

AUGUST 22, 2022 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Prescott Public Works meeting was held on Monday, August 22, 2022 in the Prescott Municipal Building, 800 Borner St. Prescott, WI 54021

Call to order/Roll Call: Chairman John Peterson called the meeting to order. Members present were Maureen Otwell and Bailey Ruona. City Administrator Matt Wolf and City Clerk Jayne Brand represented staff.

Ruona/Otwell motion to approve the minutes for June 27, 2022 passed without a negative voice vote.

City Administrator Matt Wolf presented the request from the EPA for the City of Prescott to be included in a pilot study for biological treatment of nitrates. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recommended this study be done on Well #4. This pilot program would test in the field an innovative heterotrophic denitrification reactor which the US EPA Office of Research and Development has developed in their lab. The reactor used nitrogen gas sparging to strip dissolved oxygen from the water and acetic acid to support biological reduction of nitrates to innocuous nitrogen gas. The EPA would pay for the study except for ½ hour daily, weekends not included, for a public works employee to do samples. The study would run for 9 months. Well #4 would not be taken off line except for the original well tap for the water. Alderperson Ruona stated her concerns are getting the correct information. Alderperson Otwell questioned if the nitrogen gas has any impacts. Jon Strand of CBS² Engineering stated there are no impacts from the nitrogen gas. **Ruona/Otwell motion to recommend moving forward with the EPA for the pilot study as presented with questions regarding how much time from public works employees will need to be committed and making sure there are no other costs to the city passed without a negative voice vote.**

Jon Strand of CBS² Engineering discussed the oversizing of Well #3 for future treatment options of PFAS. The reverse osmosis water would need to be blended and the blended water could contain PFAS. There is additional grant funding through the DNR which can help with the addition on the wellhouse. It is proposed that the addition would need to be 18' X 30'. It was also discussed this addition may not be needed if the PFAS don't go over the limits with the blended water. The proposed cost of the addition is \$400,000. The city applied for a Safe Drinking Water Loan application and our project is currently ranked #11. It was suggested the addition on the wellhouse be designed and be an addendum for the bid packet. **Otwell/Ruona motion to recommend the addition for the wellhouse be designed and bid as an alternate to the project and to wait to bid until the limits for PFAS are established by the DNR passed without a negative voice vote.**

City Administrator Matt Wolf presented to the committee an update on State Highway 35 & US Highway 10 project which is tentatively scheduled for 2026/2027. Staff along with Mayor Daugherty and Alderperson Peterson met with the DOT representatives to discuss the maintenance of all of STH 10 and 35 within municipal limits solely at its own cost. The DOT will give the city credit for \$30,000 for the stormwater repair which was completed within the last couple of years. The cost to the city is still

estimated at \$38,800. The DOT would also include a crosswalk at Campbell/Orrin and USH 10 as part of the project. The maintenance agreement currently states that if the City does not comply with repairs to State standards they may withhold General Transportation Aid. This is not something that is part of Wisconsin State Statute 84.07 (1). It was also discussed the DOT would be willing to replace the retaining wall along Highway 35 at their cost but would not complete the sidewalk. The consensus of the committee is to have staff continue to negotiate with the DOT.

Ruona/Otwell motion to adjourn passed without a negative voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jayne M. Brand
City Clerk