

## MEETING MINUTES PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION DECEMBER 6, 2021 4 P.M. CITY HALL

Commission present Mic Tchida, Tom Swenson, Gordie Wagner and Tim Berg. Also Mayor Nevin and council members John Andrews, Marcia Seibert-Volz, Dave Schrupp. Public Works Director Ted Strand, City Administrator Mike Lyonais and City Engineer Phil Martin were also present.

1. Meeting called to order at 4 p.m. by Mic Tchida.
2. Mayor Nevin asked for time to talk about city county shop, also sewer plant contracting services (Peoples Services). The shop is about to be paid off and the agreement between County and City is about to expire (2023). That we need to plan for the future, is it time to put the park and public works together? Park is in need for more space, and what are the needs of the public works. Time to look to the future? The treatment plant, he the Mayor had been in contact with Peoples Services and had a proposal from them to run the plant, and that he had been on a tour with them at the plant and Ted had shown them around. He was tired of things not going anywhere. He said had try to meet with Ted and Mike about plant it went nowhere. Tom Swenson thought the park wasn't the place for public works and they had gone to a lot of work in the location of the current shop. The noise, the trucks its just not the right place, the park. As far as the treatment plant he was open to look at the options. Ted it's his opinion to stay the way they are now, the plant we can run it better than anyone, Peoples Services will run it into the ground and not keep it up, they are out to make money. There will not be a fulltime staff working there and have no interest in the town. As far as the shop, we have worked hard with the county and have good shop. Yes we have some needs. But with the bonds paying off we could use the current payments to fix the needs. Mic said we need to get on with the agenda.
3. Update from Phil and resolution asking council to advertise for bids for 66 sewer extension project, a discussion followed. Questions, on pipe availability, as well as when the construction will take place timing, detour route. Phil, if we limit the timing of project it was his opinion it will raise the contract price. The route thought town will be West Shore to go north and south on 103, 16, 66. If they bidding on project they must know pipes availability. Motion recommending advertisement to council by Tom, Second by Tim. All in favor.
4. Clarifier project update. Ted there was a pre-con meeting between Rice Lake Construction, City and Engineer on October 17 at the plant, a schedule was handed out. Ted said this will not work because the time of the year, they want tanks empty June, 2022, will not work in the summer because of flows, so will have to take place winter of 2022 low flow time. And the parts are not available till June or July 2022.
5. Lift station controls, Ted had looked at just upgrading current panels, there is cost savings and this will get us for the next twenty years. 350,000 to replace, upgrade about 50,000, will bring quote to next council meeting.
6. Review proposed vacation process from public right-of-way/vacation committee, a discussion followed and there are some changes to wording and will be brought back to next meeting. Will work on changes with park department. Ask to add, whichever is greater, who will notify public and how, who will take minutes
7. Review assessment on sewer project (66) a discussion followed and no changes at this time.
8. Commissioner Tom Swenson is worried that minutes are not being taken, and information is not getting to them as well as to Council, a discussion followed. Tim Berg how important minutes

are, as well as information coming and going. Tom made motion to council that the Clerk take minutes, Tim seconded motion Tom said wasn't picking anybody, but this is important. All in favor

Ted Strand