

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
5/7/25

Meeting called to order by DelMain at 9:02 AM

Present: Liam DelMain, Nancy Pearson, Tom Bogaard, Diane Fizell, BJ Havlik

Absent: Jacob Dickey

City Employees: Joel Weber, Ashley Dickey

Public: Lynne Cornelius

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No Public Comments

1. Old Business

- a. Manypenny update: Project will now start on May 27th, construction timeline is included in the meeting packet.
- b. Harbor's Edge Easement Update: The council tabled the easement, citing concern over setting precedent.

Motion by DelMain to recommend the city council to approve the Harbor's Edge Easement, based on previous precedent shown, and in recognition that this is addressing a previously existing violation, noting that any future requested easements with the city will only be considered on a case by case basis. Seconded by Bogaard. All in favor.

2. Xcel is doing a lot of work in Bayfield this season. They are laying 3-phase power to the island to support growing development there, as well as the potential future electric ferry. This is the reason for the new lines and larger poles along Washington by the water. They will also be laying a new gas main to Red Cliff through the city. Additionally, they are hoping to install new poles and 3-phase power up the alley between N 6th & N 7th St and then west through the woods, to support further development in the Northwest corner of the city and to help get power out to the new winery built in the orchard loop. A representative from Xcel will be coming to a common council meeting soon to give further information and answer questions.
3. Request for credit, Bayfield on the Lake leak
 - a. Bayfield on the Lake experienced a leaking toilet in their internal plumbing system, which made their utility costs soar for a short time. They are asking for a credit from the utility to compensate them for these unexpected costs.

Motion by Bogaard to say no to the request for utility credit by Bayfield on the Lake. Seconded by Pearson. All in favor.

4. Clean up week, Dumpster day, Parks, Bathroom openings
 - a. The city crew is out picking up brush throughout the city this week, there is a lot to pick up!
 - b. Dumpster day is this Saturday, 8am-2pm.
 - c. The public and park bathrooms will begin to open next week! The public bathroom by Blackhawk Marina is already open due to high use traffic there.

5. Vacant Lots, utilities and infrastructure discussion
 - a. DelMain will head up forming a working group, with members from public works, PLAN commission, and others to start working on this problem. They will be sure to incorporate the goals and agreements laid out in the City's current comprehensive plan.
 - b. Meanwhile, we can address individual cases of proposed development as they are put before us.

6. Utility Operator Report
 - a. Our VFD at the sewer lift station has gone bad, new one arrived and will be installed soon, money coming from emergency fund, ~\$17,000

7. Set Next Meeting
 - a. Next meeting will be at 9am on June 4th at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40am.