

VILLAGE OF MARATHON CITY, MARATHON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING – HYBRID

VILLAGE HALL – BOARD ROOM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER at 4:02 pm

UTILITY ROLL CALL: A. BERENS-Present, B. BOHR-Present, M. TELFORD-Absent,
D. SEILER-Present, K. HANDRICK JR.-Present

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

a. Virtual Meeting Guidelines

i. This meeting will be recorded and available upon request

b. Public Participation at Government Meetings

Attending in Person – Village Public Works Intern – Connor Smith

Attending Virtually – Kevin O'Brien from the Record Review

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a. Discuss and Possible Action on Approval of Minutes for May 28, 2025 Utility Commission Meeting

MOTION – Approve Minutes from May 28, 2025 Utility Commission Meeting

Motion made by Bohr second by Handrick. Motion passed by voice vote.

5. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS

Commission Members questioned the following bill payments:

Check #48763 – Aquafix, Inc. – Bug on a Rope degreaser for lift stations

Check #48765 – Bassett Mechanical – 3 different invoices at WWTP

Check #48794 – Land Clearing Services, Inc. – Curb stop at Peoples State Bank

MOTION – Approve Payment of Bills

Motion made by Handrick second by Bohr. Motion passed by voice vote.

6. PUBLIC UTILITY OPERATIONS & FACILITIES REPORT

Director of Public Works, Ken Bloom, presented the Commission with a Facilities Report for June. The report and supplemental material can be found in the Agenda Packet.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Discussion on Cure-In-Place Piping Options

Administrator Cherek opened discussion stating he reached out to other municipalities that have utilized cure-in-place piping. The City of Wausau Public Works Supervisor told Cherek they have seen good results from the process. The project would add an estimated 50 years to the life of the sewer mains.

Cherek explained a price break by doing more lineal feet at one time. The whole project would cost an estimated \$40 per lineal foot, whereas, splitting the project in half is estimated at \$45 per lineal foot. He explained it made sense to do the whole project at once to save on the mobilization fees of having the company come with equipment 2

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different times and the rate of inflation may push the \$45/foot higher by time the Village would be ready to do the second half of the project.

Financially, it is a good time to do the full cure-in-place project as it is included in the Capital Improvement Plan financial restructuring that the Village Board is planning to approve in July. This allows the project to be funded by a bond as opposed to a bank General Obligation (GO) note. Bonds typically get better interest rates than GO notes. If Commission were to approve half the project to be completed in the 2025-2027 CIP, the second half would likely be ineligible to be bonded due to the smaller financial size of the loan needed. A bank note would be the finance option. That could mean higher interest rates.

Cherek notified the Commission that doing the whole project at once would require a sewer rate increase of about 7.5% (2.5% for the next 3 years).

MOTION – Approve Full Cure-In-Place Project and Forward to Village Board for Final Approval

Motion made by Handrick second by Seiler. Motion passed by voice vote.

8. NEW BUSINESS

No new business discussed.

9. SCHEDULED MEETINGS

- a. Waste Water Treatment Plant Tours – Wednesday, June 18, 2025 – 5:30pm & 6:30 pm
- b. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, July 30, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.
- c. Special Meetings as Needed

10. ADJOURNMENT at 5:15 pm

Motion to adjourn made by Bohr second by Handrick. Motion passed by voice vote.