

CITY OF CEDARBURG
PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWERAGE COMMISSION
April 10, 2025

A regular meeting of the Public Works and Sewerage Commission of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held on Thursday, April 10, 2025. This meeting was held 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 Thome.

Roll Call: Present – Mayor Patricia Thome, Terry Wagner, Rick Verhaalen, Tim Larson, Charlie Schumacher, Nick Janous

 Excused- Bob Dries, AJ Hester, CM Robert Simpson

 Also Present - Director of Engineering Michael Wieser, Superintendent Dennis Grulkowski, Administrative Assistant Theresa Hanaman, Craig Obry, Jared Kison

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Larson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Schumacher, to approve the minutes of March 13, 2025. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Dries, Hester, and Council Member Simpson excused.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

CONSIDER PROPOSAL RECEIVED FROM CEDAR CORPORATION FOR A DAM INSPECTION OF COLUMBIA MILLS DAM; AND ACTION THEREON.

The Wisconsin DNR informed the City that a dam inspection is needed for the Columbia Mills Dam. Ramboll provided a proposal to complete the dam inspection for a lump sum fee of \$8,850. That fee was high compared to previous dam inspections done for the City, so staff requested a proposal from Cedar Corporation. Cedar Corporation provided a proposal to complete the dam inspection for a lump sum fee of \$4,650. Cedar Corporation has completed inspections, feasibility studies, design, construction inspection, site surveys, and soundings for more than 25 dams around the state.

Commissioner Schumacher made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Larson, to approve the proposal from Cedar Corporation in the amount of \$4,650 for the Columbia Mills Dam Inspection. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Dries, Hester, and Council Member Simpson excused.

UPDATE ON THE WATER RECYCLING CENTER FACILITY PLAN.

Director Wieser informed Commissioners that Donahue continues to work on Phase 2 of the Facility Plan. They are also working on an amendment to the Phase 2 agreement to add the MBR Treatment at the Existing WRC and Connect to MMSD alternatives to the Facility Plan. All Phase 2 Facility Plan work is expected to be completed by September 2025.

The soil borings have been completed, and Donahue is currently working on completing detailed routing figures for the force main/gravity sewer from the existing WRC to the Pioneer Road site.

Donahue has worked through the Agricultural Impact Statement with the WDNR. Since farming has ceased, a full-scale Agricultural Impact Statement will not need to be completed.

Donahue is working with the WDNR on the Cultural Resources Review and the Endangered Species Review. They are waiting for a response from the WDNR on whether full-scale reviews will be needed.

Mayor Thome believes that connecting to MMSD will be quite expensive and questioned whether Donohue will take a significant amount of time to provide an analysis.

Director Wieser thinks that considering the alternative of connecting to MMSD and obtaining a report from Donohue is worthwhile. He mentioned that there will be multiple meetings with Donohue, but the expense is already incurred. If Cedarburg decides to connect, it will require approximately 9 miles of piping, with challenging areas to navigate. The route goes down Pioneer to Port Washington and then to County Line Road.

Commissioner Verhaalen asked whether the only cost after the connection is made would be the sewer rate. Superintendent Grulkowski confirmed that, apart from the sewer rate, there would also be ongoing maintenance fees, including maintaining our system. Director Wieser stated that he is unsure whether there is a connection fee.

Commissioner Verhaalen asked what the rate would look like if Cedarburg hooked up to MMSD. Director Wieser said there would be 2 rates, the MMSD rate and the Cedarburg rate. For example, Mequon's monthly rate is the MMSD operation maintenance rate at \$3.78 per 1,000 gallons and Mequon operation maintenance rate at \$2.35 per 1000, plus the capital improvement rate at \$2.35 for a total of 8.48 per 1,000. Currently, Cedarburg is \$11.20 per 1,000.

Discussion only; no action was taken.

REPORTS

UPDATE ON PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS

Director Wieser provided an update for the Public Works operation. Currently, Superintendent Bublitz and Jeff Schultz are attending the APW Snow Show. The wall on Highland was pushed back into place. Crew members cleaned up the dumping site at Pleasant Valley, and they started planting trees.

UPDATE ON WATER RECYCLING PLANT OPERATIONS AND DISCUSSION OF MONTHLY REPORTS

Jared Kison provided an update that Sabel Mechanical came back and completed the installations to the

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two new skimmer arms on the gravity thickener. Sabel Mechanical will also start the repair to the ditch by the end of April, early May. The actuator was installed and is operating. WRC is currently waiting on the skate integrator, which will allow crew members to adjust the valve from a tablet or phone due to a rain event when away from the plant.

IDENTIFY FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - NONE

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Verhaalen, seconded by Commissioner Larson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Dries, Hester, and Council Member Simpson excused.

Theresa Hanaman

Engineering and Planning Administrative Assistant