

**CITY OF CEDARBURG
PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWERAGE COMMISSION
May 9, 2024**

**PWSC20240509-1
UNAPPROVED**

A regular meeting of the Public Works and Sewerage Commission of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held Thursday, May 9, 2024. This meeting was held at Cedarburg City Hall, W63N645 Washington Avenue, lower level, room 2. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Thome.

Roll Call: Present – Mayor Patricia Thome, Terry Wagner, Rick Verhaalen,
Council Member Robert Simpson, Charles
Schumacher, Bob Dries, Tim Larson

Excused - Bill Oakes, AJ Hester

Also Present - Director of Engineering Michael Wieser,
Superintendent Dennis Grulkowski, Superintendent of
Public Works Joel Bublitz, Administrative Assistant
Theresa Hanaman, interested residents

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Administrative Assistant Theresa Hanaman confirmed that proper legal notice of the meeting had been given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Schumacher, seconded by Commissioner Wagner, to approve the minutes of March 14, 2024. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Oakes and Commissioner Hester excused.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

No comments or suggestions were offered at this time.

CONSIDER REQUEST TO INSTALL RADAR FEEDBACK SPEED SIGNS ON HAMILTON ROAD; AND ACTION THEREON.

Director Wieser notified Commissioners, at the request from Common Council member Curley, for the Cedarburg Police Department to complete a speed study on Hamilton Road at Pierce Avenue. The average speed was 29.4 mph and the 85th percentile speed was 33 mph. These numbers show compliance.

Director Wieser finds the effectiveness of the radar feedback signs on Western Road to be minimal with short term effects. Two speed studies were done before the placement

of the signs and two studies have been done since. The average speed was unchanged at 29.05 mph and the 85th percentile speed dropped from 32.25 mph to 32.0 mph. The cost of the radar feedback speed signs is approximately \$3,900.

Commissioner Verhaalen expressed that if the City adds a traffic sign to Hamilton, the requests for additional signs will most likely come in from Highland, Sheboygan, Lincoln, Bridge, and Portland Street residents.

The accuracy and placement of the Armadillo Traffic Study was discussed between Commissioners and residents. Superintendent Joel Bublitz mentioned more labor hours on repairs of the traffic sign installed in 2021, such as timing changes, readings from miles per hour to kilometers or no speed limit registered. As residents asked about the breakdown of the study, Director Wieser explained that the Armadillo Traffic Study is a hidden box and ran twenty-four hours a day, April 12, 2024 through April 16th, 2024.

Commissioner Simpson suggested more police presence in the neighborhood with more consequences. Resident Fricke informed Commissioners that a specific mail service truck, number MCR107, was noticeably speeding on multiple occasions in the area between 6:00 and 7:00 PM. Resident Fricke had contacted the trucking company multiple times. It was suggested that they contact the Cedarburg Police Department with the complaint.

Mayor Thome, Commissioner Simpson, and Director Wieser will contact Chief McNerney to discuss the issue.

COMMENTS

Chas Fricke N25 W5159 Hamilton Road
Bryan Gruenewald W52 N259 Pierce Avenue
Jay Bird Dettlaft N25 W5280 Polk Street
Common Council member Kevin Curley N56 W5439 Sunnyside Lane

DISCUSSION ON REPAIRS TO THE OXIDATION DITCH AT THE WATER RECYCLING CENTER; AND ACTION THEREON.

Superintendent Grulkowski explained the Water Recycling Center is 36 years old. With the decision to renovate the current plant or build a new plant still undecided, there are repairs that need to be done to try and extend its function. In the last 4 years numerous couplings and bearings on oxidation ditch aerators #3, #4, #5, and #6 at a cost of \$5,000 to \$10,000 per set have been replaced. Vibration tests were done to determine if there was some sort of problem with vibration from the motors themselves. Motor stands were installed to alleviate the vibration issue. Superintendent Grulkowski has also tried to have the aerator shafts aligned but was unsuccessful due to deteriorating concrete on the pillow block pads.

Superintendent Grulkowski proposed repairs consist of removing and replacing aerator shafts, bearings, couplings, and discs on aerator train #3 and #6 along with repairing the pillow block mounting channels. These shaft trains would also be aligned. These repairs would ensure two functioning aerators until the renovation or new plant is operational. The cost for these repairs would be approximately \$251,000. Proposals came from Evoqua Products, Dorner Valve Company, and Sabel Mechanical.

Commissioner Simpson questioned how long this repair will last before the City's decision regarding the full renovation of the current WRC Facility or building a new WRC Facility. Superintendent Grulkowski responded that yearly maintenance would still need to be done at the current WRC Facility. Superintendent Grulkowski is requesting approval for \$251,000 to make the repairs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Verhaalen, seconded by Commissioner Dries, to approve \$251,000 for the oxidation ditch repairs. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Oakes and Commissioner Hester excused.

PRESENTATION OF THE COMPLIANCE MAINTENANCE ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE WATER RECYCLING CENTER; AND ACTION THEREON.

Superintendent Grulkowski informed the Commission that the Compliance Maintenance Report requested by the DNR passed. The plant is operating efficiently but it is showing signs of age and needs repairs. Superintendent Grulkowski is asking for permission to take this to the Common Council for approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dries, seconded by Commissioner Schumacher, to approve the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report and send to the Common Council for approval. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Oakes and Commissioner Hester excused.

DISCUSSION ON THE WATER RECYCLING CENTER FACILITY PLAN.

The status of the WRC Facility Plan remains unchanged. Director Wieser provided the PWSC and Common Council with the latest version of the Facility Plan and is prepared to answer any questions the PWSC may have after reviewing the facility plan along with Superintendent Grulkowski.

Director Wieser would like to take the WRC Facility plan to the Common Council on June 10th, 2024.

Mayor Thome asked if anyone from Common Council had yet to tour the facility. Superintendent Grulkowski mentioned four members of the Common Council who have not seen the facility.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

REPORTS

UPDATE ON PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS

Currently Public Works is on brush removal, crack filling and fixing potholes. The yard waste Facility gate is working well, and the card system is backed up.

Commissioner Verhaalen questioned the sidewalk ordinance and how violations are given to residents. Commission suggested sending the violation information to the Cedarburg Police Department.

UPDATE ON WATER RECYCLING PLANT OPERATIONS AND DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

The WRC Facility has been affected with flow due to rain, but no violations have been issued.

Dorchester lift station should be completed by the end of this month.

IDENTIFY FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Zur Ruhe and Immanuel Cemeteries

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Schumacher, seconded by Commissioner Verhaalen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Oakes and Commissioner Hester excused.

Theresa Hanaman
Engineering and Planning Administrative Assistant