

**COMMISSION ON PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES  
COUNCIL ROOM, CITY HALL  
DECEMBER 23, 2025  
6:45 P.M.**

The Commission on Public Works/Utilities met in regular session, Chair Clough presiding.  
On roll call: all members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were declared approved.

Director of Public Works Friemoth reported on three burials at the Cemetery, snow removal-plowing, hauling and clearing sidewalks, picking up garbage in the parks, shop and equipment maintenance, sanding streets, Water Department-daily testing and well rounds, utility locates, snow removal-office, wells, treatment plant and towers, answering questions on lead and copper service line letters, repaired water main break at Black River Road and W. Twenty-First Street, Sewer Department-daily testing and treatment plant rounds, lift station maintenance and inspections, snow removal from treatment plant and lift stations, replaced brushes on the bar screen and other influent channel maintenance, replace wires to power Hewett Street bridge Christmas lights (a broken underground wire in the conduit was found), working between the Dirks Group and Audio Architects to get the Cable Channel running again (the new equipment was installed, but there still seems to be issues with the internet speed), no new heavy equipment/water and sewer operator position applicants have been received (two applicants have applied through Indeed, but have not completed the application).

Jerilyn St. Amand stated that the garbage carts keep rodents away, however people are putting them out days before their collection day or leaving them out all the time.

Motion Neville, second Rochester, that Water Bills Nos. 355 to 379 in the amount of \$36,930.31 and Sewer Bills Nos. 229 to 249 in the amount of \$46,279.77 be paid. All Aye.

Motion Poeschel, second Petkovsek, to adjourn. All Aye.

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Daniel M. Clough, Chair

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Rex R. Roehl, Clerk

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**COMMON COUNCIL  
COUNCIL ROOM  
DECEMBER 23, 2025  
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council met in regular session, Mayor Poeschel presiding. On roll call: all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the previous meeting were declared approved.

Council Member Petkovsek reported on the December 16, 2025 meeting of the Grants Committee regarding reviewing and updating the list of grants in progress.

Council Member Clough reported on the December 17, 2025 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission regarding: 1) discussion on and approval of the purchase of two bronze Historic Landmark plaques for \$1,458, 2) received a \$1,000 Tourism Room Tax grant towards the Historic Marker plaques, 3) update on the 1897 Clark County Jail building, 4) discussion on Historic Preservation Commission website status and self-guided Cemetery Tour status and 5) update on fund balances.

Council Member Clough reported on the December 23, 2025 meeting of the Commission on Public Works/Utilities regarding: 1) current activities and 2) payment of bills.

Mayor Poeschel declared all reports filed as presented with the City Clerk.

Jerilyn St. Amand stated that the City has Dirks Group working on things, the taxpayers have a right to view the City Council meetings. The City should do like Clark County does it.

City Clerk Roehl reported on receiving a \$1,000.00 Neillsville Tourism Committee Room Tax Grant for Historic Preservation Commission Landmark plaques.

Motion Petkovsek, second Rochester, to accept and appropriate \$1,000.00 to Account No. 56300 Planning for Historic Preservation Commission Landmark plaques. All Aye.

City Clerk Roehl reported on receiving a \$10,000.00 donation from Wayne Gross for Cliff's Park.

Motion Neville, second Clough, to accept and appropriate \$10,000.00 to Account No. 57620 Parks Outlay and to thank Wayne Gross and family for their donation. All Aye.

City Clerk Roehl presented the Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs Division of Emergency Management – Cyber Security Grant (Cycle 1 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 2025) in the amount of \$10,968.05.

Motion Clough, second Rochester, to accept and appropriate \$5,894.82 to Account No. 51600 City Hall and \$5,073.23 to Account No. 52100 Police Department Administration. All Aye.

City Clerk Roehl presented the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics – Airport Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for Wisconsin Airports in the amount of \$570.85.

Motion Rochester, second Clough, to accept and appropriate the \$570.85 to Account No. 57350 Airport Outlay. Council Member Gelhaus – Nay, All other members – Aye. 4-Aye, 1-Nay. Motion carried.

Mayor Poeschel presented the old landfill Hunting Land Lease renewal for three years from Paul Rose and John Johnson in the amount of \$1,200.00 per year.

Director of Public Works Friemoth stated that there have been no problems.

Council Member Clough asked about their request for a lock to be placed on the gate.

Council Member Gelhaus stated that he would like to see it opened up for a bid again, not an automatic renewal, how many bids were received last time.

Director of Public Works Friemoth stated there is no issue with them placing a lock on the gate, everything went smoothly and there were three bidders last year, this first year was a trial period.

Motion Rochester, second Clough, to accept the old landfill Hunting Land Lease agreement for three years (2026, 2027, 2028) in the amount of \$1,200 per year. Council Members Gelhaus and Neville – Nay, Council Members Rochester, Clough and Petkovsek – Aye. 3 - Aye, 2 – Nay. Motion carried.

City Clerk Roehl reported that Fourth Ward Council Member Clarissa Rochester has filed Notification of Non-Candidacy and will not be seeking re-election in 2026.

Taxicab License Application:

Five Dollar Bar Hopper, LLC, William J. Hohlway, Agent, 136 W. Fifth Street

Motion Clough, second Neville, to grant. All Aye.

Hotel/Motel Room Tax Permit Applications:

Forward GRP, LLC, Neillsville House, Logan Grap, Agent, 401 W. Seventeenth Street

Lu & Co., Selah: The Black River Lodges, Heather E. Grambsch, Agent, 1214, 1216 and  
1218 W. Fourth Street  
Shivaa WI, Inc. Super 8, Vishnubhai G. Chaudhari, Agent, 1000 E. Division Street  
Two Keys, LLC, Tammy Bowe, Agent, 409 W. Division Street  
Tuft’s Mansion, LLC, James A. Voss, Agent, 26 Hewett Street

Motion Rochester, second Clough, to grant all the listed permits. All Aye.

Motion Neville, second Rochester, that City Bills Nos. 1095 to 1140 in the amount of  
\$233,927.88 be paid. All Aye.

Motion Neville, second Rochester, to adjourn. All Aye.

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Duane G. Poeschel, Mayor

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Rex R. Roehl, Clerk

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