

September 6, 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 Perry Iberg, alternate. Absent: David Earney.

Also present: Mayor Richard Champeny, Foreman Joe Wick, Bernard Bartz, Calvin Loewenhagen, Dan Wundrow and Nathan Licht with Wisconsin Rural Water Association, and Clerk Linda Torgerson.

No citizens were present to comment on posted agenda items.

Dan Wundrow with Wisconsin Rural Water Association, went over the Alma Waterworks Water Quality Plan as proposed by them in great detail.

Dan Wundrow and Nathan Licht have worked with the city crew to come up with an answer to the water quality problem on 2nd Street. The water is better and there are additional things to do to enhance the water quality.

Motion by Iberg seconded by Brommer to approve the Alma Waterworks Water Quality Plan as presented by WRWA. All members voting yes.

WRWA does staff training for water and sewer operators.

A regular water meter needs to be installed in the fire station for billing.

Motion by Iberg seconded by Brommer to purchase four air relief vales and two automatic flushing valves per the water plan. All members voting yes.

Dan Wundrow suggested he attend the utilities meeting quarterly. Dan stated he will be present at the December 8th committee meeting.

Bluff Street hydrant may have to be replaced with the Cedar Street hydrant since a semi moved the hydrant when trying to go up Cedar Street.

GSI will begin the retaining wall repair on 2nd Street on Sept. 15, 2025.

Joe Wick gave an update on sidewalk and storm drain repairs/replacements. Additional work such as the Iron Street steps and the storm drain on Laue Street were mentioned. Joe will look into this matter.

Streets were discussed. Joe has not received any word from Scott Construction as to when they are doing the chip sealing on Laue and North 2nd St.

The County will not be doing the road patches, and they suggested that whoever is doing the Lift Station #4 project roadwork should be contacted for the blacktopping.

Fall street sweeping is being held off for now, Joe commented.

Motion by Iberg seconded by Brommer to recommend to Council of Pay Request #1 for the Lift Station #4 project in the amount of \$319,200.00. All members voting yes.

Shawn Welte will be preparing the bid specifications for the chemical storage addition.

Storm drain cleaning will be done.

Survey will be done at 711 N. Main so that an easement can be obtained for the catch basin replacement.

Linda Torgerson submitted a one-time leak adjustment for the sewer. The outside spicket had frozen and the water leaked on the ground.

Motion by Brommer seconded by Iberg to approve a one-time leak adjustment for the sewer portion of Linda Torgerson's water and sewer bill. All members voting yes.

Joe Wick informed the committee that the current generator will not work on the new lift station. The new lift station is 480V and the old one was 220V. The current generator is set up for 220V. Discussion was held. Joe will investigate the cost of a new generator.

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