

# CITY OF GILLETT

## JOINT PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITY

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023 AT 5:00 PM**  
**MINUTES**

**Chair Luther** called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Alderpersons Jerry Luther, Irene Drake, and Marie Blaser

**Also Present:** Clerk Treasurer Chelsea Anderson, Deputy Clerk Treasurer Lisa Anderson, and Alderpersons Nanette Mohr, Jon Gildemeister, and Jacob Ketchem. Utility and Public Works Department Head Ron Anderson, Utility Public Member Ruth Spang, and Public Works Foreman Nate Anderson. Public Beth Rank.

**Excused:** Mayor Josh McCarthy and Public Member Louis Danielson.

**Public Input:** None

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Discussion and Possible Action on National Night Out Street Closure August 1, 2023

#### **MOTION: Drake/Blaser**

*Motion to approve the Lake Street closure from Main to First Street for National Night Out August 1 2023.*

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

2. Discussion and Possible Action on Storm Sewer on W Park Street- Ranks Northern Distributing requested to put in a storm sewer and eliminate a ditch on their parcel at their cost.

#### **MOTION: Drake/Blaser**

*Motion to approve the storm sewer connection with the city and Ranks Northern Distributing property.*

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

3. Discussion and Possible Action on logos for trucks- looked over logos to place on our new Public Works and Utility Trucks. Leave Lay until new design can be drawn up.

#### **MOTION: Luther/**

*Motion to approve City Logo “a city for all seasons” for the trucks with department written below in same font.*

#### **MOTION FAILED**

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Spring Clean Up Day- wanting to plan a spring cleanup day for the city taking large items for residents, no charge for couches, mattresses, refrigerators, etc. Will not take paint, tires, building materials, or hazardous materials. Could cost City \$2,000-3,000. Will plan for 2024, will include in December mass mailing of the date and how it will run.

#### **MOTION: Drake/Blaser**

*Motion to approve a spring cleanup day in 2024, restrictions will apply, information will go out in December mass mailing.*

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

5. Discussion and Possible Action on 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Barricades- Public Works will set out barricades during work hours, Police Department will be doing traffic control and will set up barricades during parade.
6. Discussion and Possible Action on Update of Construction Finances- cost of materials went up 20% since the bids were taken. Cost of project has risen, and so have the interest rates. TID will make payments but we need a longer term. Short term borrowing would put us over our wanted borrowing capacity for 2 years but the interest is less. In 2026 HWY project for estimated parking lanes cost is

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\$200,000 for HWY 22/McKenzie, which can be paid by Wheel Tax. Will schedule meeting with Ehlers.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on SCADA System- will get quotes, projected to be about \$100-150,000. Would update wells first then wastewater treatment plant. Money budgeted.

**MOTION: Drake/Blaser**

*Motion to approve upgrading SCADA system.*

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

8. Discussion and Possible Action on PFOS in drinking water – No PFOS detected in our water. DNR will not make us test for at least 2 years. The test we performed looked for over 300 contaminants.
9. Discussion and Possible Action on hunting on Wastewater Treatment Plant- problems with letting residents hunt on our WWTP land. With the continued problems, there will be no citizen hunting on the city land going forward.

**MOTION: Blaser/Spang**

*Motion to approve closing hunting to the public on wastewater treatment plant land.*

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

10. Discussion and Possible Action on interim financing Peshtigo National Bank 4.83 and Huntington 4.23%- Leave Lay
11. Discussion and Possible Action on approving Peshtigo National Bank and USDA for total water and sewer projects

**MOTION: Drake/Blaser**

*Motion to approve Peshtigo National Bank and USDA for total water and sewer projects.*

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

12. Discussion and Possible Action selling L&N city land- City owns a small piece of land next to L&N for a storm sewer. Does not benefit the city. L&N maintains the lot. We need an easement to access the storm sewer if sold to L&N.

**MOTION: Drake/Spang**

*Motion to approve the sale of parcel 231012116106 to L&N Metal Works with an easement to access the storm sewer, L&N MetalWorks to draw up the paperwork and pay the cost of the transfer.*

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

13. Discussion and Possible Action on increasing sewer rates-right now our rate is \$4 per 1000 gallons for sewage cost. Would need a public meeting to change. Sewage costs keep rising. Looking to raise to \$5/1000 gallons.

**MOTION: Spang/Blaser**

*Motion to approve setting up a public meeting and move forward with raising the sewer rate.*

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

14. Set Next Meeting Date- To Be Determined.

15. Adjournment at 6:30 PM.

**MOTION: Blaser/Drake**

*Motion to adjourn.*

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

Respectfully Submitted by  
Clerk Treasurer Chelsea Anderson