

**JUNE 26, 2023 PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF EDGERTON**

Chairperson Jim Burdick called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Committee members present were Jim Burdick, Casey Langan and Shawn Prebil.

Also present were City Administrator Ramona Flanigan, Municipal Services Director Howard Moser, Alderperson Candy Davis and citizens.

Flanigan confirmed the agendas were properly posted on Friday, June 23, 2023 at the Post Office, Edgerton Library, City Hall and the City's website.

APPROVE MINUTES: A Burdick/Prebil motion to approve the March 20, 2023 Public Works Committee minutes passed, all voted in favor.

CONSIDER POLLINATOR/NATIVE PLANTS PLANTING PROJECTS: Staff is working with the Bee and Butterfly Fund to determine if the free pollinator/native plant seed will still be available if the soybean planting is bypassed and the current weeds are terminated twice from the City owned lot on Lord St previously discussed. Updates will be provided as they are received.

Municipal Services Director Moser met with Tallgrass Restoration, LLC to discuss native grass possibilities for several sites throughout the City. Staff will continue researching options and locations.

CONSIDER LARGE ITEM COLLECTION ORDINANCE: Chairperson Burdick stated there have been several instances of large item refuse being left at the curb for a significant amount of time before a scheduled collection day. The Committee discussed ways to enforce the ordinance regarding refuse at the curb before large item collection. Ideas included door hangers with a notice to remove items on the front and a pick-up schedule on the back; social media posts; and citations 24 hours after notice.

The current ordinance states that refuse other than brush and leaves should be placed on the curb not more than 12 hours before the day of collection and the committee agreed it should be changed to 24 hours before the day of collection.

CONSIDER LAWN MOWING ORDINANCE: Similar to the discussion around refuse being left at the curb too early, the Committee discussed the importance of enforcing the lawn mowing ordinance. Currently, if a citizen is cited for a mowing violation, they would have 5 days to mow before the Public Works Department will mow the lawn and invoice the property owner. The Committee agreed to change the current practice of waiting 5 days after the notice to 3 days after the notice to mow/invoice.

As stated in the ordinance, the Committee confirmed that the terrace is the homeowner's responsibility to mow and maintain.

CONSIDER NATURAL LAWN ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT: Staff stated there is currently one natural lawn permit in the City. If a natural lawn has not been permitted and there are weeds over 6 inches, the homeowner will receive a violation notice.

CONSIDER SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE REGARDING CURB, SIDEWALK AND DRIVEWAY APPROACHES: City Administrator Flanigan presented the proposed amendments to the special assessments ordinance related to recent policy changes for sidewalk and curb. Flanigan also explained the proposed updates to the driveway aprons section. The current ordinance requires homeowners pay to replace aprons but in practice the City has paid to replace aprons if done during a street reconstruction.

A Burdick/Langan motion to accept the proposed ordinance changes for sidewalk, curb and driveway aprons passed on a 3/0 roll call vote.

CONSIDER E-WASTE COLLECTION BOX: A recycling company has reached out to the City regarding setting up an electronic waste collection box within the city limits. The collection box would not violate the City's current contract with Badgerland Disposal. With the Committee's support, staff will continue research the electronic waste collection box and bring additional information to the next meeting.

Being no other business before the Committee, a Langan/Prebil motion to adjourn passed, all voted in favor.

Howard Moser/mjd
Municipal Services Director