

February 10, 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, Jack Dittmar-Scott Construction, Fred Brown-Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, Foreman Joe Wick, Sewer & Water Operator Bernie Bartz, city crew Calvin Loewenhagen and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Torgerson.

No citizens were present for comments on posted agenda items.

Agenda Item V: Sewer and wastewater.

- a. Ordinance language for townhomes and multifamily dwellings in the R-2 district.
Chairperson Grisen stated that the committee had acted on the ordinance last month recommending to Council the passage of the ordinance and there will be a public hearing prior to the council meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2025.
- b. Lift Station #4 update from Davy Engineering. The project is proceeding as planned. There will be a pre-construction meeting for the project on Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.
- c. Any other sewer and wastewater concerns.
The committee received copies of an email forwarded by Shawn Welte, Davy Engineering, regarding the next steps to take with the Phosphorus project for compliance with the WPDES permit. A discussion was held regarding the chemical storage building that will be needed to store the chemicals for the treatment of the wastewater system. Davy engineering has not provided a drawing for the building and costs are unknown at this time.

Agenda Item VI: Water

- a. Response from Adam DeWeese of WI DNR. Linda informed the committee that she contacted Adam DeWeese, and he is the DNR representative that is assisting the Village of Cleveland with a similar water problem the City of Alma is having on Second Street. He will be giving any information that becomes available to him regarding this matter. Linda further informed the committee that she reached out to the City of Alma's DNR representative for water, and he offered some ideas that have been checked out. Low pressure was experienced by a resident on Sunset Drive during the backflushing of the iron filters, so the water direction was changed to the original direction.
- b. Other water concerns. Linda informed the committee that the PSC approved the simplified rate case and water rates will be increasing beginning March 1, 2025. The public has received notification of this increase by publication in the paper as was required by the PSC and notices will be mailed out in the March billings.

Agenda item IV: Streets.

a. Bidding for summer 2025 road sealing.

Chairperson Larry Grisen opened and read allowed the bids received with the following results:

<u>Fahrner Asphalt Sealers+A2:G19</u>						
		Single Seal	Double Seal	\$2,600.00		<u>Grand Total</u>
Laue Street		\$ 5,903.00	\$11,362.00			
North Second St.		\$ 16,725.00	\$32,195.00			
Riverview Drive		\$ 48,703.00	\$93,748.00			
Vista Drive	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 17,315.00	\$33,330.00			
Total	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 88,646.00	\$170,635.00	\$2,600.00		\$261,881.00
Thoroughly clean the existing surface with a self propelled broom. Apply 340 degree PG58-28 5% cutback oil by a full-width spray distributor. Apply cover aggregate uniformly over surface with full-width self propelled chip spreader. Roll with two pneumatic-tired rollers.			Aggregate is 3/8" washed fractured granite chip			
		Single Seal	Double Seal	\$2,600.00		<u>Grand Total</u>
Laue Street		\$ 6,020.00	\$11,595.00			
North Second St.		\$ 17,056.00	\$32,857.00			
Riverview Drive		\$ 49,665.00	\$95,672.00			
Vista Drive	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 17,658.00	\$34,015.00			\$ 34,015.00
Total	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 90,399.00	\$174,139.00	\$2,600.00		\$ 274,638.00
Thoroughly clean the existing surface with a self propelled broom. Apply 340 degree PG58-28 5% cutback oil by a full-width spray distributor. Apply cover aggregate uniformly over surface with full-width self propelled chip spreader. Roll with two pneumatic-tired rollers.			Aggregate is 3/8" washed fractured granite chip black granite chip			
All streets will be chip sealed edge to edge						

<u>Scott Construction</u>		<u>Single Seal</u>	<u>Double Seal</u>			
	<u>Crack Filling</u>	<u>Seal Coating</u>	<u>Seal Coating</u>	<u>Sweeping</u>		
Laue Street	None		\$ 13,832.00			\$ 41,792.00
North Second St.	None		\$ 27,960.00			
Riverview Drive	Yes	\$ 59,319.00				
Vista Drive	Yes	\$ 19,694.00	\$ -	\$5,000.00		
Total		\$ 79,013.00	\$ 41,792.00	\$5,000.00		\$ 125,805.00
Includes men and equipment to sign work zone and thoroughly clean existing pavement with a combination self-propelled power broom/mechanical blower, furnish cold mix patch material and pothole hand patch prior to chip seal surfacing. PG 58-28 5% Cut Back Liquid Asphalt blended at a State of WI and AASHTO certified liquid asphalt facility; furnished heated to 350 degrees F and applied in a single pass up to 24 feet wide. Scott Construction to furnish, load, haul and place cover aggregate, in a single pass up to 24 feet wide, using a self-propelled chip spreader and compact using a rubber tire and/or combination rubber tire/steel wheel self-propelled roller.						

Crack filling & Chip Sealing with 100% fractured washed Blue/Black Granite Chips and PG 58-28 5% Cutback Hot Liquid Asphalt

Total \$75,807.00 Vacuuming or sweeping of chips desired - Budget is \$80,000.00

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the bids and the budget.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Earney to recommend to the Council awarding the bid to Scott Construction for Laue and North Second project in the amount of \$41,792.00 plus the vacuuming of the excess chips and to award Vista Drive from Riverview Drive to Secrist Hill to Fahrner in the amount of \$34,015.00 plus the vacuuming of the excess chips. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

- b. Alley brushing. Foreman Joe Wick informed the committee that he contacted Chance McQuiston regarding the brushing and has not heard back. Joe will reach out again to Chance. Grisen instructed Joe to contact Jon Wisneski with the Catholic Church regarding the brushing.
- c. Other street concerns. None.

Agenda Item VII. Sidewalks/stairs/retaining walls.

- a. Repair plan for retaining walls-number of trees to remove.
Foreman Joe Wick stated that ten (10) trees need to be removed to do the wall repair on North Second St. The survey is complete and is marked showing that the city owns the portion of the trees and vines above the retaining wall. Joe stated that the work could begin soon. The committee asked that a letter be drafted notifying the effected property owners that the work will begin soon. Deputy Clerk Sharaya Reed will be drafting and sending the letter to the property owners.
- b. RAISE grant application. Due to the presidential order to stop federal grants and aid, Linda informed the committee she was unable to get into the Federal site to apply for the grant by the

deadline. Grisen stated that Lucas Teska, former Emergency Management Coordinator at Buffalo County, has left and was supposed to research grants for the city, however, he did not. Joe Wick informed the committee that he himself and some of the city crew staff did attend an Emergency Management course at the Buffalo County Courthouse regarding what to do in an emergency. He stated that the course dealt with flood and water contamination

c. Other funding opportunities.

Larry Grisen had spoken with Sarah Sippl, USDA, and she recommended that the city apply for state grants. Sarah has provided the City with several grant opportunities, one of which could help with ADA bathrooms needed for the new city hall. Grisen stated that there are grants from the WI DNR for recreational trails and encouraged the committee members to think about possible qualifying grants.

d. Other sidewalks/stairs/retaining wall concerns.

Dave Earney inquired about the CTH E wall (Tritch's Hill) it is deteriorating and wanted to know if the City owns the wall since it holds up the county road. This matter will be researched and information brought back to the committee.

Randy Brommer mentioned the wall in front of the Ibach property near the Pine Street steps. He stated the sidewalk is sinking there. Cal will take a look at this and report back.

Joe Wick, going back to the other water concerns, informed the committee that since the frost is deeper in the ground now, he has three properties who trouble with frozen water lines and is having them run their water during the winter to prevent freeze ups. (Lock & Dam, Gundersen clinic and resident on south 2nd St.).

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