

CITY OF GILLETT
JOINT PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITY

Council Chambers – Municipal Building
150 N McKenzie Ave – Gillett, WI 54124
THURSDAY, MAY 30, 2024 AT 5:00 PM
MINUTES

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

Roll Call

Present: Alderpersons Jerry Luther, Nanette Mohr, Irene Drake, and David Bunker. Public Members Louis Danielson and Ruth Spang.

Also Present: Alderpersons Ashley VanStraten and Sandra Hubbard. Clerk Treasurer Chelsea Anderson, Mayor Jon Blaskowski, Utility Operator Ron Anderson, and public Deanna Smith. Public Works Foreman Nate Anderson is excused.

Public Input: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Discussion and Possible Action on March 27, 2024 Minutes

MOTION: Luther/Drake

Motion to approve the minutes from March 27, 2024.

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

2. Discussion and Possible Action on CMAR- Compliance Maintenance Annual Report for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

MOTION: Drake/Luther

Motion to approve Resolution 7-2024 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report, to send to Council for approval.

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

3. Discussion and Possible Action on raising water rates- Public Service Commission does a simplified rate case for a 3.5- 4% increase. Case takes about 45 days, if the PSC approves, we have a public meeting and the PSC approves the rate and tells the city when we can incorporate the new rate. All chemicals have inflated in cost substantially. For the future: plan to rehab a well in 2027, paint the water tower, and total reconstruction in 2026 of McKenzie. Water cost currently is \$3.4 per thousand gallons. If 4% is approved, the cost would go up 0.13 cents.

MOTION: Danielson/Spang

Motion to approve doing a simplified rate case with the Public Service Commission to raise water rates.

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

4. Discussion and Possible Action on meeting use for Utility Garage

MOTION: Spang/Danielson

Motion to approve Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Group to meet at the Utility Garage on Lake Street.

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

5. Discussion and Possible Action on backyard flooding at 147 W Pine Street- DNR can approve a permit to add fill and suggested adding a rain garden. The ultimate responsibility is on the home owner to address the concerns of stagnant water.

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6. Discussion and Possible Action on cold storage building- Cold storage building is getting to the point of disrepair. It would cost \$10,000-20,000 to repair the siding and most every wood pole. Many roof wood pieces are rotten; 9 posts are rotten; it is gravel floor. City Hall Garage was set up for an addition, but its more expensive than a free standing building. Looking at 16x16 foot doors to accommodate our equipment, metal building 60x40 feet. If we attach to the building, we have to get approved by the state for air exchange system because we have a welder in the garage. Fox Structures estimated a turnkey cold storage building on concrete 16-foot ceiling, tin outside, unfinished inside about \$150,000. If we add the addition to the garage, it could be \$700,000. Waiting for estimates from Cleary and Morton. Drake would like to see a new building at the location where it sits now. Luther wants an estimate to repair the current building. Leave lay until we get more estimates.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on residential garbage and recycling- GFL contract is up in March of 2025. Most contracts are 5 years, possible to change recycle pickup to every two weeks instead of one, change recycle lids to a different color, and add in costs of the truck breaking the bins. Will get quotes from Four Seasons, GFL, and Harders.

8. Committee may go into closed session to discuss matters of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of public employees pursuant to 19.85 (1c) Wis. Stats.
MOTION: Drake/Luther
Motion to go into Closed Session at 5:50 pm to include all council members, public members, mayor, clerk, and utility operator.
Voice Vote: All Voting Aye – **MOTION CARRIED**

9. Committee will return to open session and may take action on matters discussed in closed session.
MOTION: Luther/Spang
Motion to return to Open Session at 6:40 pm.
Voice Vote: All Voting Aye – **MOTION CARRIED**

10. Adjournment at 6:40 PM.
MOTION: Drake/Danielson
Motion to adjourn.
Voice Vote: All Voting Aye – **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted by Clerk Treasurer Chelsea Anderson