

**CITY OF CEDARBURG
PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWERAGE COMMISSION
October 10, 2019**

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UNAPPROVED**

A meeting of the Public Works and Sewerage Commission of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held Thursday October 10, 2019 at Cedarburg City Hall, W63 N645 Washington Avenue, lower level, room 2. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor O'Keefe.

Roll Call: Present - Mayor Michael O'Keefe, Ryan Hammetter, Gary Graham, Council Member Kristin Burkart, Charles Schumacher, Judy Guse, Bill Oakes

Excused - Sandy Beck, Bob Dries

Also Present - Director of Engineering Tom Wiza, Secretary Kim Esselmann, Cedarburg Water Recycling Center Superintendent Eric Hackert, Cedarburg Water Recycling Center Lead Operator Dennis Grulkowski

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Secretary Esselmann confirmed that proper legal notice of the meeting had been given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Oakes, seconded by Commissioner Schumacher, to approve the minutes of September 12, 2019. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Beck and Dries excused

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

No comments or suggestions were offered at this time.

CONSIDER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO RESOLVE THE PENDING CONTESTED CASE CHALLENGE OF THE PHOSPHORUS WATER QUALITY BASED EFFLUENT LIMITS; AND ACTION THEREON

In May of 2017 the City retained Godfrey and Kahn to file for a contested case hearing on the water quality-based effluent limits for phosphorus placed on the City's wastewater treatment plant. Cedarburg's WPDES permit required a limit of 0.075 mg/liter phosphorus in the effluent, even though the TMDL (total mass daily limit) was still under review by EPA.

Filing the contested case hearing allowed the City to obtain clarification on a number of technical items and assured that Cedarburg would not be subjected to permit conditions stricter than those ultimately imposed by the EPA.

With the TMDL now finalized and the permit landscape more certain, staff are now recommending a settlement agreement with DNR, as there would be little to gain from pursuing the contested case hearing at this point.

Attorney Art Harrington will be present at the October 14 Common Council Meeting to answer any questions the Council may have.

Motion made by Commissioner Oakes, seconded by Commissioner Guse, to recommend the Common Council obtain a settlement agreement with the DNR. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Beck and Dries excused

REVIEW ENGINEERING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE 2020 STREET AND UTILITY PROJECT

A copy of the RFP has been sent out to consultants for design of the 2020 Street and Utility Project. Consultants will have until October 23 to submit their proposals.

It would be the Commissioners intent to take this to the Common Council for contract award at the November 11 meeting. The budget will be finalized at that time and whichever consultant is awarded the contract will need every week possible to complete their survey work before the snow flies.

Commissioners that were present reviewed the proposal and recommended that it be brought to the Council without coming back to this Commission for approval due to time.

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO FILL A STAFFING VACANCY AT THE WATER RECYCLING FACILITY; AND ACTION THEREON

One of the City's experienced operators at the Water Recycling Facility has resigned and Superintendent Hackert is looking to fill that vacancy left by lab technician Mike Kelley.

Motion made by Mayor O'Keefe, second by Commissioner Guse, to authorize Superintendent Hackert to fill the vacancy staffing. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Beck and Dries excused

REPORTS

Update on Public Works Operations

Director Wiza updated the Commissioners that brush pick up is completed and that on Monday October 14 DPW will start curbside leaf pick up. It was reiterated that sticks, plants and grass are not allowed in these piles and that sticks, twigs and branches are

only allowed in the parkway (between the curb and sidewalk) not in the street. Mayor O'Keefe would like to have the citizens informed about this.

Catch basins and other repairs are on-going.

Update on Water Recycling Plant Operations and Discussion of Monthly Reports

Superintendent Hackert reported the effluent & influent report for September.

Superintendent Hackert and Lead Operator Dennis Grulkowski reported that during the latest rain event the flows reached 6,000 gallons per minute but due to proper maintenance of the system, the City did not have any issues.

Superintendent Hackert also explained that the wet well has been completed on the Highland Drive lift station and is progressing well. Completion date is still set for April 2020. Everyone is hopeful that the street work will be done by winter.

Superintendent Hackert attended a conference this week that discussed the topic of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances. PFAS and PFOS are synthetic chemicals found in many products such as clothing, carpets, fabrics for furniture, adhesives, paper packaging for food and heat-resistant/non-stick cookware. They are also present in fire-fighting foams (or aqueous film forming foam; AFFF) used by both civilian and military firefighters. They are persistent (i.e., they do not break down) in the environment and since they are used in the manufacturing of so many products, they are widespread internationally. He stated that the DNR in Wisconsin is coming up with limits but there are no certified laboratories that can test for these products. These products are found in the sludge that is hauled away from the water recycling plant.

Identify Future Agenda Items

Mayor O'Keefe mentioned to the Commissioners that he has asked the City Clerk to add an addendum onto the October 14, 2019 Common Council agenda. He would like Council to discuss the sharing of the cost of a cantilevered warning signs across Pioneer Road at the interurban trail.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Oakes, seconded by Commissioner Guse, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Beck and Dries excused

Kim Esselmann
Building Inspection/Public Works Secretary