

Reedsburg, WI
September 15, 2021

The Public Works Committee for the City of Reedsburg convened for a regular meeting, on September 15, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the Reedsburg Center Conference Room with the following members present:

Members Present: Craig Braunschweig, Dave Knudsen, Charlie Backeberg and Phil Peterson

Also Present: Steven Zibell, Tim Becker, Chris Kleinschmidt, Casey and Ben from Town and Country Engineering

Motion by Peterson seconded by Braunschweig to approve the minutes from August 18, 2021 meeting.

Ben discussed wastewater plant options 3A, 3B, 3C and 3B in detail stating the plusses and minuses for all options along with detailed cost analysis. After taking tours of various plants and looking at the options presented staff thought the best overall option for the City would be 3C since it's the lowest operating cost and would produce the least amount of sludge. Ben stated all options would be a Class a sludge product and two options would be with a dryer including 3C. There was a considerable amount of discussion with the members and staff. Motion by Braunschweig seconded by Backeberg to go with option 3C.

Motion Carried

Ben discussed a possible wastewater rate structure. Ben stated it may be best to start next year with an increase and spread the increase out over a few years if possible. The members agreed that we should implement a rate increase sometime next year. Zibell state the last increase for residential users was in 2013. Ben discussed what the new rates for residential may be and also for industrial users. Staff and Ben thought it would be best to discuss the proposed rates with our heavy users first and get the agreements executed before we start the process with the residential rates. Planning wise staff will setup meetings with heavy users this fall.

No Action

Zibell gave an update on current projects. Knudsen asked if the meeting could be moved to 6:00 pm, everyone was fine with 6:00 pm.

No Action

Motion by Backeberg seconded by Braunschweig to adjourn.

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.
Respectively Submitted,

Steven T. Zibell, Public Works Director/City Engineer
City of Reedsburg