

**Utilities Committee**

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

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1 The Meeting of the Utilities Committee was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October  
2 2, 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 Holmen Trustee Micah Wyss, Village of West Salem Trustee Leroy  
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8 Also Present: Financial Services Director/Treasurer Fred Buehler, City Engineer Jarrod Holter,  
9 Parks and Recreation Director Dan Wick, Fire Chief Billy Hayes

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

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13 Motion by Ald. K. Smith, second by Ald. Olson, to approve the minutes from the previous  
14 meeting as printed and on file in the City Clerk’s Office.

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16 Motion by Leroy, second by Ald. Olson, to amend the September 4, 2019 Utilities Committee  
17 meeting minutes to read as follows:

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  - Line 372 – “Unreasonable areas” should be changed to “reasonable areas.”

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21 Vote on the amendment:

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23 On voice vote, motion carried.

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25 Original motion restated:

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27 To approve the minutes from the September 4, 2019 Utilities Committee meeting minutes, as  
28 amended.

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30 On voice vote, motion carried.

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

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

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

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39 **Item 4 – MASS TRANSIT**

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41 A. Shared Ride Transit:

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Reviewed 10/4/19 by Fred Buehler

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43 1. Financials (Justin Running or Jeff Burckhardt/Fred Buehler)

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45 Fred reported the August 2019 statistics:

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- 47 • **West Salem Trips:** 516 (a decrease of 146 from August 2018)
- 48 • **Holmen Trips:** 1,167 (a decrease of 49 from August 2018)
- 49 • **Onalaska Trips:** 2,639 (a decrease of 277 from August 2018)
- 50 • **Total Trips:** 4,322 (a decrease of 472, or 9.85 percent, from August 2018)
- 51 • **MTU Passes:** 556 (a decrease of 82 from August 2018)
- 52 • **Agency Trips:** 1,136 (an increase of 214 from August 2018)
- 53 • **Year-to-Date Trips:** 35,904 (a decrease of 2,597 from August 2018)
- 54 • **Revenue:** \$145,523 (an increase of \$14,946, or 11.45 percent, from August 2018)

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

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59 On voice vote, motion carried.

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61 B. MTU:

62 1. Transit Financials (Adam Lorentz)

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64 No report.

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66 2. 2020 Draft Budget

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68 Fred noted the City of Onalaska's local estimated share is \$52,564.

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70 Motion by Ald. K. Smith, second by Ald. Olson, to accept the estimated local share amount of  
71 \$52,564 for MTU services in the City of Onalaska for 2020.

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73 On voice vote, motion carried.

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75 C. Holmen Transit Input (Holmen Rep.)

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77 No report.

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

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81 Leroy told committee members a trustee thought he/she had seen a Shared Ride Transit vehicle  
82 at Gundersen Health System in the City of La Crosse, and Fred had attempted to investigate it  
83 further. Leroy also referred to the comments he had made at the September 4 meeting regarding

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84 going out of the area with Shared Ride, stating he does not want to do it during the current  
85 Request for Proposal (RFP) as he believes there are statutory limitations on being able to do so.  
86 Leroy said, “It was more of a thought of trying to get it out there – should we to try to petition  
87 our Assemblyperson [and say] there’s the service area, and really close by is a major  
88 transportation center. Can we jump over there and use that or connect between the two so our  
89 service complements the presence of the airport?”

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91 E. Onalaska Transit Input (Onalaska Rep.)

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93 No report.

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95 **Item 5 – UTILITIES**

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97 A. Consideration and possible action regarding the October 1, 2019 Public Service Hearing  
98 regarding cost recovery for providing public fire protection service

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100 Fred noted the Public Service Commission had held a public hearing Tuesday, and that notices  
101 had appeared on the city’s website, and also in the La Crosse Tribune and the Coulee Courier.  
102 Fred said there was no general public present, and he told committee members he is asking them  
103 to accept the recommendations from the PSC to establish the charges listed on the handout  
104 distributed to the committee. The recommended quarterly Public Fire Protection Service charges  
105 are as follows:

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107 • **5/8-inch meter:** \$1.47

108 • **3/4-inch meter:** \$1.47

109 • **1-inch meter:** \$3.66

110 • **1¼-inch meter:** \$5.40

111 • **1½-inch meter:** \$7.32

112 • **2-inch meter:** \$11.70

113 • **3-inch meter:** \$21.99

114 • **4-inch meter:** \$36.00

115 • **6-inch meter:** \$72.00

116 • **8-inch meter:** \$117.00

117 • **10-inch meter:** \$174.00

118 • **12-inch meter:** \$234.00

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120 Motion by Ald. K. Smith, second by Ald. Olson, to accept the Public Fire Protection Service Fee  
121 Schedule, as outlined on Sheet No. 1, F-1, Amendment No. 30.

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123 Fred said the reason this is not tied in with the city’s full-blown water rate increase is these  
124 charges would go into effect January 1, 2020. Fred said this increase is an easy one to

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125 implement so that the process may commence.

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127 On voice vote, motion carried.

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129 **Adjournment**

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131 Motion by Ald. K. Smith, second by Ald. Olson, to adjourn.

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133 The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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136 Recorded by:

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138 Kirk Bey