

**CITY OF GILLETT**  
**JOINT PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITY COMMITTEE**

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022 AT 5:00 PM**  
**MINUTES**

Committee may deviate from the agenda as needed

**Chairperson Stroik** called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Alderperson Matthew Stroik, Nanette Mohr, Public Member Ruth Spang, Mayor Josh McCarthy, Clerk Treasurer Chelsea Anderson, Alderperson Marie Blaser, Public Works and Utility Operator Ron Anderson, Ehlers Jon Cameron, and Ayres Engineer Trace Hubbard. Public Pat and Peggy Belongia.

**Absent:** Alderperson Gary Spaulding **Excused:** Alderperson Sandy Hubbard

**Open Meeting Law has been complied with.**

**Public Input –None**

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Discussion and Possible Action on minutes from November 1, 2021

**MOTION: Mohr/Spang**

*Motion to approve the minutes from November 1, 2021.*

**Voice Vote: All Ayes MOTION CARRIED**

2. Discussion and Possible Action on Washington Street Bridge Project- Jon Cameron from Ehlers talked to the committee about financing, General Obligations Bonds or USDA financing with potential grants. Grant of 30% on sewer portion, and LRIP for the general side (non-utility) including storm and road. Included in the packet is a financing plan, where the City takes out interim financing with a bank, then once the project is done, they refinance with a permanent USDA loan. USDA loans can be prepaid at any time. Table 4- water and sewer- in packet show the amounts for short term borrowing for interest and payments. Table 5- roads and storm sewer- shows amounts for interest and payments. The City is at 72% of our debt limit. We will be paying off existing debt to add to our GO debt capacity. The capacity needs to be left open in case of emergency (flood, storm, tornado, etc.). Final page is the TID table, it is a TID eligible project and running into our expenditure period (September 2022). The TID was extended and has a maximum lifespan of September of 2024. The project only has to be under contract before September of 2022. If the project went through, we would need to make a retention pond, there is an empty lot that Seneca owns, we wrote a letter to Seneca explaining the need from the DNR and the City, and it sounds like they would be willing to sell. The curb and gutter would need the retention pond.

3.

**MOTION: Mohr/Spang**

*Motion to offer \$10,000 to Seneca for the parcel #2310422254576 with an easement for them to use the driveway.*

Roll Call Vote: All Voting Aye – **MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION: Mohr/Spang**

*Motion to move forward with the Washington Street Project.*

Roll Call Vote: All Voting Aye – **MOTION CARRIED**

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4. Discussion and Possible Action on easement on Wastewater Treatment Plant driveway for Pat Belongia – property owned right off the driveway, they family wants to buy and put in a house, but need a driveway. Does not affect the Utility in any way, but it is a gravel road with ATV and truck traffic and gets tore up.

**MOTION: Mohr/Spang**

*Motion to grant an easement for a driveway off our wastewater treatment driveway.*

Voice Vote: All Voting Aye – **MOTION CARRIED**

5. Set Next Meeting Date- To Be Determined.

6. Adjournment at 6:20 PM.

**MOTION: Mohr/Spang**

*Motion to adjourn*

**Voice Vote: All Ayes MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted  
Clerk Treasurer Chelsea Anderson