

**Utilities Committee**

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

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1 The Meeting of the Utilities Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August  
2 7, 2019. 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. Kim Smith, Village of West Salem Trustee Leroy Brown

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7 Also Present: City Administrator Eric Rindfleisch, Financial Services Director/Treasurer Fred  
8 Buehler, Parks and Recreation Director Dan Wick, Fire Chief Billy Hayes, Deputy Finance  
9 Director Kim Isensee

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11 Excused Absence: Village of Holmen Trustee Micah Wyss

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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 Ald. K. Smith, to approve the minutes from the previous  
16 meeting as 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:  
30 1. Financials (Justin Running or Jeff Burckhardt/Fred Buehler)

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32 Fred shared the following June 2019 Shared Ride statistics with the committee:

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34 • **West Salem Trips:** 542 (a decrease of 63 from June 2018)  
35 • **Holmen Trips:** 1,112 (a decrease of 181 from June 2018)  
36 • **Onalaska Trips:** 2,505 (a decrease of 294 from June 2018)  
37 • **Total Trips:** 4,159 (a decrease of 538, or 11.45 percent, from June 2018)  
38 • **MTU Passes:** 543 (a decrease of 115 from June 2018)  
39 • **Agency Trips:** 1,026 (a decrease of 7 from June 2018)  
40 • **Year-to-Date Trips:** 27,366 (a decrease of 1,699 from June 2018)  
41 • **Revenue:** \$110,601 (an increase of \$11,294, or 11.37 percent, from June 2018)

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Ald. Stevens noted the increase in revenue is due to an increase in fares.

Fred noted there also has been an increase in agency trips.

Motion by Ald. Olson, second by Ald. K. Smith, to accept the Shared Ride Transit Financials and place them on file.

On voice vote, motion carried.

b. MTU Transit financials (Adam Lorentz)

No report.

c. Holmen Transit Input (Holmen Rep.)

No report.

d. West Salem Transit Input (West Salem Rep.)

No report.

e. Onalaska Transit Input (Onalaska Rep.)

No report.

**Item 5 – UTILITIES**

a. Update regarding the La Crosse Area Metropolitan Sewerage District

City Administrator Rindfleisch said the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has contacted the City Clerk’s Office regarding potential dates for setting up the hearing, which is the first step after the resolution was completed. The dates have not yet been selected, and the hearing will be local. The city will be giving 30 days notice prior to the actual scheduling of the dates. City Administrator Rindfleisch said he expects the dates will be set aside soon, and he told committee members the City of La Crosse has taken positive action requesting not to create the district. City Administrator Rindfleisch also noted the City of Onalaska had presented to the City of La Crosse a renegotiated sewage treatment contract, utilizing the existing agreement as a basis. The accounting methodology used for a hookup fee was modified, and the City of Onalaska received a counterproposal to that. That counterproposal will come before the Common Council on August 13, and staff will engage the full Council with that document and direction for a response.

Reviewed 8/12/19 by Fred Buehler

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85 **Adjournment**

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87 Motion by Ald. K. Smith, second by Ald. Olson, to adjourn at 7:08 p.m.

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89 On voice vote, motion carried.

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