



PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 01, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Council Chambers - City Hall, 3rd Floor
1717 E. Park Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL** - Committee Members: Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Jay Remiker (absent)
Staff & Others: Jim Mc Donald (Public Works Director), Scott Ahl (Civil Engineer II),
Dave Casebeer (Wastewater Utility), Ross Blaha (Water Utility), Brian Delleman
(Electric Utility)
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Public Utilities Minutes 2022.02.01 - Motion was made by
Bonnie Shimulunas, seconded by, Bill LeClair, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried
with unanimous voice vote
4. PUBLIC INPUT
5. **UPDATES ON CWF AND SDWF UTILITY PROJECTS FOR 2022**
 - **17th Street Construction** – recommend award to low bidder of Jossart Brothers; current DNR
requires executed contracts to DNR by March 31, 2022, to maintain Principal Forgiveness on the
project
Motion made by Bill LeClair, seconded by Bonnie Shimulunas, to bring to City Council for March 7th
meeting. Motion carried with unanimous voice vote
 - **WWTP Screw Press** – If awarded, Sabel would like to work on demolition this summer;
equipment delivery expected Nov/Dec with construction starting 2023
-Staff noted – Sabel Mechanical presented low bid of \$1,090,800; also noted consultant is working
to determine if sewer rates need to be raised; staff recommends bringing to City Council to award
contingent upon City Manager discretion.
Motion made by Bill LeClair, seconded by Bonnie Shimulunas, to bring to City Council for March 7th
meeting. Motion carried with unanimous voice vote
 - **Service Laterals (Public and Private) Contract.**
Motion made by Bonnie Shimulunas, seconded by Bill LeClair, to bring to City Council to award the
2022 Service Lateral Contract to Essential Sewer and Water for March 7th meeting. Motion
carried with unanimous voice vote
 - Pine Tree Lift Station – construction expected to start Monday, March 7th
 - 20th Street (Eggers) Storm Pond – Contractor continues work on pond; currently placing clay liner;
work is proceeding as contractor scheduled
6. **WASTEWATER UTILITY:** Flows are down.
7. **ELECTRIC UTILITY:** New electrician, Tyler Duessing, started Monday; worked with Faith
Technologies for 7 years; worked with Two Rivers Schools for last 1½ years
 - working with Customer Service with replacement on ERT's (electronic meter reading) concentrating
on locations where entry into buildings is required for water & electric meters
 - working with Finance Dept on account close outs
 - working on getting quote for digger trucks; noted 18-month lead time & 32% increase
8. **WATER UTILITY:** pilot testing – parts are ordered, still waiting on delivery
 - review ranking of utility rates; noted a number of 10 utilities with highest rates are MPU customers;
TR utility was #5 several years ago, current rating is #10, which indicates the water utility rates are
not increasing as much as other utilities; Expect to continue to go down in rank due to no expected
rate increases in the near future
 - installed new membranes with expected life of 10-12 years

9. **STORM WATER UTILITY:** working on plan to clean drainage channel at end of Pierce Ct; noted existing drainage ditch is silting in and holding water back
10. ANY OTHER ITEMS OR ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, WITH DISCUSSION AND ACTION
11. **SET DATE, TIME, LOCATION, AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING.**
Next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 5, 2022, at 6:00 pm.
12. **ADJOURNMENT** - Motion made by Bonnie Shimulunas, seconded by Bill LeClair, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm