

CITY OF LAKE GENEVA PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025 - 4:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; COUNCIL CHAMBERS (MAIN LEVEL)

Members: Chairperson Mary Jo Fesenmaier, Alderpersons: Shari Straube, Joel Hoiland, Peg Esposito, and Cindy Yager

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Fesenmaier 4:00pm.

Roll Call

Present: Fesenmaier, Straube, Hoiland, Esposito, Yager

Absent: None

Comments from the public limited to 5 minutes, limited to items on this agenda

There were none.

Approval of the minutes from January 27, 2025

Motion to approve by Esposito, Second by Yager.

Motion Carried 4-0.

No further discussion.

Staff Reports:

Director of Public Works Report

Director of Public Works Tom Earle gave an overview of his report that was included in the report. Earle discusses various topics on committee member's request.

Street Superintendent Report

Public Works Superintendent Neil Waswo gave an overview of his report that was included in the report.

Parking Manager Report

Parking Manager Beth Gehris- Padro discussed the Operations Report that was included in the packet. Committee members and Gehris-Padro further discussed the Seminary Park Parking Lot.

Engineer Report

Noami Rauch of Kapur discussed her memorandum that was included in the packet.

Rauch shared speed study on Highway 50 will begin in March.

Fesenmaier stated speed study is going to be done to potentially lower the speed limit.

Interim Administrator DeAngelis stated there has to be warrants in order to be able to lower the speed limit.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding update of Ev Charging Stations (Yager)

Alderperson Cindy Yager gave EV Charging Stations information, explained Kwik Trip requirements to install charging stations in certain locations.

Alderperson Esposito shared the benefits of having charging stations locally.

Fesenmaier explained potentially obtaining a grant to cover Ev charging station equipment.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding parking on North Street (Ames)

Ames spoke regarding eliminating parking on the north side of North Street.

Discussion ensued relative to the benefits of the elimination of parking on North Street and restriction of parking during the Highway 50 project.

Mayor Todd Krause explained traffic movement during the Highway 50 project.

Yager recommended temporary issuance of parking if needed during the project.

Motion by Yager to remove parking and change ordinance language for the north side of North Street between Warren and Madison. Second by Fesenmaier.

Motion carried 4-0.
No further discussion.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Brush Drop Off (DPW)

Earle informed the committee the brush drop off is not being used properly, and recommended solutions that were included in the packet.

Motion by Hoiland to approve brush solution scenario two, controlled access with limited extended hours. Second, by Alderperson Straube.

Discussion ensued relative to staffing for brush pick up and extending Saturday brush drop off hours for October and through the first Saturday in November.

Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion followed between committee members and Earle regarding littering and dumping ordinances, and solutions for staffing.

Discussion/Recommendation on Citywide Sidewalk Evaluation Phase 2 priorities (Kapur)

Discussion took place regarding Sidewalk Assessment Phase 2 and sidewalk connectivity issues around the City. Rauch explained the procedure for a task order indicating Phase 2 with cost incorporated.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding 2025 Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract (DPW)

Waswo spoke regarding the renewal of the Tapco signal maintenance contract that was included in the packet.

Motion by Hoiland to approve the 2025 Tapco signal maintenance contract, seconded by Yager.

Alderperson Eposito and Fesenmaier spoke on the pedestrian crosswalk button at intersections on Edwards Boulevard.

Waswo explained intersections on Edwards Boulevard would be reconstructed with the highway 120 project. He also explained pedestrian crosswalk buttons can be removed like downtown intersections.

DeAngelis asked whether pedestrian crosswalk buttons on Edwards Blvd were on County traffic light poles or State traffic light poles.

Earle explained traffic light poles on Edwards Blvd are Dept. of Transportation, but by a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and State along with a plowing agreement, the City is responsible for maintenance.

DeAngelis stated if material changes were to be made, approval would be needed.

Motion to approve the 2025 Tapco signal maintenance contract.

Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding purchase of a new wheel loader for DPW from the Equipment Replacement Fund.

Replacement budget balance; \$270,000.

Earle gave an overview of the Wheel Loader quotes that were included in the packet.

Motion by Hoiland to approve the purchase of a New Case 651G Wheel Loader for the amount of \$216,955.00, seconded by Eposito.

Motion carried 4-0.

No further discussion.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Native Planting(Fesenmaier)

Fesenmaier and Earle spoke about native plantings on Park Row.

Earle reported that native plantings on Park Row are included in the budget.

Fesenmaier requested an update next month.

Discussion regarding Main Street Potholes (DPW)

Waswo spoke about potholes approaching due to frost, warmer weather and rain. He also explained that the Department of Public Works tries to go out at least once a week.

Alderperson Straube reported a sidewalk crack along the lake in Library Park.

Fesenmaier requested a follow-up regarding sidewalk crack.

Discussion/Recommendation regarding Roadway agreement between Linn Township and City Of Lake Geneva for Willow Rd and Willow Blvd.

Earle explained the road maintenance agreement with Linn Township for Willow Rd and Wilmot Blvd. Earle

stated tree maintenance on Wilmot Blvd was added to the agreement.
Committee members and Earle discussed agreement term length and road maintenance on Wilmot Blvd.
Motion by Hoiland to approve the roadway agreement between Linn Township and City of Lake Geneva for a 10-year term starting October 20th, 2024 through October 21st, 2034. Second by Esposito.
Motion Carried 4-0.
No further discussion.

**Discussion regarding pedestrian crossing improvements at the intersection of Broad and Dodge Street.
(Ames)**

Alderperson Sherri Ames explained potential options to improve pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Broad and Dodge Street.
Committee members and Ames further discussed public safety and traffic flow.
Mayor Todd Krause reported the most dangerous crosswalk currently is on Maxwell and Highway 50.
Fesenmaier requested it to be continued until next month with flashing lights, bump outs, and four-way stop information included.
Earle reported that the bump-out option on Broad and Dodge Street would be undesirable due to street width.

Future Meeting Date: March 24, 2025

Agenda and Packet published on the website: March 19, 2025

Fesenmaier gave an overview of next Public Works Committee next month.

Future Agenda Items

- Discussion/Recommendation regarding light pole in alley between Center & Sage Street (Fesenmaier/DPW)
- Discussion/Recommendation regarding update of Ev Charging Stations
- Discussion/ Recommendation regarding adding lights to an electric pole-alley near Center Street
- Discussion regarding Main Street potholes

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Yager at 5:33 pm, seconded by Hoiland.
Motion Carried 4-0.
No further discussion.