

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JULY 22, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman John Hoggatt, Jim Webber, and Tom McCormick

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Zeuli , Tom Syfko, Kip Peters, and others.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hoggatt at 9:00 a.m.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CONSOLODATION OF WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES Kip Peters provided examples from New Richmond and River Falls municipalities ordinances whose operations include the combined utilities. He noted that New Richmond also has electrical utilities.

Peters provided the Committee with a draft prepared by the City Attorney of City Ordinance 242-1 that included some language changes and other recommendations based on the previous meeting held in June.

Hoggatt reviewed each section of the draft ordinance with the Committee. It was agreed that the term for members be changed from seven years to five years and that one of the members would be appointed by the Common Council and have voting privileges.

Webber suggested the term "President" and "Vice President" be changed to "Chairperson" and "Vice Chairperson" to remain in line with other city ordinances. It was also suggested that the compensation rate for the Commission members be included in the annual service charge rates to avoid annual ordinance changes.

The overall Committee agreed with the language in the Eligibility section for membership. It was recommended the Management of Utility section include "but not be limited to review" as it relates the supervision and operation of the utilities.

The Committee recommended that language addressing the city's personnel policy, procurement policy, and all other city policies be included in the Rules section of the ordinance.

MOTION by Hoggatt, second by McCormick to recommend adoption on Resolution 19-16 and to recommend the changes to City Ordinance 242-1 as stated above upon approval by the City Attorney. MOTION CARRIED.

PROJECT UPDATE Peters stated a 21 inch sanitary sewer collapsed at Coulee and Carmichael Road. Noted contracted services have been working to remedy the situation and are expected to finish by the end of the week.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS Hoggatt requested an update on the Carmicahel Road Corridor project at a future meeting. He also recommended discussion at a future meeting on the maintenance of public storm water ponds verses private. He suggested samples be provided of other communities maintenance programs.

MOTION by Hoggatt, second by Webber to adjourn the meeting. 10:24 a.m. MOTION CARRIED. Hoggatt suggested Tuesday, August 30, 2016 for the next meeting.

Submitted by,
Deb Andrews, Secretary