

**Board of Public Works
of the City of Onalaska**

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

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1 The Meeting of the Board of Public Works of the City of Onalaska was called to order at 6:30
2 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. It was noted that the meeting had been announced and a
3 notice posted at City Hall.

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5 Roll call was taken with the following members present: Mayor Joe Chilsen, Ald. Diane Wulf,
6 Ald. Kim Smith, City Engineer Jarrod Holter, Financial Services Director/Treasurer Fred
7 Buehler

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9 Also Present: City Administrator Eric Rindfleisch, Ald. Tom Smith, Ald. Boondi Iyer, Parks and
10 Recreation Director Dan Wick, Buildings Manager Brian Babiash

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12 **Item 2 – Approval of minutes from previous meeting**

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14 Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Fred, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as
15 printed and on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

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17 On voice vote, motion carried.

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19 **Item 3 – Public Input (limited to 3 minutes/individual)**

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21 Ald. K. Smith called for anyone wishing to provide public input.

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23 **Tom Smith, First District Alderperson**
24 **1631 Sand Lake Road, Suite 224**
25 **Onalaska**

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27 “I am here as a District One representative, and also as a Councilman. I wanted to introduce you
28 to Agenda Item Number 5. You’re going to be talking about [intersection control] at East
29 Avenue and Riders Club Road, which I think you’ve heard before. It’s nothing new. I’ve talked
30 to Jarrod about it before. I lived four houses down from there for 14 years before we moved, so I
31 am very familiar with the challenges of that intersection [as well as] the growth and the traffic
32 and the speed and all the things that we’ve had. Since I’ve been a Councilperson, I’ve had quite
33 a few of my old neighbors and quite a few people [ask], ‘Can you do something about it because
34 we’ve been to the city and we’ve done quite a few things.’ I talked to Jarrod, and Jarrod said
35 there were some studies done just recently with the Riders Club [Road] improvements, and it just
36 couldn’t justify a four-way stop. That was one of the discussions: could there be a four-way
37 [stop]? I almost got hit three times in the 14 years I was there just because there were people
38 going through it, and just a lot of different things. As a representative for the district, I’ve had 10
39 people approach me. I’ve had the soccer parents and grandparents, high school soccer parents,
40 and also the hockey ones ask if it would help if they could put together a petition and sign it or
41 even come to a public hearing in the future. I [told them], ‘Let’s take it a step at a time and get it

42 out.’ Jarrod suggested putting [this item] back on for discussion, and that’s the background of
43 why I am asking again. I don’t know the answer, and maybe there isn’t [one], but I would really
44 appreciate it if we could take a look at this. Maybe it’s not a four-way stop sign, but are there
45 other solutions we could do? It seems to keep coming up all the time, and I’ve experience it
46 firsthand myself. As a representative of my folks in District One, and also as a citizen who lived
47 in that neighborhood, I just want to make sure something gets fixed before someone gets killed.
48 There have been some close [calls], but there has never been ... I lived two houses from there
49 before, so I’ve seen some real close ones. That’s my input. Thank you.”

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51 Ald. K. Smith called three times for anyone else wishing to provide public input and closed that
52 portion of the meeting.

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54 **Consideration and possible action on the following items:**

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56 **Item 4 – Review and consideration of parking along 3rd Avenue North at 301 Main Street**

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58 Jarrod noted board members’ packets include a map that outlines a proposal for 15-minute
59 parking extension at 3rd Avenue North, just north of Main Street. Jarrod referred to the July 2
60 Board of Public Works meeting and noted Dean Dickinson, who owns the structure located at
61 301 and 305 Main Street, had addressed the board during public input. Jarrod noted this item
62 was not on the July 2 Board of Public Works meeting agenda, and he read the following
63 comments Dean had made at that time: *“I own the property at 301 Main Street. We’ve had an
64 ongoing issue with regard to parking and the lack of restriction on parking, both in front of the
65 building on Main Street and on 3rd [Avenue], which is on the west side of the building. It’s been
66 an issue for a couple of years, but it has been exacerbated by David Reay’s Restaurant and the
67 amount of business and parking that’s required for that facility. ... I am asking for the [Board of]
68 Public Works to consider – especially on the west side of that building – extending the 15-minute
69 parking restriction all the way from the sidewalk to the driveway into the parking lot.”* Jarrod
70 noted Dean had cited a number of reasons as to why he was making the request, and also that
71 Bruce Barge, owner of Barge Nutrition & Supply and one of Dean’s tenants, also had spoken
72 during public input.

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74 Jarrod said this item was placed on this evening’s agenda for discussion, and he told board
75 members, “This issue has come up a number of times. At one point, Mr. Dickinson went out and
76 did a little painting on the curb, which we had to tell him he couldn’t do. As we all know, the
77 parking in the downtown area is at a premium. Third and Main is probably at the epicenter of
78 what parking we have down there as far as needs. We do have the one existing 15-minute
79 parking spot that does have a sign with an arrow down there, but [Dean Dickinson] is requesting
80 two more for his tenants. I guess we could attack this a variety of different ways. This has been
81 on the agenda before. I think if you were going to move forward with some sort of action, it
82 really should have another public hearing notice out and sent to all the businesses in the

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83 downtown area to see what their opinion would be of this. We have looked at this over the last
84 few years, and it has previously been denied.”

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86 Motion by Mayor Chilsen, second by Jarrod, to proceed with a public hearing regarding parking
87 along 3rd Avenue North at 301 Main Street.

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89 Jarrod asked if the public hearing should occur at the September 3 Board of Public Works
90 meeting.

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92 Mayor Chilsen said yes.

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94 On voice vote, motion carried.

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96 **Item 5 – Review and consideration of intersection control at East Avenue and Riders Club**
97 **Road**

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99 Jarrod told board members Ald. T. Smith had brought forward this item for consideration, and he
100 said the intersection of East Avenue and Riders Club Road has been studied for intersection
101 control on multiple occasions over the last 20 years. Jarrod said as part of the Riders Club Road
102 reconstruction project, staff had recommended performing an in-depth study regarding
103 intersection control evaluation that would be completed to Wisconsin Department of
104 Transportation standards. The study revealed the current two-way stop configuration meets
105 warrants from an engineering analysis. Jarrod said that although accidents have occurred at this
106 intersection, “they have not raised the intersection to the point of a four-way stop.” Jarrod said
107 the intersection control analysis also examined future traffic volumes that would take into
108 account any future growth that could occur around the current Sand Lake Road/Riders Club
109 Road intersection. Jarrod said it is the lone north-south roadway in the northern section of the
110 city, noting State Trunk Highway 35 is located on the western edge of the city; Sand Lake Road
111 travels up the Sand Lake Road valley; and East Avenue proceeds north-south. Jarrod suggested
112 perhaps installing traffic-calming measures along East Avenue instead of a four-way stop, and he
113 told board members the Engineering Department could investigate further and present possible
114 recommendations at a future meeting. Jarrod said, “Looking at some of the updated crash
115 statistics – and I don’t think the traffic counts have changed substantially in the last three years
116 since they were last done – engineering-wise, I would stick with the recommendation [from] the
117 2016 report. But we could have that updated by a traffic engineer if we so choose.”

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119 Fred inquired about possible traffic-calming measures.

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121 Jarrod said options include striping, traffic bump-outs, speed tables, speed bumps, and chicanes.
122 Jarrod told Fred that while he does not believe some of the aforementioned options would be
123 appropriate for the intersection, “we could look at a variety of items to possibly assist with the

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124 intersection.”

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126 City Administrator Rindfleisch said it has been his experience that if there is an issue of speed, a
127 four-way stop sign does not address the issue. Rather, it increases safety concerns. City
128 Administrator Rindfleisch said, “I think people have a false sense of security at four-way stop
129 signs. Vehicles look out for other vehicles, but they do not look out for pedestrians or bicyclists.
130 I think it creates one issue trying to solve a different issue. I would agree that the traffic-calming
131 situation ... If speed is the issue, there are solution we can do to slow down the traffic and make
132 that a safer intersection throughout without necessarily adding a four-way stop to that one.” City
133 Administrator Rindfleisch reiterated he believes motorists have a false sense of security at four-
134 way stops and said, “People are aggravated by having to stop, so they tend to rush their progress
135 through that intersection, whereas if we slow down the traffic, it’s a very wide street [and] it
136 feels wider than even being on the interstate [because] there’s so much black there. I think it’s
137 very easy for speeds to increase there and for people not to pay attention. They have a sense of
138 doing the right speed, whereas I think narrowing the road or doing some bump-outs would slow
139 that speed down naturally there as well. I would be careful of simply trying to provide a simple
140 solution to a complex problem, that being a four-way stop, because I think it may not actually
141 solve the traffic issues. It may increase pedestrian and bicycle accidents that we currently are not
142 experiencing at this point in time.”

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144 Ald. K. Smith asked Jarrod if the Police Department’s radar trailer that projects the speed at
145 which motorists are traveling has been utilized at the intersection of East Avenue and Riders
146 Club Road.

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148 Jarrod told Ald. K. Smith that while the trailer has been utilized in the area, he is not certain if
149 the Police Department has downloaded the data. Jarrod said the trailer was utilized to inform
150 motorists how fast they were driving, and he told board members that data could be utilized as it
151 would inform city staff what the 85th percentile speed would be. Jarrod also told board members
152 that when East Avenue and the adjacent Onalaska School District property were reconstructed
153 north of Riders Club Road in 2003, East Avenue was installed with extra width nearly to the East
154 Avenue/Mason Street intersection because at the time there was the possibility a school could be
155 constructed in that location. Jarrod said, “It is a wide facility to the north of Riders Club. It’s
156 relatively flat. It’s straight. You can see a long way, so it gives people ... When they look at it,
157 they just want to go fast. There is nothing to really slow you down visually in that area. We
158 could look at a variety of those things, but I don’t know if we want to refer it and bring it back
159 and see what we find out or gather more information with the speed trailer.”

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161 City Administrator Rindfleisch told board members residents in the vicinity of the East Avenue
162 and Riders Club Road intersection might be circulating a petition and suggested referring this
163 item so the public has the opportunity to present the petition and provide insight.

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165 Ald. K. Smith invited Ald. T. Smith to address the board.

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167 Ald. T. Smith told board members a four-way stop does not have to be installed at the
168 intersection and said, “I think we need to look at it again, and if we can do something I think that
169 would be great. ... Having lived on East Avenue, the speed is an issue. And the more I think
170 about it, I think it does make sense. People are flying. Now to stop at a four-way stop sign, you
171 have bicycles going through there. [There are people] going to the pool. You have the YMCA
172 there, [and a four-way stop] might actually create more problems. I think it is definitely worth
173 looking at.” Ald. T. Smith also addressed the traffic counts tied to the new multifamily
174 development along Abbey Road, noting a majority of those individuals will be utilizing East
175 Avenue and suggested perhaps the traffic issues could worsen in the future along that corridor.
176 Ald. T. Smith said, “We have to do something, otherwise we’re going to have something more
177 serious.”

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179 Ald. K. Smith said it is her understanding board members do not wish to take any action this
180 evening as Jarrod will conduct research and the board will address this item again at its
181 September 3 meeting.

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183 **Item 6 – Review and consideration of request from Town of Onalaska to connect a storm**
184 **sewer pipe from Kristy Lane to Lawrence Place**

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186 Jarrod told board members Lukasz Lyzwa, the Town of Onalaska’s engineering consultant who
187 is employed by General Engineering Company, had made the request to connect a storm sewer
188 pipe from Kristy Lane to Lawrence Place via a letter dated June 27, 2019. A copy of the letter
189 was included in board members’ packets. Jarrod said board members’ packets also include
190 copies of a map that shows the Lawrence Place right-of-way that comes off East Avenue, and the
191 City of Onalaska limits line. Jarrod described Lawrence Place as being composed of gravel and
192 similar to an alley, and he also said it is a low spot that does not drain out. Jarrod said rainwater
193 typically soaks into the ground at this location, and he told board members the Town of Onalaska
194 needed to both pump runoff water and gather it with a streetsweeper this past winter when the
195 ground was frozen and discharge it into the street. Jarrod described this area as being similar to
196 bathtub in that there is no way to remove the water. Jarrod said the storm sewer located on
197 Kristy Lane is sized for the area and noted it is part of the drainage area when the area was
198 designed for the development that was created.

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200 Jarrod said the Town of Onalaska wishes to connect to the storm sewer and told board members,
201 “When I look at this, staff is requesting the authorization to negotiate with the town on this and
202 look at this further. We didn’t want to go forward with it until we knew if there was no chance
203 of it moving forward. This would not guarantee in any way that they could connect, but I think it
204 could be worthy of looking at a partnership with the township.” Jarrod described the area in
205 question as being unique and having a relatively small drainage shed, and he said, “We do want

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206 to make sure that whatever we would do here is not precedent-setting, or each individual case is
207 different. I look at this case as [being] different than some other things that may come up. We
208 just have to be careful in that regard.”

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210 Motion by Mayor Chilsen, second by Ald. Wulf, to give City of Onalaska staff the ability to
211 further negotiate with the Town of Onalaska regarding its request to connect a storm sewer pipe
212 from Kristy Lane to Lawrence Place.

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214 Ald. K. Smith asked Jarrod if the motion on the floor addresses what he needs.

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216 Jarrod said the motion is sufficient for the short term and told Ald. K. Smith this item will be
217 brought back before the Board of Public Works after city staff meets with Town of Onalaska
218 representatives.

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220 Fred described storm water as being a perk for any properties that want to be annexed into the
221 City of Onalaska, and he said, “If you have areas here that have no reason to ever have water or
222 sewer, why would they ever annex?”

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224 Ald. K. Smith said she believes there was a similar case a few months ago involving a drainage
225 issue that was located against the Town of Onalaska.

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227 Jarrod acknowledged the presence of a drainage issue south of the Meier Farm addition off Sand
228 Lake Road, noting the individuals in this area are both City of Onalaska and Town of Onalaska
229 residents. Jarrod told board members only Town of Onalaska residents living in the area in
230 question are affected by this situation.

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232 On voice vote, motion carried.

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234 **Item 7 – Review and consideration of professional engineering services for Well #9 post**
235 **chlorine addition**

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237 Jarrod noted there is a treatment facility located at Well No. 9 that removes manganese and iron
238 from the water supply. The treatment facility utilizes chlorine as the oxidant to precipitate the
239 removal process, and chlorine is added before it reaches the large tank located at the facility
240 where the process occurs. Jarrod noted the city has utilized the facility for three years, and he
241 told board members staff is attempting to remove the manganese and iron via the treatment
242 process, but there cannot be excessive chlorine at the beginning of the process. Jarrod said staff
243 is having a difficult time ensuring there is the proper amount of chlorine for disinfection
244 purposes leaving Well No. 9 and entering the city’s water system. Jarrod told board members
245 the best solution appears to be creating another chlorine injection point after the treatment
246 process, and as the water exits the building. Jarrod noted Strand Associates had designed Well

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247 No. 9 and said staff had examined modifying various facilities via the Capital Improvements
248 Budget. However, the cost to do so was higher than anticipated. Jarrod noted this project had
249 been included in the 2019 Water Department Operating Budget, and he told board members
250 Strand Associates would provide engineering services (e.g. design and construction
251 administration).

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253 Jarrod referred to a copy of the task order included in board members' packets and said Strand
254 Associates would be responsible for the specifications, drawings, and working with the
255 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at a cost not to exceed \$16,300 through
256 construction. Jarrod referred to a copy of an email from Andy Mullendore of Strand Associates
257 included in board members' packets that states the construction costs would be approximately
258 \$36,300. Jarrod told board members that sum is an estimate and that he is not seeking approval
259 for it. Rather, he is seeking approval for the design. Jarrod said, "If you look at the normal
260 engineering cost percentagewise, this is a high cost for this. But with the DNR submittals, a
261 small construction project can take as much time as it does to get approval on a \$1 million well.
262 It's a small project, but the engineering costs are relatively high on a percentage basis. But
263 looking through what they're trying to get approved, I think it is what needs to be done and the
264 cost associated with that amount of work is at the level it should be. Staff is looking at moving
265 forward with this and have Strand work on this, and then we would eventually get DNR approval
266 and then bid out the work."

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268 Ald. K. Smith inquired about the amount budgeted for this project in the 2019 Water Department
269 Operating Budget.

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271 Jarrod said \$30,000 was budgeted, but staff did not have an accurate financial figure at the time
272 as the engineer had not yet examined the well. Jarrod said Strand Associates' work could be
273 funded out of the Contractual Services Account in the 2019 Water Department Operating
274 Budget, and he told Ald. K. Smith the 2019 Capital Improvements Budget includes funding for
275 wellhouse improvements, and those funds could cover the construction costs.

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277 Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Jarrod, to authorize Strand Associates to provide professional
278 engineering services for Well #9 post chlorine addition, per Task Order No. 19-03, at a cost not
279 to exceed \$16,300.

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281 On voice vote, motion carried.

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283 **Item 8 – Review and consideration of masonry repairs to City Hall and Main Street**
284 **columns**

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286 Jarrod referred to a copy of an email from Alec Schwartz of Fowler and Hammer included in
287 board members' packets and noted city staff has been in contact with Fowler and Hammer since

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288 August 2018 regarding the masonry repairs. Jarrod told board members Buildings Manager
289 Brian Babiash is attending this evening's meeting and said Brian has been coordinating the
290 project with Fowler and Hammer. Jarrod told board members there are water intrusion issues
291 occurring at City Hall, which was constructed in 1999, due to some of the mortar on the
292 building's masonry, and he also noted caulking needs to be done. Jarrod said the columns
293 located by the east entrance are taking in water and need to be rebuilt. There also are water-
294 related issues by the east doors; specifically, there is water intrusion into the stairway column.
295 There also is the need for tuck-pointing and caulking in various locations around City Hall.
296 Jarrod said this project will be difficult to bid out because the contractors will not know what
297 they are dealing with until the project commences, and he noted Fowler and Hammer has
298 submitted costs for time and materials. These costs are shown in the copy of the email included
299 in board members' packets.

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301 Jarrod said, "Our first priority is to get the work done on City Hall itself. If we have budgeted
302 monies left, we would request that those monies be used on the Main Street columns. If you
303 look at the Main Street columns, you can see salt has deteriorated the first couple, three rows of
304 mortar that hold the bricks together. If we don't do something in the next few years, we're going
305 to start losing bricks on those columns. I believe first we really want to concentrate on the
306 masonry on City Hall and get that stabilized and get some of the water issues taken care of.
307 Brian has put many hours into trying to find solutions [such as] putting more mulch in and
308 building up areas. I think this is going to be the ultimate fix for this particular problem. Staff is
309 requesting that we allow Fowler and Hammer not to exceed \$50,000 at the hourly costs in the
310 packet tonight. That was included within the 2019 Capital Improvements Budget."

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312 Brian told board members the brick deterioration at the east entrance is three times worse than it
313 was two years ago. Brian also noted weed pulls were not installed on the bottoms of the
314 columns, and he said the bricks are absorbing water. Brian said currently nothing can be done to
315 save the columns from disintegrating, and he told board members it has become necessary to
316 rebuild the two columns on the east side of City Hall. Brian also noted there are locations on top
317 of the window wells that need to be tuck-pointed, and some of the flashing around the windows
318 needs to be repaired. Brian said Alec told him the same issues will occur in other locations
319 around City Hall if repairs are not made to the columns.

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321 Ald. Wulf told Brian that while she understands the east side of City Hall is his number one
322 priority, she also said she prefers to be proactive rather than reactive, and she asked him if he
323 knows by how much the city would exceed its \$50,000 budget if the south (entrance) side of City
324 Hall also were repaired.

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326 Brian told Ald. Wulf that when he and Alec had examined City Hall in the summer of 2018 to
327 obtain a budget number, Alec had thoroughly examined the building and pointed out the areas he
328 believed needed to be addressed. Brian told Ald. Wulf that Alec attempted to incorporate every

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329 factor into his budget pricing, and he said, “I think that number is going to be pretty close. I
330 guess I wouldn’t envision not being able to be taken care of, if anything at all.”

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332 Ald. Wulf asked Brian if he believes all the necessary repairs may be done for \$50,000.

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334 Brian said, “If not, we’re going to be ... I’m assuming we’ll even get the Main Street columns
335 taken care of at the same time.”

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337 Ald. Wulf expressed her desire to complete all the work at once and be proactive, and she stated,
338 “That’s also how I approach city government when I’m working with other people’s money: to
339 treat it very respectfully. I would prefer, if we could, to get it all done at once. I think it would
340 be more cost-efficient, if it even went over a little bit. I would just ask that if it looks like it’s
341 going over a little bit, either it comes back or that we just don’t say ‘no’ to them and say, ‘If it’s
342 going to cost another \$5,000, we’ll revisit it in a couple of years.’ I guess I would like for
343 Council or this board to hear about it, [or] staff. ... I would rather, instead of saying ‘No, it’s not
344 in the budget,’ however we could work that. I would like to get it all done at once, if we could.”

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346 Jarrod noted Fowler and Hammer had examined multiple locations in City Hall and said there
347 should be sufficient funding to address other areas of the building. Jarrod said if Fowler and
348 Hammer discovers additional work that should be completed once the project commences, he
349 will bring that item forward at the following month’s Board of Public Works meeting, provide
350 and update, and bring forward a possible change order. Jarrod said, “That’s our goal, too. We
351 want to seal up the building so hopefully in the long term ... I think it’s been a great building
352 over the years. It has a lot of value to it. We want to try to maintain that over time. The pillars
353 really need to be done on Main Street. If you get up close and look at them, [you can see] they
354 need to be done. But that’s something [that] if it waits one more year, it waits one more year. If
355 City Hall does consume all of it, then maybe we budget again for the pillars or do something like
356 that.”

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358 Brian said he believes Fowler and Hammer understands the city does not want to make any of
359 the repairs it currently needs to address for 20 years once the project have been completed.

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361 Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Fred, to approve Fowler and Hammer for masonry repairs to
362 City Hall and Main Street columns in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, with the understanding
363 City Engineer Jarrod Holter will bring back this item to the Board of Public Works if the project
364 exceeds \$50,000.

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366 On voice vote, motion carried.

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368 **Item 9 – Review and consideration of professional archaeological services for Irvin Street**
369 **project**

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371 Jarrod noted the Irvin Street project has commenced and told board members it was necessary to
372 submit for the archaeological permits required for that area through the State of Wisconsin.

373 Jarrod noted the city has in the past utilized the services of Mississippi Valley Archaeology
374 Center, and he told board members the anticipated cost for utilizing MVAC's services for this
375 project is \$3,594. Jarrod said this is with the assumption no further work will be needed due to
376 further findings on the project. The \$3,594 fee will cover permitting as well as having an
377 archaeologist on site during excavation.

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379 Motion by Jarrod, second by Ald. Wulf, to approve professional archaeological services for Irvin
380 Street project to Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center at a cost of \$3,594.

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382 On voice vote, motion carried.

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384 **Item 10 – Review and consideration of parking restrictions along West Avenue and Park**
385 **Avenue, including parking on City right-of-way**

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387 Jarrod noted earlier this year the Board of Public Works had discussed parking restrictions in the
388 vicinity of West Avenue and Royal Street. Jarrod said at that time staff had examined the
389 parking restrictions and the park located between Royal Street, West Avenue, and Park Avenue,
390 and he noted staff had been directed to examine the park area as well as other solutions for
391 parking. A public meeting was held June 27, and public information meeting notices were sent
392 to all the residents from Troy Street to Quincy Street. Approximately 25 residents attended that
393 meeting. Jarrod noted one of the options showed parking in the park facility, and he said the
394 citizens who attended the meeting clearly stated they do not want to see the park vacated, nor do
395 they want to see it utilized for parking in this area. Jarrod noted Dan Wick had brought this item
396 forward to the Parks and Recreation Board at its July 22 meeting, and he said Parks and
397 Recreation Board members stated as part of their motion they wish to work with the Public
398 Works Department on keeping Park Avenue Park as a park and not to utilize it for any type of
399 parking facility. Jarrod said, "When we had the public meeting, we still had public concerns
400 from residents along West Avenue. If you remember, that street is substandard in width. The
401 residents have troubles getting in and out of their properties and in and out of their driveways,
402 and we also have problems from a maintenance standpoint if we have parking on both sides
403 during winter operations. We can't get a plow through."

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405 Jarrod noted copies of aerial maps showing the Park Avenue Playground and a proposed no-
406 parking zone have been included in board members' packets, and he said that after discussing the
407 parking situation with the residents in the neighborhood, they expressed their desire to see a no-
408 parking zone installed on the east (park) side of West Avenue if the city chose to prohibit
409 parking in the neighborhood. Jarrod said the residents told him they experience more difficulties
410 backing out of their driveways and into another automobile than having individuals park next to

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411 their driveways. Jarrod said, “With the public input that was received at the meeting and the
412 Park Board’s direction that they do not want to use the park for parking, I think we still have the
413 ultimate problem of parking in the neighborhood. And I think looking at the width of this street,
414 it is staff’s recommendation to perform some sort of parking restriction along West Avenue.
415 After conferring with the residents at that public meeting, I would be inclined to have no parking
416 along the east side of West Avenue from the Royal Street right-of-way, back 240 feet, which, if
417 you look at your map that was in the packet from [a previous meeting] where we have a red line
418 that shows no parking, stopping or standing, it would actually be on the other side of the road
419 where it says ‘West Avenue.’ And 240 feet would take us back three parcels, so it would
420 actually be one more parcel further back than what was originally shown on the map.” Jarrod
421 told board members the public could be invited to a future Board of Public Works meeting, and
422 he said he believes there has been a substantial amount of public input on this subject.

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424 Fred noted there appears to be a shed where the words “West Avenue” appears on the map and
425 asked if the parking restrictions would apply from where the ‘W’ is located to the corner.

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427 Jarrod directed board members’ attention to the first map in their packets and said he is
428 proposing installing parking restrictions from Royal Street to the northern property line of the
429 residence located at 812 West Avenue.

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431 Motion by Jarrod, second by Fred, to install no parking along the east (park) side of West
432 Avenue for a distance of approximately 240 feet north from Royal Street to the northern property
433 line of the residence located at 812 West Avenue.

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435 Jarrod noted there is a business (Blue Moon Restaurant) located along Royal Street and said this
436 business consistently attracts many patrons. Jarrod said, “I have taken into account their requests
437 for parking and looked at their actions. But I think due to the substandard street and the fact we
438 can’t get maintenance or a fire truck through when it is parked in, and the effect on the
439 neighbors, I think this is a prudent solution.”

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441 On voice vote, motion carried.

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443 **Item 11 – Review and consideration of chemical treatment of Well #8 well column**

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445 Jarrod said Andrew Jacque of Water Quality Investigations, LLC, had come before the board this
446 past March and given a presentation on the analysis of the city’s wells. Jarrod said city staff has
447 solicited a quote from Municipal Well & Pump, which has previously worked on the city’s wells,
448 to clean the well column and the gravel pack that would be below ground below Well No. 8.
449 The wells are approximately 160 feet in depth. The treatment would clean the entire screen bore
450 hole, and it would radiate out into the gravel pack through which water exits the aquifer and
451 passes. Jarrod referred to a copy of Municipal Well & Pump’s proposal included in board

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452 members' packets and noted the cost of the procedure would be \$29,530.

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454 Jarrod said, "If you go through what they're doing and you start adding up the number of hours
455 and days, this probably is a two-week process to get the entirety of the work done. They will be
456 sampling as they are doing the work. I think that with the work Andrew Jacque has done with
457 our wells, I think Well No. 8 is the highest producing well of our wells on that end of town. This
458 is the one that has the highest biofilm count from what he has seen, so it's best first one to get
459 done. Budget-wise, we're not proposing to do all four wells at once. We're only proposing to
460 do one. We did include in the proposed 2019 budget another well to be done at that time, so
461 we're trying to do them one at a time to work through those processes to work through that.
462 We'll see how this one goes. We may even do two in 2019, but we wanted to get one under our
463 belt and see what would happen. I think this is going to help the water quality of our water
464 coming out of the aquifer. The well at Well No. 8 was drilled in 1978, and we have pulled the
465 actual well and done work on that, and we have cleaned the screen. But we have not done any
466 chemical treatment at this well, so I think it is time. I think it's work that will help our water
467 quality, and [also] hopefully help with our corrosion study. This would be funded out of the
468 2019 Operating Budget for the Water Department."

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470 Ald. K. Smith asked, "That wouldn't include if they needed additional treatments?"

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472 Jarrod told Ald. K. Smith she is correct and said he is proposing the estimated total, but not the
473 additional treatments. Jarrod said, "I think if we do what we have to start with, I think that's
474 going to be good to get us going. Unless we find something that's really beyond what I think is
475 there, we would need the additional treatments, but I don't think we will."

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477 Ald. K. Smith asked, "Maybe if they start doing it and they say, 'We're in the middle of this and
478 we need to do an extra treatment,' is it something you need to know ahead of time?"

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480 Jarrod told Ald. K. Smith it would be and said, "I think if we do the [\$29,530], I don't envision
481 needing additional treatments. But I guess if we were doing it and we thought we needed an
482 additional treatment either for the \$5,810 or the \$5,070, I would have them do it at the time and
483 not have to spend \$15,000 to come back and do another treatment later. I would make sure I had
484 substantial evidence of why we needed to do an additional treatment and come back and tell the
485 board when we did it."

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487 Fred asked if this will be deposited into the stormwater or the sewer.

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489 Jarrod noted the city used to do treatments at Well No. 9 before the water treatment plant was
490 installed, and he told board members the aquifer would be treated with acid washing treatments
491 in an attempt to clean out the iron and manganese bacteria. However, Jarrod also said, "We
492 could never get it under control, and that's the reason we eventually went down the line of

493 putting the treatment in.” Jarrod noted that at the time the city utilized a different vendor that
494 performed those duties, and the city’s sanitary sewer system was overwhelmed. Jarrod said,
495 “This will be going into the sanitary sewer to get rid of it. We will have to ensure that the
496 contractor is doing it at the proper rate. That’s part of the reason we only have one quote. There
497 are very few firms that can do this work, and one of the firms is one we did not have a good
498 experience with, probably 15 years ago. We have not invited them back in to do any work in the
499 city since then.”

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501 Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Fred, to approve Municipal Well & Pump for the chemical
502 treatment of Well #8 well column at a cost not to exceed \$29,530.

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504 On voice vote, motion carried.

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507 **Item 12 – Review and consideration of parking along East Avenue at Northern Hills School**
508 **and addition of median along East Avenue**

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510 Jarrod told board members that Northern Hills Elementary School staff has been utilizing cones
511 to mark the drop-off area for students, and also to facilitate automobiles entering the drop-off
512 zone. Automobiles are not allowed to turn left coming from East Avenue. Jarrod noted the city
513 has added signage along East Avenue stating no left turns are allowed during school days.
514 Jarrod noted staff was working with the 2019 Utility Project at East Avenue and Troy Street,
515 which is located a half block from Northern Hills, and he told board members the contractor for
516 that project did not want to perform the work associated with this project. Jarrod said staff
517 worked with Fowler and Hammer, the city’s miscellaneous concrete contractor which was
518 awarded the 2019 Miscellaneous Concrete bid. Jarrod said Assistant City Engineer Kevin
519 Schubert worked up a bid tabulation for Fowler and Hammer to install a possible median along
520 East Avenue that would permanently prohibit left turns into Northern Hills’ parking area. Jarrod
521 noted there currently is no parking along the west side of East Avenue, and he said the median
522 would push traffic over to the curb lane, yet still allow sufficient room for a travelable lane along
523 that area.

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525 Jarrod told board members staff was surprised upon receiving Fowler and Hammer’s quote,
526 noting the painting costs were “substantially high.” Jarrod said the cost staff received to install
527 the median and without painting was \$4,735, and he told board members, “In looking at this, I
528 think this is a project that would have merit and benefit to be done. We’re trying to be proactive
529 when we find things and bring them forward for possible solutions, especially with the school
530 year starting, but this was not a budgeted item. We do have monies in the General
531 Miscellaneous Concrete Account that is within the Capital Improvements Budget that we could
532 perform the work out of that account. There are still monies in that account for the year; we have
533 not used all those funds up. We have not discussed with the school district partnering on the

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534 cost. This might be something where we live with the cones a few more months or another
535 school year and budget it and have further discussions with the school and see how it actually
536 plays out. Basically, in order to do the project it's probably going to be about \$5,000 to do the
537 project, which seems like a lot of money to put a median in the center of the road. We could
538 probably put up some tubular markers for probably \$1,000. They wouldn't look as good and
539 wouldn't be as permanent, but we could do that and it would probably do the same thing.”

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541 Ald. Wulf asked Jarrod if he is quoting the first two line items on Fowler and Hammer's estimate
542 included in board members' packets (\$4,060 for 18-inch curb and gutter placement, and \$675 for
543 4-inch median island concrete).

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545 Jarrod told Ald. Wulf she is correct and said the long-line epoxy painting would be performed by
546 a contractor at an estimated cost of 7 cents a foot.

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548 Ald. Wulf noted the city has done cost-sharing projects in the past with the Onalaska School
549 District and told Jarrod she would like to explore doing so again with this project.

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551 Ald. K. Smith said safety is important, especially around a school, and stated she agrees with
552 Ald. Wulf about partnering with the Onalaska School District on developing a long-term
553 solution.

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555 Mayor Chilsen said, “It's more annoying to us than it is to them, so I'm not so sure that there is
556 much motivation on their part other than we have continually told them that they can't be making
557 left turns into there. I'm not so sure they would be in agreement with that.”

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559 Jarrod said city staff can discuss short- and long-term solutions with the Onalaska School
560 District, and he told board members he can bring back this item once staff has received
561 additional input.

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563 Ald. K. Smith noted the board will take no action on this item this evening, and also that Jarrod
564 can bring it back before the board when it is appropriate.

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566 **Item 13 – Update from Sustainable La Crosse Commission**

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568 Ald. K. Smith told board members she does not have an update this month and said she will
569 provide an update at the September 3 Board of Public Works meeting.

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571 **Item 14 – Review and consideration of 2019 Utility Project Change Order #1**

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573 Jarrod told board members Change Order No. 1 is at no cost and noted it is for an additional six
574 weeks to complete the project. Jarrod said city staff envisioned the project commencing during

575 the school year, with the disruption occurring in the spring and summer. Jarrod said, “It’s
576 actually worked out where we also missed summer school; they run a lot of summer school out
577 of Northern Hills. But now we will have the disruption in the fall, so it will be the first six weeks
578 of the fall school semester.” Jarrod said Gerke Excavating had received multiple contracts from
579 the city, and Gerke directed several resources toward the Abbey Road project before
580 commencing on Troy Street. Jarrod said the goal with the completion date was to ensure that
581 Gerke did not begin work in front of Northern Hills in April and then complete the project in
582 November. The goal was to allow for a six-week window, and Jarrod said that window has been
583 changed from the spring and summer to the fall. Jarrod said, “Staff feels this is prudent to extend
584 their completion date. It currently is August 30. This would extend it to October 11.” Jarrod
585 added Kevin has been in communication with Northern Hills Principal Amy Russ, who
586 understands the project still is happening.

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588 Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Fred, to approve 2019 Utility Project Change Order #1,
589 extending Gerke Excavating’s completion date to October 11, 2019.

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591 On voice vote, motion carried.

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593 **Item 15 – Pay Estimates: Strand Associates, Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc., Mathy**
594 **Construction, Gerke Excavating, Davy Engineering, MSA Professional Services, Olympic**
595 **Builders, Fowler and Hammer, A-1 Excavating, HSR Associates, Americon, and any other**
596 **contractor/developer**

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602	603	604	605	606
<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Original Contract Amount</u>	<u>Change Orders</u>	<u>Paid to Date</u>	<u>Due this Estimate</u>
607 1. SEH INC.				
608 Green Coulee Reservoir				
609 Design				
610 Estimate #6	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ 13,483.52	\$ 1,251.41
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612 2. DAVY ENGINEERING				
613 French Rd. Booster Station/Crestwood Ln.				
614 Design				
615 Estimate #10	\$ 126,490.00	\$ 76,010.00	\$ 198,872.11	\$ 8,303.07

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617	3. SEH INC.				
618	Abbey Road				
619	Construction				
620	Estimate #4	\$ 34,600.00	\$ -	\$ 22,001.15	\$ 1,559.44
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622	4. GERKE EXCAVATING, INC.				
623	Abbey Road Project				
624	Construction				
625	Estimate #4	\$ 1,536,651.19	\$ -	\$ 820,690.68	\$ 118,525.89
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627	5. OLYMPIC BUILDERS GENERAL CONTRACTORS				
628	6 th & Quincy Pumping Station				
629	Construction				
630	Estimate #4	\$ 989,678.00	\$ -	\$ 218,420.20	\$ 100,956.50
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632	6. FOWLER & HAMMER INC.				
633	2019 Misc. Concrete				
634	Construction				
635	Estimate #3	\$ 109,838.75	\$ -	\$ 24,160.16	\$ 23,339.84
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637	7. STRAND ASSOCIATES INC.				
638	6 th & Quincy Lift Station				
639	Construction				
640	Estimate #3	\$ 33,000.00	\$ -	\$ 17,174.76	\$ 3,624.16
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642	8. A-1 EXCAVATING				
643	Crestwood Lane Utilities				
644	Construction				
645	Estimate #3	\$ 698,189.75	\$ -	\$ 481,131.30	\$ 151,250.62
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647	9. MATHY CONSTRUCTION				
648	2019 Pavement Project				
649	Construction				
650	Estimate #2	\$ 1,082,820.45	\$ -	\$ 42,777.61	\$ 585,348.00
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652	10. HSR ASSOCIATES				
653	PWF Addition				
654	Design				
655	Estimate #3	\$ 81,500.00	\$ -	\$ 40,750.00	\$ 2,785.00
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657	11. MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES					
658	Green Coulee Intersection					
659	Design					
660	Estimate #5	\$ 41,728.43	\$ -	\$ 37,537.30	\$ 4,822.79	
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662	12. STRAND ASSOCIATES					
663	General Engineering					
664	Design					
665	Estimate #1	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 278.49	
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667	13. FOWLER & HAMMER INC.					
668	2019 Irvin St. Streetscaping & Paseo					
669	Construction					
670	Estimate #1	\$ 225,854.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 142,500.00	
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672	14. GERKE EXCAVATING INC.					
673	2019 Utility Project					
674	Construction					
675	Estimate #1	\$ 1,287,302.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 253,214.67	
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677 Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Fred, to approve the 14 pay estimates listed on a document
678 dated August 6, 2019.

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680 On voice vote, motion carried.

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682 **Adjournment**

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684 Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Jarrod, to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.

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686 On voice vote, motion carried.

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689 Recorded by:

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691 Kirk Bey