

**COMMISSION ON PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES
COUNCIL ROOM, CITY HALL
AUGUST 26, 2025
6:45 P.M.**

The Commission on Public Works/Utilities met in regular session, Chair Clough presiding. On roll call: Council Member Petkovsek absent, all other members present with Council Member Gelhaus via telephone.

The minutes of the previous meeting were declared approved.

Director of Public Works Friemoth reported on two burials at the Cemetery, cleaning park restrooms, mowing, weed trimming, spraying weeds on roads, placing toys in Listeman Park, the Dirt Brothers have finished up dirt work on the new Listeman Park ballfield, the youth baseball league spread grass seed and straw, street sweeping, storm sewer maintenance projects, finished up pavement patches, hauling brush, mowing old landfill, ditches and along the highway, Water Department-daily testing and well rounds, utility locates, meter change outs, finished concrete repairs on service leak sites, patching asphalt and repair dirt around the sites, filter vessels are running at 100% after filter media replenishment, replacing, office lights with LEDs, general filter plant maintenance, repaired a fire hydrant in the Boon Subdivision, Sewer Department-daily testing and lift station rounds, lift station maintenance and inspections, Visu-Sewer will be starting sewer main lining along U.S. Highway 10 (Center Street to Fairgrounds Avenue) and parts of Oak Street, Hill Street and Grand Avenue (about 6,000 feet total), replaced two mixers in the plant with submersibles, updating control panel and added a small crane to lift pumps, met with Flygt Pumps looking into options for increasing pumping flows during storm water flows, finished up the Fall portion of the WI DNR Recycling Grant, working on road ratings for the State, wrapping up the Safe Routes to School Plan and the transmission went out on his pick up truck (estimated cost \$6,000).

Brett Hansen, Maguire Water, introduced himself and his company, and gave a presentation, a full-service Maintenance Plan for the City High Zone Sphere Tower.

Hansen stated their maintenance program includes inspections, cleaning, repair, coating, water quality and emergency services. They cover all costs associated with the tower and prices cannot increase more than 5% per year. It is a lifetime warranty as long as your contract is current with the scheduled payments. The contract would be for ten years.

Motion Neville, second Rochester, that Water Bills Nos. 230 to 259 in the amount of \$35,783.19 and Sewer Bills Nos. 144 to 157 in the amount of \$21,786.45 be paid. All Aye.

Motion Poeschel, second Rochester, to adjourn. All Aye.

Daniel M. Clough, Chair

Rex R. Roehl, Clerk

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**COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL ROOM
AUGUST 26, 2025
7:00 P.M.**

The Common Council met in regular session, Mayor Poeschel presiding. On roll call: Council Member Petkovsek absent, all other members present with Council Member Gelhaus via telephone. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The minutes of the previous meeting were declared approved.

Council Member Neville reported on the August 20, 2025 meeting of the Personnel Committee regarding: 1) a closed session on non-union employees, 2) reconvening into open session, 3) recommendation to the Finance Committee to budget a 3% wage increase for non-union employees and to set the Chief of Police salary at \$80,000 (before the 3%), 4) discussion on information for Fall Creek who has an Administrator/Public Works Director and Abbotsford who has an Administrator/Sewer/Water Director and 5) discussion on job descriptions and looking at a consistent format.

Council Member Clough reported on the August 20, 2025 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission regarding: 1) discussion on possible people for the vacant Commission position, 2) update on the status of the 1897 Clark County Jail building – two parties are interested in purchasing the property, 3) discussion on QR codes and Commission website, 4) update on the Murals Project Committee and 5) receiving, discussion on and recommendation that 302 Oak Street, the former August Schoengarth House (built in 1894, in the Queen Anne architectural style and made with local brick from the Schoengarth Brickyard) be listed on the City's Local Registry of Historic Properties, the current owners are Donald and Ashley Bryan.

Council Member Clough reported on the August 26, 2025 meeting of the Commission on Public Works/Utilities regarding: 1) current activities, 2) presentation by Maguire on High Zone Water Tank service agreement for water tank maintenance and 3) payment of bills.

Mayor Poeschel declared all reports filed as presented with the City Clerk.

Mayor Poeschel asked if there were any questions on the Historic Preservation Commission item (5).

Motion Clough, second Rochester, to accept the recommendation that 302 Oak Street, the former August Schoengarth House, current owners Donald and Ashley Bryan, be listed on the City's Local Registry of Historic Properties. All Aye.

Natalie Erpenbach, Technology Committee Chair, stated the draft City of Neillsville 2025-2027 Cybersecurity Plan is presented for the Council's review and adoption. Once adopted, the next step is the development of policies and procedures.

Council Member Gelhaus stated that he has discussed the Plan with Erpenbach and agrees that it is a good baseline to start with.

Motion Clough, second Rochester, to adopt the 2025-2027 City of Neillsville, WI Cybersecurity Plan as presented. All Aye.

City Clerk Roehl reported on receiving the following donations from the Listeman Foundation: \$5,000.00 for Police Department less than lethal equipment and \$1,500.00 for Christmas decorations.

Chief of Police Mankowski explained the equipment purchases.

Motion Clough, second Rochester, to accept and appropriate \$5,000.00 to Account No. 52100 Police Department Administration and \$1,500.00 to Account No. 55360 Christmas Decorations and to thank the Listeman Foundation for its donations. All Aye.

City Clerk Roehl presented a thank you card from the family of Shirley Hendricks for the flowering plant sent to the funeral. (Roehl's mother-in-law).

"Class A" Retail Liquor and Malt Beverages License Application:
WI Cstore, Inc., WI Cstore, Scott W. Hartung, Agent, 1 Hewett Street

Motion Neville, Second Rochester, to grant. All Aye.

Combination Cigarette and Soda Water License Application:
WI Cstore, Inc., WI Cstore, Scott W. Hartung, Agent, 1 Hewett Street

Motion Clough, Second Rochester, to grant. All Aye.

Tavern Operator’s License Application:
Julie L. Simek

Motion Neville, Second Rochester, to grant. All Aye.

Motion Neville, second Clough, that City Bills Nos. 748 to 785 in the amount of \$110,153.00 be paid. All Aye.

Motion Rochester, second Clough, to adjourn. All Aye.

Duane G. Poeschel, Mayor

Rex R. Roehl, Clerk

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