

**CITY OF GILLETT
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Council Chambers – Municipal Building
150 N McKenzie Ave – Gillett, WI 54124

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 2020 AT 5:00 PM
MINUTES**

Meeting Called to Order by Chairperson Stroik at 5:00 PM

Roll Call Present: Alderpersons Matthew Stroik, Nanette Mohr and Gary Spaulding. **Absent:** None

Also Present: Deputy Clerk Tonni Larson, Alderpersons Debbie Rudie, Marie Blaser, Sandy Hubbard and Utility and Public Works Department Head Ron Anderson. Mayor Josh McCarthy was excused. Two members of community, Irene Drake and Leone Christensen were also present.

Deputy Clerk informs Committee that Open Meeting Law has been complied with and Roll has been taken.

PUBLIC INPUT: Two members of the community attended. Irene Drake and Leone Christensen.

Ms. Drake stated that she had several questions in regards to the change in garbage pickup for 2021 and she was concerned that it was not properly posted for resident awareness. Here questions were as follows; what is the warranty/life of a container? Cost to the city of buying the container versus renting? What are we doing for businesses especially those on Main Street? Who pays for replacement of damaged containers? Who is liable if container rolls in street and causes an accident? Mr. Stroik answered that many of those answers were not yet known and would be determined at this meeting. Ms. Rudie explained the process of posting meeting notices and minutes. Ms. Rudie stated that posting requirements for open records laws are met for each and every meeting.

1. Discussion and Possible Action on approval of minutes from November 17th, 2020 – Two updates to the previously presented minutes. Nanette Mohr was listed as absent and Nanette was actually excused. At Mr. Stroiks request, motions were corrected.

MOTION: Spaulding/Stroik - Voice Vote: All voting aye. – **MOTION CARRIED**

2. Discussion and Action on Garbage Service 2021 – Can cost, number of containers per household and design and color of containers. Ms. Mohr started discussion on the negative social media comments from residents and that stated that many want the entire council gone because of the decision made based on the vote on the 3rd of November. Ms. Rudie followed up stating that the vote taken on the night of November 3rd was a poll for resident input and was not planned to be the deciding factor. It was to gage input and with a 50/50 split, it did not give an overwhelming reason to go either way on the decision. Due to this, she noted, no matter what decision the council made, some residents would not be happy either way. It was also noted that if you read the comments on Gillett chat, many were very positive in regards to moving to containers. Prior to the November 17th meeting the council vote on 2021 garbage was 3/3 or gridlock. At the November 17th meeting Public Works voted in favor of containers and took this vote to the Council Meeting. That night the vote was to move to containers from stickers with a \$62 increase to residents over the estimated sticker assessment in 2021. Ms. Rudie noted that the City had not been covering cost for previous five years. Mr. Stroik started that the purpose of the meeting tonight was to finalize the special assessment cost that would be applied to the 2020 property tax bills. The cost would be \$235. In addition the Council needed to decide on the design, color and if the City would purchase or rent containers. Mr. Stroik than recapped the cost proposal from GAD. He noted that the option to purchase the containers was not an option with the competitor to GAD. Mr. Anderson, Public Works Director provided the council with a proposal for the purchasing of the containers which included delivery

and setup. That handout is attached to these minutes. Overall purchasing the containers would provide a saving on the garbage pick contract over the next five years of approximately \$55,000. At this time cost is \$52.00 per container plus \$1.85 for design on each container and \$6.70 for each to be assembled and delivered. Mr. Anderson did the math on employing our part time staff to handle assembly and delivery and there would not be a saving to the city. For this reason he recommended paying for the assembly and delivery. He noted that each container would have an ID and the vendor would provide a data base for listing what container was delivered to what property address. Only properties with living quarters would receive one set of containers and be assessed the \$235. One set per tax bill paid no matter how many units exists at that parcel. Mr. Stroik and Mr. Anderson stated that the cost for purchase of the containers, setup and delivery would come from the general fund and would be partially reimbursed through the special assessment in the tax rolls. Mr. Anderson would be putting together a letter to be sent to all property owners explaining the 2021 plans for containers. Letter should go out in December. He stated that the City will work with GAD on finding a viable solution for the businesses on Main Street who will be using containers versus dumpsters. Ms. Hubbard noted that this would be a new process and that most likely changes are to come in the future as we learn more.

The council discussed the possible savings at the recycle center and plan to monitor activity and usage and will review after the first year of container useable. Ms. Mohr asked about possibility of a grant for the containers that are for recycling pickup. Mr. Anderson stated that it would be possible because the containers are made from 100% recycled plastic. Grant would be applied for in 2021 for payment in 2022. Possibility of receiving 100% back if applied for by October 1st. Containers should be delivered sometime after the 1st of the year. Final recap - No real change from bags to containers. Same day pickup, same rules of garbage placement and timing. Committee will review and update ordinance as necessary in the near future. Multiple family properties that need additional containers can purchase them from the City. The cost to the purchaser/owner would be at market price at the time of purchase.

MOTION: Spaulding/Stroik

Motion for the City to purchase the containers and to pay for setup and delivery. Color would be black with red lids. Each will display "City of Gillett" on container and have a special ID number. Cost for residents and owners to purchase additional containers would be at market price at the time.

Roll Call Vote: Spaulding Yay, Stroik Yay and Mohr Nay – **MOTION CARRIED**

3. Update on BOND Maturing Effective 12.1.2020 – Mr. Stroik updated the group on the status of the December 1st BOND maturity. Since the meeting on November 17th, it was determined that the overnight packet delivered from the DTC for delivery of the principal balance of this BOND, \$110,000 was sent in error. All BONDS for the City are paid by Ehlers. This payment to Ehlers was sent out prior to November 23rd and they would then handle the payment to DTC for the market maturity. For that reason, the BOND is paid and there will not be another \$110,000 from the shared revenue funds. Ehlers was sent the principal balance and all interest due. Total sent was \$123,670. Interest on this series of BONDS is paid on June 1st and December 1st each year.

4. Adjournment at 6:26 PM.

MOTION: Spaulding/Mohr

Motion to adjourn.

Voice Vote: All voting aye. – **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted by
Deputy Clerk – Tonni Larson