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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wastewater Commission

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 207 A/B

The meeting was called to order by President Taft at 5:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 10 - Natalia Taft, Stacy Sheppard, Claude Lois, John Tate II, Paul Vornholt, Cory Mason, Anthony Beyer, Mollie Jones, Terry McCarthy and Anthony Bunkelman

EXCUSED: 3 - John Hewitt, Dean Rosenberg and Jason Meekma

[0805-23](#)

Subject: Approval of Minutes for the July 18, 2023, Meeting

Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Vice President Tate II, seconded by Sheppard, that this file be Approved

[0806-23](#)

Subject: Communication from Wastewater Utility Director acknowledging Gold Peak Performance Award NACWA

Recommendation: To Receive & File

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Wastewater Utility Director reported on the Utility receiving recognition with a Gold Peak Performance Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA). Gold award recipients must be members of NACWA, as well as have maintained one year of perfect (100%) compliance with their NPDES permits.

A motion was made by Mayor Mason, seconded by Alder McCarthy, that this file be Received and Filed

[0807-23](#)

Subject: Communication from Wastewater Utility Director regarding Wastewater Pathogen Surveillance Update

Recommendation: To Receive & File

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Wastewater Utility Director presented update on the UW-Milwaukee School of Fresh Water Sciences in conjunction with the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene being selected by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as one of the 4 National Wastewater Surveillance Centers of Excellence to receive funding through July 2027 to continue pathogen surveillance in wastewater treatment. New areas of surveillance to be added with this additional funding include seasonal flu, RSV, adenoviruses, norovirus, as well as antibiotic resistant organisms of concern.

A motion was made by Sheppard, seconded by Vice President Tate II, that this file be Received and Filed

[0808-23](#)

Subject: Request to Submit Application to WE Energies for EV Station Pilot Program

Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Wastewater Utility Director presented information on a pilot program being offered by WE Energies to help offset the upfront costs associated with installing electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. The program may assist by way of credits or rebates in relation to the type and number of EV stations installed.

A motion was made by Mayor Mason, seconded by Vice President Tate II, that this file be Approved

[0810-23](#)

Subject: Bid Opening Results on Contract B-23, North Main Street Sanitary Sewer Relay

Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: 2023 CIP joint project with the City: Total of \$1,302,721.00 (Utility: \$662,715.50 / City: \$640,005.50).

The Wastewater Utility Director submitted the bid results on Contract B-23, in the amount of \$1,302,721.00, and recommended approval to the lowest responsible bidder, that being Reesman's Excavating & Grading, Inc. The Wastewater Utility Director is authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the Wastewater Utility.

A motion was made by Lois, seconded by Bunkelman, that this file be Approved

[0809-23](#)

Subject: Submission of the Proposed 2024 Operations and Maintenance Budget, and the Proposed 2024-2028 Capital Improvement Plan

Recommendation: To Receive & File

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Wastewater Utility Director presented the proposed 2024 Operations and Management Budget, and proposed Capital Improvement Plan for 2024-2028. The proposed budget will be considered for approval at the September Wastewater Commission Meeting.

A motion was made by Mayor Mason, seconded by Alder McCarthy, that this file be Received and Filed

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.