

## Utilities Committee

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

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1 The Meeting of the Utilities Committee was called to order at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7,  
2 2021. 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 (either in person or remotely): Ald.  
5 Tom Smith, Ald. Jim Olson, Ald. Diane Wulf, Village of Holmen Trustee Micah Wyss, Village  
6 of West Salem Trustee Leroy Brown

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8 Also Present (either in person or remotely): City Administrator Eric Rindfleisch, Mayor Kim  
9 Smith, Financial Services Director/Treasurer Fred Buehler, City Engineer Jarrod Holter, Human  
10 Resources Manager Amy Frandsen, Ald. Cari Burmaster, Ald. Dan Stevens, Paul Woodward of  
11 Running, Inc., La Crosse Area Planning Committee Transportation Planner Jackie Eastwood  
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### 13 **Item 2 – Consideration and action on minutes from the previous meeting**

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

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18 On voice vote, motion carried.

### 19 20 **Item 3 – Public Input (limited to 3 minutes/individual)**

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

### 24 25 **Consideration and possible action on the following items:**

### 26 27 **MASS TRANSIT**

### 28 29 **Item 4 – Shared Ride Transit**

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31 A. Financials (Justin Running or Paul Woodward)

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33 Paul reported the May 2021 statistics:

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- 36 • **West Salem Trips:** 574 (an increase of 345 from May 2020)
  - 37 • **Holmen Trips:** 846 (an increase of 441 from May 2020)
  - 38 • **Onalaska Trips:** 1,935 (an increase of 354 from May 2020)
  - 39 • **Total Trips:** 3,355 (an increase of 1,140, or 51.47 percent, from May 2020)
  - 40 • **MTU Passes:** 250 (an increase of 15 from May 2020)
  - 41 • **Agency Trips:** 752 (an increase of 306 from May 2020)
  - **Year-to-Date Trips:** 16,967 (an increase of 240 from May 2020)

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- 42 • **Revenue:** \$70,337 (a decrease of \$3,656, or 4.94 percent, from May 2020)

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44 Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Leroy, to accept and place on file the Shared Ride Transit  
45 Financials.

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47 On voice vote, motion carried.

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49 **Item 5 – MTU:**

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51 A. Transit Financials (Adam Lorentz)

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53 No report.

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55 **Item 6 – Holmen Transit Input (Holmen Rep.)**

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57 No report.

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59 **Item 7 – West Salem Transit Input (West Salem Rep.)**

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61 Leroy informed committee members this will be his final Utilities Committee meeting as he has  
62 accepted a position in Dane County. Leroy said he has enjoyed serving on the committee, and he  
63 wished the best to both the committee’s members and the Shared Ride Transit program.

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65 **Item 8 – Onalaska Transit Input (Onalaska Rep.)**

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67 No report.

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69 **UTILITIES**

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71 **Item 9 – Authorization to implement Step 2 water rates effective 9/7/2021 pursuant to**  
72 **Public Service Commission Docket 4410-WR-106 due to Crestwood Booster Station and**  
73 **Green Coulee Reservoir being placed into service**

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75 Fred said the city had started putting together a full rate water application increase in 2019,  
76 noting a public hearing had been held in the fall of 2020. Fred said the Public Service  
77 Commission had come back and created a two-step rate increase, with the first step going into  
78 effect in October 2020. The second step was to go into effect once the City of Onalaska  
79 completed the Crestwood Booster Station and the Green Coulee Reservoir. Fred told committee  
80 members Jarrod had informed him the city will be in good position to having both online either  
81 on or before September 7. Fred noted he had issued a memo to the PSC authorizing to start the  
82 Step 2 rate increase, and he said, “The Public Service Commission has done so. Everything in  
83 the order has been completed to have it effective [September 7, 2021], of which then they will

Reviewed 07/08/2021 by Fred Buehler

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84 notice on the January 1 water bill.” Fred noted this is an information item and said he believed it  
85 was necessary to inform the general public the Step 2 rate increase will go into effect in  
86 September. Fred further stated, “This allows it to be on our agendas [and] on the website. It’s  
87 also placed in at least three different locations so the city can see it.”

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89 **Adjournment**

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91 Motion by Leroy, second by Ald. Olson, to adjourn at 6:53 p.m.

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93 On voice vote, motion carried.

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96 Recorded by:

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