

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN
TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL, 128 SMITH STREET**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** Mayor Pohlman called the meeting to order. On the call of the roll, the following were present: Dave Herrmann, Angie Matzdorf, Diane Gilson, Greg Hildebrand, Mike Penkwitz, John Binder and Kevin Sande. Also present: City Administrator/Utilities Manager Tim Blakeslee, Police Chief Ken Ruggles, Deputy Police Chief Matt Starker, Director of Public Works Cathy Austin, Electrical Operation Manager Ryan Roehrborn, Finance Manager Chris Russo, and City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Anna Voigt.
2. **Approve the Minutes from May 27, 2025:** Motion was made by Binder/Gilson to approve the minutes. Upon the call of the roll, all voted aye. Motion carried.
3. **Investment Reallocation Recommendation:** Finance Director Russo explained that staff is recommending reallocating a portion of investments to help cover the Q3 American Transmission Company Voluntary Additional Capital Call. Plymouth Utilities has been a 0.305% owner of ATC. ATC operates as a federal and state-regulated transmission utility. Plymouth Utilities operated electric distribution only, therefore they rely on ATC transmission lines to bring power to the community. Russo explained some of the other current investments are municipal bonds, treasury bonds, CDs and the average rate of returns are 4% to 5.5%. Russo explained that ATC is increasing due to keeping up with the demand of electric power. Utilities is looking to take \$162,000 from existing investments to move over and fully meet capital calls from ATC. Mayor Pohlman commented it looks like a rate of return from Ehlers is 4% - 5% and ATC is almost 10%. Sande asked where the money went. Pohlman stated that if there is money made on the investments it stays in the Utilities and is used to control cost increases and utility customers benefit from that net positive. Blakeslee added that subject to the committee recommending it, it will go to Council immediately after. The quick turnaround is capital calls come quickly from ATC and they needed a response in 3 weeks. Binder asked if Plymouth Utilities being just a distributor was common among WPPI members. Blakeslee stated that most of the members belonging to WPPI are distributors, there are some that have generators. Motion was made by Herrmann/Matzdorf to recommend Council approve the Q3 ATC VACC of \$276,221 by reallocating \$163,552 of investments. Upon the call of the roll, all voted aye. Motion carried.
4. **Discussion on Planning for Parks:** Director Austin introduced the planning process for City Park that was budgeted in the 2025 budget. This year will start the planning of the upgrades to the playground, pathways, skateboard park modifications, parking layout, potential pool expansion, and bathroom on top of the hill. Austin explained that first there will be a meeting with the Park Committee, then Open House to engage the community and collect input on preliminary design ideas. There will be a follow up discussion with the Parks Committee to review public feedback and refine design concepts. There also will be

a presentation to the Committee of the Whole to provide a broader updated to Council and gather further direction.

5. **Adjourn:** Motion was made by Gilson/Binder to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous aye vote was cast. Motion carried.