

**CITY OF CEDARBURG
PUBLIC WORKS AND SEWERAGE COMMISSION
January 13, 2022**

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UNAPPROVED**

A regular meeting of the Public Works and Sewerage Commission of the City of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, was held Thursday, January 13, 2022. This meeting was held at Cedarburg City Hall, W63N645 Washington Avenue, lower level, room 2. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Michael O'Keefe.

Roll Call: Present – Ryan Hammetter, Mayor Michael O'Keefe, Bill Oakes, Council Member Kristin Burkart, Gary Graham, Andrew Hester, Bob Dries

Excused- Charles Schumacher, Sandy Beck

Also Present - Director of Engineering Michael Wieser, Cedarburg Water Recycling Center Lead Operator Dennis Grulkowski, Cedarburg Water Recycling Center Superintendent Eric Hackert,

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Secretary Kim Esselmann confirmed that proper legal notice of the meeting had been given.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Oakes, seconded by Commissioner Graham, to approve the minutes of December 9, 2021. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Schumacher and Commissioner Beck excused.

COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

No comments or suggestions were offered at this time.

REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO FILL A STAFFING VACANCY AT THE WATER RECYCLING CENTER; AND ACTION THEREON

Cedarburg Water Recycling Center Lead Operator Dennis Grulkowski explained the staffing for the Water Recycling Center. With Superintendent Hackert retiring, he will be taking the Superintendent position and Craig Obry will be taking the Lead Operator position. That will leave an open position. They would like to post for this position as soon as possible and have someone hired in March 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Oakes, seconded by Mayor O'Keefe, to ask Common Council to allow the Cedarburg Water Recycling Center to hire a new crew person to fill a vacancy. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Schumacher and Commissioner Beck excused.

CONSIDER SLUDGE HAULING CONTRACT EXTENSION FROM BADGER STATE WASTE, LLC; AND ACTION THEREON

Lead Operator Dennis Grulkowski stated that Badger State Waste has been hauling, storing and disposing of the sludge from the Water Recycling Center since 2018. The initial contract with them was through 2023. Badger Waste would like to extend the contract through 2026 while keeping the same rates as the initial contract for 2022 and 2023. Badger State has been good to work with and staff is supportive of this extension.

Motion made by Commissioner Oakes, seconded by Commissioner Hammetter, to ask Common Council to approve and sign a three-year extension to the current Badger State Waste contract. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Schumacher and Commissioner Beck excused.

DISCUSS THE CEDARBURG LIGHT AND WATER LEAD SERVICE LATERAL REPLACEMENT PROGRAM AND ITS EFFECT ON SANITARY SEWER LATERALS; AND ACTION THEREON

Director Wieser explained that Cedarburg Light and Water is anticipating receiving grant funding from the DNR to begin the lead service lateral replacement program in the City. The program would start with a project this year replacing up to 200 lead service laterals from the property line to the houses.

Since the water services are laid near the sanitary sewer laterals, this may be an opportunity to replace some leaking sanitary sewer laterals. Most of the infiltration that enters our sanitary sewer system is likely coming from leaking lateral pipes.

Director Wieser stated that there would be three different options to consider. Option one; should we investigate these laterals with Light and Water program? Option two; if we do investigate these laterals, do we hire another company or do it ourselves? Option three; if we do it ourselves, then what to do if it is leaking and at who's cost?

Lead Operator Grulkowski stated that if we do investigate these ourselves then a need to upgrade the camera system is needed. The current camera can only do main lines and a new camera could do the main lines and laterals. To replace the current camera would be about \$94,000 and for a new camera with lateral capabilities, trailer and crane would be about \$280,000. This was put in the 2022 budget for \$80,000 and the rest could come from ARPA monies set aside by Administrator Hilvo. This is a demo unit with full warranty. In addition, charges to the homeowner for the repair should help pay for the unit and help keep costs down at the Water Recycling Center as clear water would not be entering the sewer system.

Motion made by Commissioner Oakes, seconded by Commissioner Hester, to purchase a new camera system. The motion carried with Commissioners Hammetter, Oakes, Graham, Hester, Dries and Mayor O'Keefe in favor, Council Member Burkart opposed, and Commissioner Schumacher and Commissioner Beck excused.

REPORTS

Update on Public Works Operations

Director Wieser stated that public works crews are calibrating the trucks for salt distribution and pre-treatment liquid. They are also tree pruning and attending a class on tree pruning and saw safety.

Director Wieser also spoke to the Commission about the Highland Road bridge that was struck by a vehicle. The stone walls and mortar of the bridge are failing. They are non-structural in nature and will take between \$39,000 to \$49,000 to repair the damage of where the vehicle hit the wall. This would be paid by the vehicle's insurance. As a future project, the Commission will need to discuss the parapet walls of the bridge.

Update on Water Recycling Plant Operations and Discussion of Monthly Reports

Lead Operator Grulkowski discussed operations at the plant and plant performance through the effluent and influent reports for the month of December.

A new UV system is ordered for the Water Recycling Center.

Superintendent Hackert stated he is retiring, and his last day will be February 11. He will not be present at the next meeting.

Identify Future Agenda Items

Discuss a possible speed table on Highland Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Graham, seconded by Council Member Burkart, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Schumacher and Commissioner Beck excused.

Kim Esselmann
Building Inspection/Public Works Secretary