

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, R. Kincaid-Assistant Utility Manager, R. Reed-Utility Billing Specialist

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

Michael Karolek, W237N1157 Kings Court, had questions regarding the 2025 budget for the Sherwood Forest subdivision.

3. Discussion and Action Regarding the Minutes

3.1. Discussion and possible action regarding the meeting minutes of 6/13/2024

A motion was made and seconded (Swan, Tormey) to approve the June 13, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion passed: For-5, Against-0

4. Communications

4.1. Discussion and possible action regarding a speed reduction request for Duplainville Road from 45mph to 35mph.

Ms. Wagner stated she received an email from a resident requesting to reduce the speed limit from 45mph to 35mph on Duplainville Road from Victoria Street north to the city limits. He was concerned about the traffic speeding in the densely populated area with the new subdivisions and the new trail along Duplainville Road.

The Sheriff's department conducted a speed study in the area in June 2024. Previous studies were also conducted in 2023 and 2021. The studies showed that roughly 18% of the traffic exceeded the enforceable limits. There was one crash in 2020, a rear-end collision at Victoria Street, resulting in property damage only. The Sheriff's office considers this a low risk, low enforcement area.

Ms. Wagner stated that Duplainville Road was recently reconstructed. She reviewed the traffic studies and determined the speed limits posted for the roadway were appropriate. Ms. Wagner believes there is adequate sight distance for people to see oncoming traffic in the area, whether operating vehicles, on bikes, or as pedestrians. Duplainville Road does meet all the clear zone and sight-line requirements for this posted speed limit. It is not a densely populated area, and she said staff feels the 45mph speed limit is appropriately posted.

Mayor Bierce agreed with Ms. Wagner's comments but is in favor of lowering the speed limit. The committee discussed the various pros and cons for reducing the speed limit. Alderman Wamser stated he wants to see consistency and feels the speed limit should be reduced to 35mph. Mr. Krieter is in favor of reducing the speed limit to 35mph. Mr. Tormey feels the speed limit should remain at 45mph. Mr. Swan stated he is not in favor of lowering the speed limit.

Fred Lindenstruth, W226N4493 Duplainville Road, stated he is for the speed reduction due to the increased traffic and pedestrians.

A discussion took place regarding the matter. Ms. Wagner stated that staff does not recommend a speed reduction in this area. If the committee agrees to lower the speed limit, it will have to go to Council as an ordinance change.

A motion was made and seconded (Wamser, Kreiter) to recommend to Council to reduce the speed limit from 45mph to 35mph. Motion passed: For-4, Against-1

5. Engineering Division

5.1. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2025 Preliminary Budget for Trails, Roads, and Storm Water Utility.

Ms. Wagner reported on the Department of Public Works preliminary 2025 budget. The Utility budget has been delayed as requested by the Council in previous years, so they can focus on each budget separately.

Engineering: The preliminary Engineering budget is mainly carried over as status quo with a slight increase for obtaining some new equipment for the new truck that was purchased this past year, an additional field tablet, a metal detector, and a few new chairs for office staff.

Highway: The preliminary Highway budget will mainly be carried over as status quo. Ms. Wagner stated that the numbers for the new DPW building are estimated, though she feels comfortable that they are close. She would like one more year to solidify the numbers.

Included in the budget is the replacement of headsets used by the crews during tree trimming and traffic control. Due to ongoing issues and dramatic price increases with the consultant, the City has canceled its animal control contract and has taken over, using city staff to pick up the dead deer along the roadways. That change resulted in a reduction in our budget.

Recycling: The 2025 budget basically remained the same, with a slight increase due to additional residential customers, and an increase in the fees from our contractor.

Forestry: This budget largely remained the same. There will be a second phase of tree removals for dead or diseased trees in the right-of-way.

Boat Launch: Included in the preliminary budget is the rehab of the Lakeview Boulevard launch, which was cut from last year's budget. We would like to extend the current mat to eliminate some of the rilling at the bottom and undermining of the mat from power loading from the boats. In addition, some funds were included for two fishing piers that need some work or possible replacement.

Bike and Pedestrian: The Meadowbrook /Fieldhack Extension project will be in design for next year, using the grant (80%) and our share (20%) of the funding; construction is slated for 2026.

The county is trying to get a connection from Frame Park to the Fox River Trail, and part of that would come across Redford Boulevard. We are waiting on the county to try to figure out how to do that project.

Ms. Wagner discussed various trail projects that are waiting for additional information from the county or other municipalities, and if approved, would be in design for 2025-2026.

At a previous meeting, residents came in with a petition to finish off the trail on Pewaukee Road from Riverwood North down to Tower Place. The council opted to push that into the 2025 budget cycle to see if it would move

forward. It did not move forward on its own outside of the budget, so this was the consideration to bring it into the 2025 budget.

Mayor Bierce asked if Nettesheim Park, Crestview, and Prospect have been designed yet. Ms. Wagner stated the design has been done for the Nettesheim Park crossing, and we are still working with the county. The 164 and Ridgeview crossing is in design, and we are working with the state to coordinate that project. The Crestview crossing was pulled into the Meadowbrook project.

Quiet Zones: Construction is slated for 2025 at Weyer Road, Duplainville Road, Watertown Road, and Green Road. We are currently waiting for approval from the FRA for Weyer Road. We want to do all the projects at the same time, so it will be one long consistent route throughout the region. Brookfield is taking the lead on Springdale Road, and our portion of the bill is included in the budget. The Village of Pewaukee is looking to move forward with their quiet zones, so included in the budget are funds for the Parkside Road project.

Mayor Bierce asked if our quarry has any say in the quiet zones? Do they have to blow the horn for that crossing? Ms. Wagner reported that the only one we had an issue with was Zignego, as it has a private crossing. They were willing to work with us, and ultimately it just required installing a stop sign at their crossing.

Road Projects: Construction is scheduled next year for Westwood and Corporate Court in the business park; Hickory Grove Estates (roadway and sanitary sewer potential expansion, but water is not likely as it is not readily available to that subdivision); and Lexington Phase 2.

Going into design will be the city's section of Watertown Road (Springdale to North Avenue); Rolling Ridge (sewer, potentially water, and roadways); Sherwood Forest and Busse Road (sewer, water, and potential roadways); Green Hill and Yench Road (road reconstruction, and potential development may bring sewer and water to that area); Wethersfield Phase 1 (full depth mills and replacement of asphalt); Springdale Estates, and Glenwood Drive (added because the roadway is failing).

Stormwater Utility Budget: This budget is mainly status quo for the programs. Most stormwater projects go hand-in-hand when doing a road project. Stormwater management improvements will be done, along with some catch basin maintenance.

The stand-alone stormwater project is in the Valleybrook subdivision. We receive complaints on a regular basis about flooding in that area. It appears there are some obstructions that need to be cleaned out, so included are funds for investigation of a potential project in 2026. The rest of the projects are related to either leftover retainage or correlate with road projects that are ongoing in the community.

The five-year paving program, although incomplete, focuses on the next couple of years. The same with the Bike and Pedestrian plan; it focuses on 2025 and gives an idea of 2026.

Mr. Swan stated he likes the idea of the five-year plan for the roads. Ms. Wagner said the projects shift based on road conditions, but it provides our residents with some information for the future. The information can also be found on our website and in our DPW newsletters.

A motion was made and seconded (Kreiter, Tormey) to recommend sending the 2025 budget to the Finance Committee. Motion passed: For-5, Against-0.

Mr. Kreiter requested an update on the Gun Club lift station project on Watertown Road. Ms. Mueller stated that they are starting to pour the concrete bottom; depth is 40 feet. Pictures are in our monthly memo. The anticipated completion date is December 2025.

6. Public Comments

None

7. Adjournment

A motion was made and seconded (Kreiter, Tormey) to adjourn the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Motion Passed: For-5, Against-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Magdelene Wagner
Director of Public Works