

**Utilities Committee**

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

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1 The Meeting of the Utilities Committee was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4,  
2 2020. It was noted that the meeting had been announced and a notice posted at City Hall.

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4 Roll call was taken, with the following members present: Ald. Dan Stevens, Ald. Jim Olson,  
5 Ald. Diane Wulf, Village of Holmen Trustee Micah Wyss, Village of West Salem Trustee Leroy  
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8 Also Present: City Administrator Eric Rindfleisch, Mayor Kim Smith, City Attorney Amanda  
9 Jackson, Financial Services Director/Treasurer Fred Buehler, Human Resources Director Hope  
10 Burchell, City Engineer Jarrod Holter, Planning Manager Katie Aspenson, Fire Chief Billy  
11 Hayes, Ald. Tom Smith

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13 **Item 2 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

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

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18 On voice vote, motion carried.

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

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22 Ald. Stevens called three times for anyone wishing to provide public input and closed that  
23 portion of the meeting.

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

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27 **Item 4 – MASS TRANSIT**

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29 A. Shared Ride Transit:

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31 1. Financials (Justin Running or Paul Woodward/Fred Buehler)

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33 Paul Woodward reported the January 2020 statistics:

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  - 36 • **West Salem Trips:** 586 (a decrease of 14 from January 2019)
  - 37 • **Holmen Trips:** 1,248 (an increase of 187 from January 2019)
  - 38 • **Onalaska Trips:** 3,070 (an increase of 394 from January 2019)
  - 39 • **Total Trips:** 4,904 (an increase of 567, or 13.07 percent, from January 2019)
  - 40 • **MTU Passes:** 609 (a decrease of 12 from January 2019)
  - 41 • **Agency Trips:** 1,104 (an increase of 942 from January 2019)
  - **Year-to-Date Trips:** 4,904 (an increase of 567 from January 2019)

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- 42       • **Revenue:** \$20,891 (an increase of \$4,228, or 25.37 percent, from January 2019)

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44 Paul noted the average fare is approximately \$4.25.

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46 Motion by Ald. Olson, second by Leroy, to accept the Shared Ride Transit Financials and place  
47 them on file.

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49 On voice vote, motion carried.

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51       B. MTU:

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- 53           1. Transit Financials 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter information (Adam Lorentz)

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55 Fred noted committee members had received the MTU Transit Financials, which include the  
56 following data:

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- 57       • **Total Route 9 passengers for 2019:** 16,873  
58       • **Total Onalaska passengers for 2019:** 59,816

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60 Fred next referred to a handout titled “Exhibit B” and said that when the rate of \$53,000 was  
61 given to the City of Onalaska in 2018 for the 2019 budget, “we had \$53,362, with a combined  
62 federal and state rate of 54.15 percent. On the sheet I handed out to you, the federal and state  
63 share was reduced on May 17, so it took over six months for us to receive this document from  
64 the City of La Crosse that is showing the city owes an additional \$1,705 for 2019.”

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66 Ald. Stevens asked Fred if he knows why the federal and state share was reduced.

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68 Fred said he had examined the past history for MTU, it has been in the area of 53.54 percent.  
69 Fred said, “For some reason they had etched it up. It should have been etched where it was.”  
70 Fred added the city will be establishing the \$1,705 as an Accounts Payable for 2019 business.  
71 The City of Onalaska’s share is now \$55,067.

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73 Leroy noted MTU had listed 186 special fares for the fourth quarter of 2019, but no special fares  
74 were listed in the first, second, and third quarters. Leroy asked Fred if he knows anything about  
75 what special fares are.

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77 Fred told Leroy he does not know, but he will find out. Fred also said he had read an article that  
78 stated there will be no ridership fare charges during the primaries and elections.

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80 Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Leroy, to accept the MTU Transit Financials.

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82 On voice vote, motion carried.

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Reviewed 3/6/2020 by Fred Buehler

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84 C. Holmen Transit Input (Holmen Rep.)

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88 D. West Salem Transit Input (West Salem Rep.)

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92 E. Onalaska Transit Input (Onalaska Rep.)

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96 **Item 5 – UTILITIES**

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100 **Adjournment**

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102 Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Leroy, to adjourn at 7:09 p.m.

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104 On voice vote, motion carried.

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