 2nd.

The hydrant that was hit by a semi at Main and Cedar was replaced.

Collins Plumbing will be installing the meter for the fire station water usage.

Invoice #1 from GSI was presented for the retaining wall on north 2nd St.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to recommend Council approval of Invoice #1 from GSI for the retaining wall on north 2nd Street in the amount of $72,868.71 as presented. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Grisen stated that Invoice #2 was received from GSI in the amount of $406,831.28. This is not on the agenda; however, it will be placed on the council agenda.

Grisen will contact GSI to see if there are any reductions due to the city crew assistance on the project.

Grisen recommended that the ADA compliant stairway grant be placed on hold at this time since it is a 20% cost share grant and the city has had large projects this year to finance. The committee concurred.

Foreman Joe Wick informed the committee that the owner of 102 N. 2nd St., David Schams, requested that his water and sewer lines be capped off to avoid any future water/sewer bills. Discussion was held.

Motion by Brommer seconded by Earney to send David Schams a certified letter that his request to cap off his water and sewer lines to eliminate water and sewer bills for 102 N. 2nd Street is denied because this property is in litigation with the City of Alma. All members voting yes.

Foreman Wick stated that he has not heard anything regarding the permanent repairs to the retaining wall on CTH E that the semi struck.

Foreman Wick informed the committee that there are some sidewalk/storm drain project yet to do. One is across from the Lutheran Church and the other is a storm drain on the south end of Second Street.

The chip sealing on North 2nd and Laue is done. Next year Larry Grisen recommended dividing Riverview Drive over a two-year span. Do one-half in 2026 and the other in 2027.

The Mayor will be attending a LRIP meeting next Monday to see if there is any additional funding available.

The city crew did the asphalt patching. Joe stated that it is a thick patch and should last for some time.

Joe had a quote for fall sweeping from Wigham at $180/hr. Cochrane uses this same company.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to give Joe authority to contact Wigham for the fall street sweeping for 8 hours (only Main and 2nd Streets) at a cost of $180/hour and to coordinate with Cochrane for the spring street sweeping. All members voting yes.

Joe stated that snow will be hauled to the beach like last year. If more snow than last year, another location may have to be decided.

The GMC 2002 is in need of replacement Joe commented. This is the main snow hauling truck.

Lift Station #4 project Pay Request #2 was reviewed.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to recommend Council approval of Pay Request #2 for the Lift Station #4 project in the amount of $234,650.00. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Steps for the employees to work on Lift Station #4 have been discussed. Railing on Bluff Street was discussed. No action taken.

The generator for Lift Station #4 was discussed. Shawn Welte of Davy Engineering was consulted regarding this matter. No action taken.

Grisen stated that he will request that Shawn Welte attend the November committee meeting and everyone with questions for him should have a list to present to him prior to the meeting.

The email from Shawn Welte regarding the Chemical storage addition for wastewater treatment was discussed.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to approve $2500 to Davy Engineering for review of the Chemical Feed storage addition. All voting yes by roll call vote.

Survey for the catch basin replacement at the John Schiefel property should be done soon.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to replace the gate valve for digester #2. All members voting yes.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to convene into CLOSED SESSION under exemptions set under Wis. Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The committee will reconvene into open session. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Brommer seconded by Earney to reconvene into Open Session. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

No citizens present.

Next meeting will be Monday, October 20, 2025 to address the 2026 budget figures.

Next regular meeting will be Monday, November 10, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

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