

In attendance

Mayor S. Bierce, Alderman J. Wamser, Committee Members: M. Kreiter, D. Swan, J. Tormey

Also in Attendance

M. Wagner-Director of Public Works, J. Mueller-Utility Manager, R. Wirtz-Chief Engineer Utilities, M. Gabbey-Chief Engineer Streets & Development, S. Smaxwill-DPW Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bierce called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and requested everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Public Comments - None

3. Discussion and Action Regarding the Minutes of November 11, 2021

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Mr. Swan referred to his question on page 4 of the minutes, where he asked about the policy and how much ahead time do people need to call the sheriff's office for parking on city streets if they are having an event?

Mr. Swan asked about the status of a request from a previous meeting to have staff look into possible ways to lessen the burden for residents who may need financial help connecting to municipal water. Ms. Wagner stated she plans to place this item on a future agenda under Old Business when the committee discusses the assessment policy and potential changes. Mr. Swan then asked Ms. Wagner if she would reach out to the city of Waukesha water utility to see if they offer any type of dispensation for water hook ups. Ms. Wagner said she would contact them and check on if they have any payment policies.

Members of the committee complimented the staff on the comprehensive minutes.

A motion was made and seconded, (J. Tormey, M. Kreiter) to approve the November 11, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion Passed: 5-For, 0-Against.

4. Communications - None

5. Old Business - None

6. Status Reports - None

7. Storm Water Management Division - None

8. Water and Sewer Division

8.1. Status Update Well #5 and Bluemound Water Main Loop

Ms. Mueller updated the committee on the status of Well #5 alternative. She stated that staff is working with Ruekert-Mielke to obtain boring information along the Bluemound Road side between Busse Road and Foster Court to figure out the bedrock depths for final planning. She said we will need that depth to bedrock information to speak with the DNR to determine whether we will need to open cut the river or if they will make us bore the crossing.

Ms. Mueller stated the PSC requires prior approval and budget approval before for any large projects can take place. She has sent a letter to the PSC asking for information on how to close out the Well 5 treatment plant project and start another project. She said this process is moving slowly and updates will continue as more information is received.

8.2. Discussion and possible action regarding the Town of Lisbon Water Service request.

Ms. Wagner provided the committee with a copy of a formal request from the Town of Lisbon (Lisbon) asking for the City of Pewaukee to serve a portion of Lisbon with water. Lisbon also provided a map of the areas of the town to be served. She noted that though Area 3 is shown on the exhibit map, Lisbon indicated that they are not interested the city serving this area; they are only looking for service to Areas 2, 4, and 5.

Ms. Wagner stated she brought this information to the committee to see if they were interested in considering serving areas beyond our municipal borders. She said Lisbon did something similar with the Village of Sussex (Sussex). Lisbon paid for all the infrastructure and turned it over to Sussex for maintenance and operation with the contingency that if Lisbon ever got a water system of their own that they could buy back the system from Sussex for a dollar. Ms. Wagner guesses they will be looking for a similar agreement from us.

Ms. Wagner expressed concern regarding the city's current water system in that area. It is essentially a long dead end that we have been working slowly towards looping the water main up to Woodleaf Reserve to provide backup. She explained that one portion of the loop was part of the Weyer Road project; the next portion will be from the Sports Complex to our new short cut through Swan View Farms, which brought water up to the back side of Balmer Park, basically cutting our route by two-thirds. We could get that loop through Swan View Farms and Broken Hill so that completes a larger loop of the system, and ultimately, we will run it along Lindsay Road and connect to Swan Road, closing the loop for the system. Ms. Wagner answered questions from the committee about the areas she discussed.

Ms. Wagner reported on several issues that would need to be researched.

1. The City of Pewaukee would need an overall system capacity analysis done to determine whether our existing wells are able to serve our municipality as well as its future growth *and* potentially Lisbon, or if we would need an additional well in order to serve the areas outside the municipality. Our current

analysis indicates that at full build-out our city will need an additional well at some point in the future, it's just a matter of where that is. Lisbon had some research done, and they do have the potential for a well in this area, which could be of benefit to us. The analysis we have done previously did not show we have any potential well locations in this general vicinity of the city.

2. We would need to research the pressure and a potential interconnect with Sussex, and how or if we would be able to loop the water main that would extend into Lisbon. Lisbon is looking to serve the little business park which could potentially loop down into our Lindsay Road water main and then down to Lisbon and serve their areas, and then make the connection in Weyer Road to create the looping system in that area.

3. The other concern would be potential water quality issues. Since this is a long dead end, we have to be concerned with potential water quality issues from stagnant water. A need for more flushing would also be necessary.

Ms. Wagner stated an agreement with Lisbon would need to be made indicating who will operate and maintain the system, how we will bill for the water - whether bulk sale or by individual customer, who owns the meters, etc. These would be some of the factors we would need to look into first before we could move forward with some sort of agreement to serve Lisbon.

Ms. Wagner asked the committee if they are interested in considering serving outside the city borders. She said that Lisbon is not looking to annex into the City of Pewaukee. She believes they are using this as a component to incorporate into a village, and we should be cognizant as to what impact that could have on our city.

Alderman Wamser asked how we are billing the people in Delafield on Golf Road? Ms. Mueller stated we never pursued that; they decided on a community well. Ald. Wamser feels billing individual customers would be difficult and feels bulk water would be the preferred method.

Ms. Mueller stated that some of these decisions may be made for us; that they may be determined by the Public Service Commission. She said the capacity analysis study is an important part of this decision because eventually we will have to abandon the 400,000 gallons a minute of water at Well 5 and will need to pick that up somewhere. There is a deep well location at Still River, but we are not sure that will make up the difference we are losing at Well 5.

Mr. Tormey asked if the city has ever done something like this before? Ms. Wagner said we have not served beyond our boundaries before. Mr. Tormey asked if that is the case, do we want to set a precedent? Ms. Wagner said that is what she is asking the committee.

Ms. Mueller mentioned that from a benefit standpoint, we are able to collect a surcharge when we serve customers outside our community, so we would have the opportunity to have more revenue coming in, but she wasn't sure if it would offset the cost of service.

Mr. Tormey questioned if Lisbon is requesting service in Areas 2, 4, and 5, but not Area 3, don't we have to go through Area 3 to get to Area 2? Ms. Wagner said yes, she had that conversation with the

Lisbon engineer who agreed with her, but Lisbon is taking the stance that they don't need service for their customers in that area, so they are not seeking service for them. For looping purposes, Ms. Wagner recommended we either service Area 3 or we do not service any of them. Mr. Tormey stated otherwise we may have a significant amount of cost with no potential for revenue coming in. Ms. Wagner agreed. He suggested we proceed cautiously.

Mr. Swan asked how close we are to Weyer Road with our water loop? Do we use that to loop? Ms. Wagner said we would, that our water main extends to the end of Weyer Road at our municipal boundary, and that is why we would need Area 3 to make the loop of that system.

Mayor Bierce stated he is always in favor of cooperating with people, and his preference would be to annex this land. We have no agreements with Lisbon and they will need to have an agreement with us to become a village.

The committee discussed potential concerns and benefits, and how they might affect our city should we choose to service Lisbon. Following this discussion, Ms. Wagner asked the committee if they are interested in serving beyond our borders. If so, we would need to ask the same questions of the council and if they agree to it, we would go to Lisbon and provide an agreement with a list of studies that need to be done at their cost with our review, or we would do them, depending on who they are using for consultants. We would then bring those results back to the committee with the answer for whether we would have the capacity to do it. And if so, the next question would be do we move on with the design based on those studies or not.

Mayor Bierce asked that if we do the study and this falls apart would we gain any valuable information for our city, or would it just be information for Lisbon? Ms. Wagner stated that we would gain useful information. She said we are planning to do this anyway as part of our facility plan/capacity study, especially with Well 5 coming out of the mix we will need to know how much time we have before the next well needs to be put in service to meet the demands of our city.

Mr. Kreiter asked if this would affect the Great Lakes Basin with keeping water in the watershed? Ms. Wagner said no, not for this particular area.

Mayor Bierce asked the committee if there were any objections to staff bringing this forward to common council to see if they are interested in pursuing serving Lisbon; there were none.

Mr. Kreiter suggested we move cautiously.

A motion was made and seconded, (J. Tormey, D. Swan) to have staff bring the request to council to see if there is interest in serving areas outside city boundaries, and if they want to pursue the formal request by the Town of Lisbon. Motion Passed: 5-For, 0-Against.

9. Engineering Division - None
10. Highway Division - None

11. Public Comments - Please limit your comments to 2 minutes. If further time for discussion is needed, please contact your local Alderperson prior to the meeting.

Ms. Wagner introduced new employee, Michaelis Gabbey, Chief Engineer-Streets & Development, to the committee and briefly explained some of the projects he will be working on. The committee gave Mr. Gabbey a warm welcome.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded, (J. Tormey, D. Swan) to adjourn the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Motion Passed: 5-For, 0-Against.

Respectfully Submitted,

Magdelene Wagner
Director of Public Works