

CITY OF WATERLOO PUBLIC WORKS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES: October 1, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL. Committee Chair Petts called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. meeting remotely. Committee members present Petts, Schoenwetter and Rhynes. Absent: none. Others attending: Public Works Director Chad Yerges; Michael Lange with Badgerland Disposal; Ryan Rostad; Barry Sorenson and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.
2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – September 3, 2020. MOTION: Moved by Schoenwetter, seconded by Rhynes to approve the minutes. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
3. CITIZEN INPUT / PUBLIC COMMENT. None.
4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Review Of Herbicide, Pesticide & Insecticide Use. DISCUSSION: Rhynes noted that the committee asked that the item be revisited in January. No action taken.
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Hiring of Ryan Rostad As A Public Works Department Employee With The Start Date Of October 12th – Recommendation To City Council. DISCUSSION: Yerges said five applications were received and three had commercial driver's license. He said Rostad lived in Columbus and was roughly the same age as the other employees. After being welcomed by Petts, Rostad said this was his dream job, having followed the Public Works Department staff around in Columbus as a young boy. Responding to a Rhynes question, Yerges said Rostad would start as a 1-year probationary position. Schoenwetter said he trusted Yerges' judgement. MOTION: Moved by Schoenwetter, seconded by Rhynes to recommend to the City Council the hiring of Ryan Rostad as a Public Works Department employee.
 - b. Evaluating The Municipal Solid Waste Management System; Trash-Recycling Service Performance & Contract. DISCUSSION: Hansen noted fewer citizen service calls since the change of providers. Michael Lange also said the call quantity has been low. Petts said the December/January transition went well. Schoenwetter noted a service delay of 4 weeks or more in picking up bulk items in his neighborhood, causing him to call Badgerland himself. Hansen said residents on Portland Road had reported full totes blowing over and sought an earlier pick-up time. Schoenwetter thanked Badgerland for the removal of spoiled meat after a freezer failure. No Action Taken.
6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Committee Calendar.
 - i. Petts asked for a copy of the Forestry Plan for the next meeting.
 - ii. Schoenwetter asked for an email of the completed tree ordinance the Clerk/Treasurer has yet to finish drafting.
 - b. Yerges said the future Jefferson Street project may need to be phased due to high cost.
 - c. November - Oversight Of Bid Process For Future Year Capital Purchases & Contract Services - 2021 Adams Street Road Reconstruction
7. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: Moved by Schoenwetter, seconded by Rhynes to adjourn. The time was approximately 6:25 pm. Motion carried



Attest:

Mo Hansen

Clerk/Treasurer