

May 11, 2026

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

8:30 a.m.

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

Also present: Mayor Richard Champeny, Foreman Joe Wick, Calvin Loewenhagen, Bernie Bartz, and Clerk-Treasurer Sharaya Reed.

Others present: John Hadley, Ron Geiselhart and Orlyn Hokscho.

Agenda Item 3: Citizen comments on posted agenda items

None.

Agenda Item 4: Streets

- a. John Hadley, Alma Hills HOA, Dunand Road annexation request

Hadley gave a presentation representing the Alma Hills HOA. The HOA approved the ¼ mile of Dunand Road to be annexed into a City Road. Discussion was held on the matter. The Utilities committee requested Hadley to go back to the HOA for more information on blacktop and right of way.

- b. Bi-annual Bridge Inspection

Letter was received from Buffalo County to notify the City they would be providing bridge inspection services if the City wanted to contract with them.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to investigate details of costs. All members voting yes.

- c. Badlands Road report

Brommer reported on his observations of the road. The committee discussed having a plan to look at all roads yearly.

- d. Concerns about marked parking spaces near Alma Hotel

The lines next to the Alma Hotel need to be painted. There is no direction on how vehicles should be parking.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to have Foreman Wick to spend up to \$8,500 on line painting.

Agenda Item 5: Sewer and wastewater

- b. Sludge field concerns

Discussion over where we can go with getting rid of sludge.

- e. Building materials purchases for chemical plant

Everything has been ordered.

- f. Rare Earth pilot study

Waiting for results to come back.

- g. Iron Street erosion problem

Brommer commented that this is dangerous the way it was left and needs to be fixed.

Motion by Brommer seconded by Earney to have Foreman Wick to get Reglin to look at. All members voting yes.

- h. Update on easement for repairs on Shiefel property

Waiting on easement to be drafted by Atty Seifert.

Agenda Item 6: Sidewalks/Stairs/Retaining Walls

- a. Update for Phase 2 of retaining walls project

Waiting for work to begin.

Agenda Item 7: Water

- a. Update on scheduling meeting with city financial advisors and auditors for switching fire service charges to utilities billing/Approval of filing for PSC Conventional Rate Case

Discussion over ongoing ideas of how the service charge will be implemented.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Brommer to approve the filing of the PSC Conventional Rate Case. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

- b. Ron Gieselhart Water Bill

Bernie presented chart of statistics of usage. Discussion was held on the matter.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to leave the water bill the way it stands. All members voting yes by roll call vote.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to allow Gieselhart to have the remaining balance of \$1,444.48 to be split between the next three quarters for payment. All members voting yes.

c. Obsolete water meter reader replacement

Estimate from Ferguson Waterworks was reviewed and discussed.

Motion by Grisen seconded by Brommer to have Bernie to contact Dan Wundrow from Rural Water for bid solicitation. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 8: Citizen comments on non-posted agenda items

None.

Agenda Item 9: Next meeting-Monday, June 8, 8:30 will include a Road tour

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