

September 14, 2026

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

8:30 a.m.

Chairperson Larry Grisen called the meeting to order at City Hall 314 N Main St, with the following members present: Randy Brommer and David Earney.

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

Others present: Ron Geiselhart, Trevor Schultz, Dan Schultz, Jerri Schreiber, and Elisabet Ibach.

Agenda Item 3: Citizen comments on posted agenda items

None.

Agenda Item 4: Sidewalks/Stairs/Retaining Walls

a. Ibach retaining wall survey

The survey came back showing the wall is on the Ibach property. There was discussion held with Elisabet.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to close/isolate the sidewalk above the retaining wall at 108 S 2nd St. for the winter months. Effective November 15th. There will be future discussion over the opening date. If there happens to be a snow emergency before November 15th, the sidewalk can be closed before the effective date. All members voting yes.

Motion by Brommer seconded by Earney to refer the matter to Attorney Jon Seifert for legal counsel. All members voting yes.

b. Update for Phase 2 of retaining walls project work schedule

Cyrus is still working on getting started.

c. Sidewalk projects

Semling Brothers are coming this week.

Agenda Item 5: Water

a. Ron Geiselhart appeal

Geiselhart talked to the committee about his concerns with the meter being tested and what the results showed.

b. Pier 4 water leak adjustment

The meter has been tested.

Motion by Brommer seconded by Grisen to deny the leak adjustment request due to following what the City Policy lists.

c. Well #2 Meter Quote from B&M

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to approve the quote for \$8,187 for a new 6" Magnetic Flow Meter for Well #2. All members voting yes. To be referred to Council for approval.

Motion by Brommer seconded by Earney to direct Clerk Reed to look into insurance coverage of expense due to a lighting strike/power surge. All members voting yes.

Agenda Item 6: Street

a. Skidsteer replacement bids

Four quotes were reviewed.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to accept the Tractor Central quote for \$33,836.08 on a 320 P John Deere which includes a trade-in allowance of \$27,650.00. Refer to full Council on Thursday. All members voting yes.

b. Snow removal planning with limited work crew

Discussion was held on what to do.

c. Updated five-year road improvement plan

Table for now.

Agenda Item 7: Sewer and wastewater

a. Chemical storage addition construction update

The work is still in progress.

b. Approval of easement language for repairs on Shiefel property

Motion by Brommer seconded by Earney to approve the language drafted by Attorney Seifert for the easement. To be looked at by Council. All members voting yes.

c. Lift Station #2 and #5 Pump repairs

Motion by Brommer seconded by Earney to approve the quote from B&M Technical Service, Inc. for \$8,836.00 for Lift Station #5 repairs. To be approved by Council. All members voting yes.

Motion by Earney seconded by Brommer to approve the quote from B&M Technical Service, Inc. for \$3,607.00 for the replacement of full body gate valve. All members voting yes.

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

None.

Agenda Item 9: Closed session for City Crew Employee Needs

Grisen read the notice to go into closed session.

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

Motion by Grisen seconded by Brommer to advance to Finance for the hiring of a municipal sewer/water operator. All members voting yes.

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