

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Ryan Austin

Madalyn Palmquist

Jeff Penzkover

Date of Meeting: 1/9/2025  
Reported to Council: 1/21/2025

The Public Works Committee met on Thursday, January 9th, 2025 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. All members were present along with Mayor Zacher, Alderperson Veneman, and Alderperson Polach. Others attending are listed on the sign-in sheet.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

2. Review Engineering & Street Department Monthly Activity Report

The reports were reviewed.

3. Review and consider removing sidewalk on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North, between Cherry Street and Poplar Street, as part of the road project in 2026.

The City's sidewalk ordinance and feedback from adjacent 2<sup>nd</sup> Street property owners were discussed. Motion by Palmquist, second by Penzkover to remove sidewalk along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (Cherry Street – Poplar Street) as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street road project in 2026. Motion carried (3-0).

4. Consider setting degradation fee rates for the 2025 calendar year.

Proposed degradation fee rates were discussed. Motion by Austin, second by Palmquist to set the 2025 Degradation Fees as presented. Motion carried (3-0).

5. Review and consider request from Alderperson Palmquist to discuss options for an All Terrain Vehicle (ATV) and Utility Terrain Vehicle (UTV) traffic ordinance.

Options for ATV/UTV traffic within the City limits were discussed, including taking no action, approval of an ordinance which would open a portion of CTH Z/Griffith Avenue in City limits, and approval of an ordinance which would open all road routes within the City limits (excluding STH 13, STH 34, STH 54, and STH 73). Motion by Palmquist, second by Austin to approve an ordinance which opens all Wisconsin Rapids Road Routes (excluding STH 13, STH 34, STH 54, and STH 73) and requiring that all ATV/UTV drivers have a valid motor vehicle driver's license, pending staff review. Motion carried (3-0).

6. Review Referral List

Referral List was reviewed.

7. Set Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting will be Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

8. Adjourn

Motion by Palmquist, second by Penzkover to adjourn at 6:15 PM. Motion carried (3-0).