

November 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, Foreman Joe Wick, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Torgerson.

No citizens were present.

Agenda Item 4a: Street sweeping update.

Joe Wick informed the committee that the sweeping should be done in a week or two. It was recommended that the sweeper sweep Laue/2nd and North 2nd Street that was seal coated to pick up the gravel.

Agenda Item 4b: Letter from Alma Snow Drifters for trail alteration.

A letter was received from Grae Rinehardt, Alma Snow Drifters, requesting the use of a portion of Hillview Street, adding it to their trail, to access the Silver Moon.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to approve the request from the Alma Snow Drifters to alter the trail by the use of a portion of Hillview Street. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 4c: Update on GMC 2002 truck repair (replacement) used for snow removal.

Joe Wick informed the committee that the 2002 GMC did not pass the DOT inspection. Total repairs needed would be approximately \$25,000.00. Discussion was held.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to authorize the city foreman to look for a replacement for the 2002 GMC and to consult (test drive) with the Mayor Richard Champeny and Chairperson Larry Grisen and then present to City Council. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 4d: Other street concerns.

Mayor Champeny received a letter from Dairyland Power regarding the use of their land south of Alma. The amount of land the city could use for snow dumping has been decreased since last year. Discussion was held.

Joe went over with the committee on the snow dumping areas that were used last year. Chairperson Grisen asked that Foreman Wick provide a snow dumping policy by the next committee meeting.

Randy Brommer complimented the city crew on the blacktopping job that was done on Swift Street.

Joe informed the committee that work needs to be done on Iron Street and that the sidewalk has sunk there.

David Earney commented that north of the Catholic Church needs to be ground. Joe stated that this is on his schedule.

Agenda Item 5: Sewer and Wastewater

a: Lift Station #4 change order #3 approval.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to recommend Council approval of Change Order #3 for the Lift Station #4 Project in the amount of \$4,370.00 for required signage. All members voting yes.

b. Lift Station #4 replacement of portable generator from Clean Water Fund loan

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to recommend to the Council approval of the Cummings generator for Lift Station #4 in the amount of \$38,758.27 to be part of the Clean Water Fund loan. All members voting yes.

c. Discussion of Lift Station #5 in the near future.

Discussion was held, no action taken.

d. Update on John Schiefel catch basin.

Joe informed the committee that more properties are involved in order to draw up the easement needed for the storm sewer/catch basin that comes down through the Schiefel property. Joe will be in contact with the surveyor.

e. Other sewer and wastewater concerns.

David Brevick, resident at 230 N. STH 35, sent a letter requesting restitution for Collin's Plumbers and a new toilet when a sewer backup occurred. In the letter it is stated that the plumbers said the backup was due to the jetting of the sewer main in front of the residence.

Joe commented, in his opinion, that he felt it would be difficult for the sewer to back up 150 feet into the home since it is uphill. Discussion was held.

Motion by Brommer seconded by Earney to table the Brevick letter until the next meeting after more information has been obtained. All members voting yes.

Larry Grisen will contact David Brevick.

Joe informed the committee that the digester valve needs to be replaced.

Agenda 6: Water

- a. Update on Second Street water issue weekly testing. Larry Grisen informed the committee that he is going over the chlorine testing reports being submitted by Bernie Bartz, Sewer and Water Operator, and signing the reports. Bernie informed the committee that the chlorine levels throughout the system are not what they should be. A new chlorine pump has been ordered. Chairperson Grisen informed the committee that a discount will be given to the residents where the water samples are taken. Grisen further stated that Dan Wundrow with Wisconsin Rural Water Association will be present at the December committee meeting.
- b. Update on installation of air release valves. It was reported to the committee that the city is waiting on Collins Plumbing.
- c. Daniel Burce – 710 N. 2nd St. – Application for a one-time leak adjustment. The committee reviewed the application. The water did go down the city's sewer system, and the bill was not catastrophic in nature was determined.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to deny Daniel Burce's application for a one-time leak adjustment following the policy guidelines. All members voting yes.

- d. Other water concerns. Joe Wick informed the committee that Well #2 was pulled as scheduled and a new pump put in.

Agenda Item 7: Sidewalks/stairs/retaining walls.

- a. Discuss Phase #2 on Second Street retaining walls. Larry Grisen informed the committee that he had spoken with GSI requesting their assistance in providing what needs to be done as far as the landscaping, rails, and stairwells. Larry stated he had not heard back from them.

Joe informed the committee that he had spoken with Jared Cyrus regarding the landscaping and had not heard back from him.

It was recommended that Linda contact Susan Persons on South 2nd Street, who recently had landscaping done and get contact information from her.

Joe informed the committee that GSI left an air compressor on the street. The committee directed that the company be ticketed by our police officer and a letter sent to GSI regarding the air compressor and to invite the representative to come and look over the project.

Estimated cost for Phase 2 of the retaining wall project is \$30,000.00.

Joe will contact Semling regarding the concrete work that needs to be done on the stairwells and other concrete work needing to be done.

Chairperson Grisen instructed Clerk Linda Torgerson to draft a letter to GSI and he will sign the letter.

No citizens were present to make comments on non-posted agenda items.

Next meeting will be Monday, December 8, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

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