

CITY OF WATERLOO PUBLIC WORKS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: May 6, 2021

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL. Committee members present: Petts and Schoenwetter. Absent: Rhynes. Others attending: Alder Weihert (not yet confirmed); Utility Superintendent Sorenson; Public Works Director Yerges and Clerk/Treasurer Hansen.
2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES. MOTION: [Schoenwetter/Petts] to approve the April 1, 2021 minutes. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
3. CITIZEN INPUT / PUBLIC COMMENT. None.
4. PROJECT OVERSIGHT & UPDATES.
 - a. Assessor's 2020-2021 Property Revaluation. DISCUSSION: Forwarding Allen Sunstrom notes, Hansen said Associated Appraisal staff would be in Waterloo on May 24th for three weeks. A Board of Review meeting was scheduled.
 - b. Project Treyburn Residential Development. DISCUSSION: Hansen said Lot # 2 marketing was occurring.
 - c. 203 East Madison Street. DISCUSSION: Yerges said July site grading was scheduled. He said the project did not include an RFP for the trail work with future grant covering rip-rap and trail.
 - d. Adams Street Reconstruction. DISCUSSION: Yerges said a pre-construction meeting was scheduled. Project mobilization would begin in two weeks.
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - a. Contemplated Waste Treatment Plan Updates – Funding, Timing And Effect On Municipal Projects. DISCUSSION: Sorenson said the Mayor signed-off on an USDA loan/grant application. He said business owners had been briefed and the \$21 million project was being done for users, including the business owners. Future items on this topic were noted. No action taken.
 - i. Town & Country Engineer Ben Heidemann To Make City Council Presentation – May 20
 - ii. Waterloo Utilities' Public Hearing – June 10, 6:00 pm
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Amending The Municipal Code To Require Sanitary Sewer Backflow Preventers For New Residential Construction. DISCUSSION: Yerges and Sorenson spoke in favor of an ordinance. Yerges submitted example text from the Village of Allouez. Sorenson suggested writing a model ordinance. He said an incentive could be paid by the City to reduce cost. Schoenwetter and Petts asked for a draft ordinance in a week. MOTION: [Schoenwetter/Petts] tabling the matter until June with an ordinance on both the Committee and Council agendas at that time. VOICE VOTE: Motion carried.
 - b. Weed Control And Review Of Journal Of Applied Ecology Research Article -- Roundup Causes High Levels Of Mortality Following Contact Exposure In Bumble Bees. DISCUSSION: Referencing study details, Petts called for a ban on the use of Round-up. She referenced her outreach to UW-Extension staff. She said Weedol could be a substitute. Yerges asked if it was available in the U.S. After an online search, Hansen said yes. Petts called for a Weedol trial.
 - c. Public Works Director's Spring Facility Inspection Report. DISCUSSION: Yerges said the Council Chambers wall had been patched and repainted; he referenced filter replacement; indicated he would get onto roofs at the Waterloo Regional Trailhead and elsewhere; mentioned water softener servicing and the downsizing of 1" water services to reduce sewer charges. Schoenwetter asked if citywide service provider contracts for plumbing and similar was in place. Hansen said no, a coordinated approach does not exist.
 - d. Review/Realignment Of Progress Measures Tying Back To Comprehensive Plan. No action.
 - e. 2021 Municipal Facility Tour. Note.
7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, COMMITTEE CALENDAR AND ANNOUNCEMENTS. Noted.
8. ADJOURNMENT. MOTION: [Schoenwetter/Petts] to adjourn. Motion carried. Time: 6:48 pm.



Attest: Mo Hansen, Clerk/Treasurer