

CITY OF NEW LONDON
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES
Monday, July 1, 2025

Members Present: John Hass, Mike Barrington, Bernie Ritchie, Dave Dorsey, Dennis Herter

Council Members: Mayor Herter, Bob Besaw, BaLynda Croy, John Faucher, Charlene Magolski, Tim Roberts

Others Present: Chad Hoerth, City Administrator
Robert Garske, Director of Public Works
Ginger Sowle, Director of Parks & Recreation

Visitors: Craig Schuh, Ayers Associates

J Hass called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM

Motion to approve the agenda was made by B Ritchie, second by D Herter to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all, 11-0.

Public Input: None

M Barrington motioned, D Herter seconded by for approval of May 5, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried by all, 11-0.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Update: Wastewater Notes enclosed with the packet.

Review bid tab and recommend awarding HVAC unit replacement at the Senior Center to Hoffman Heating and Cooling, Inc.: Three bids were received for the HVAC unit replacement at the Senior Center. Director Garske provided the bid tab information showing that Hoffman Heating and Cooling, Inc. came in with the lowest bid at \$43,850. It was recommended to award Hoffman Heating and Cooling the contract.

M Barrington motioned, D Herter seconded to awarding HVAC unit replacement at the Senior Center to Hoffman Heating and Cooling, Inc. Motion carried by all, 11-0.

Review and recommend stop sign ordinance for uncontrolled intersections: Director Garske listed 5 uncontrolled intersections where stop signs would be placed. In discussion, it was recommended by Mr. Roberts to re-evaluate stop sign placement at the intersection of Millard St and Smith St. Winter weather conditions can make it difficult to accelerate from a stopped position on the incline. Director Garske would look into it.

D Herter motioned, B Ritchie seconded to review and recommend stop sign ordinance for uncontrolled intersections. Motion carried by all, 11-0.

Discussion and recommend to Council STP – Urban grant application for Pearl St.: The STP-Urban applications have opened up again. New London has applied for Pearl Street three times unsuccessfully, and it was stated that there is no guarantee that it would be awarded to New London this time. It was discussed how the positives outweigh the negatives for this large of a project. Anticipated budget for reapplying for the grant is \$3,000. The probable cost estimate of the project for Pearl Street would range from \$2,800,000 to \$3,200,000. If New London was awarded the grant it would bring the cost down to 20% of those numbers, \$560,000 to \$640,000.

D Dorsey motioned, B Ritchie seconded to approve and recommend to Council STP-Urban grant application for Pearl St. Motion carried, 11-0.

Director's Report: The Director's memo is included in the agenda packet and was reviewed by the Board.

- Anniversaries
 - Ben Greuel (Chief Wastewater Operator) – 25 years of service
 - Luke Hammons (Street Superintendent) – 10 years of service
- Street planning and construction information updated on web page
- Oshkosh St
 - Finished curb and gutter in Phase I
 - Fine grating to start on Monday
 - Looking to shut down Wolf River Ave for several days to pave that intersection
- House and Allcan Roads construction scheduled to start July 14
- Sidewalk and Asphalt patching is out for bid
- RFP for city wide garbage collection is ready and will be published and bids presented at the August committee meeting

Future Agenda Items:

- City wide Garbage collection

Date and time of next meeting for Board of Public Works will be Monday, August 4, 2025 at 5:15 PM.

There being no further discussion, B Ritchie moved, M Barrington second to adjourn meeting at 5:43 PM. Motion carried by all, 11-0.