

**PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN
128 Smith Street, Plymouth, WI 53073
Tuesday February 9, 2021**

MINUTES

1. **Call to order & Roll Call:** The Public Works & Utility Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM. On call of the roll, the following members were present: Mayor Don Pohlman, Diane Gilson, Charles Hansen, Jerry Matzdorf and Bob Schilsky. Also present was DPW Director Cathy Austin and City Administrator Jordan Skiff.
2. **Approval of December 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes:** Motion made by Hansen/Schilsky to approve the minutes as stated. Motion carries.
3. **Discussion and possible recommendation regarding Railroad Crossing Safety.** Administrator Skiff provided the committee with a PowerPoint presentation regarding the background of prior committee discussions of what has been previously discussed with the Office of Commissioner of Railroads, petitions that have been filed, ect. Administrator Skiff provided some different options that the committee could consider for the matter. The different options included public involvement, which if needed the Public Works & Utilities Committee could oversee a task force which could include the school district, Rotary Club and citizens. Administrator Skiff said that city staff will do additional research on the status of the exempt rescission and cost for the Wisconsin & Southern Railroad to establish scope/cost estimates for gates & lights at Pleasant View and Highland Ave. crossings. If the scope/costs are acceptable a means to generate funds could be through fundraising. Many questions were asked by the committee. Further discussion will be held at an upcoming committee meeting after further research is completed.
4. **Discussion regarding Lead Service Line Update.** Administrator Skiff shared a PowerPoint on this topic as well. Skiff provided information regarding DNR/EPA guidelines and Plymouth's status on Lead Service Line's. Skiff mentioned that recent inventory shows 700 private lateral services lines remain and that the city has opted to keep the replacement voluntary. Skiff mentioned that there is little concern among the average home owner for the lead service lines. Pictures were illustrated as to where the homeowners and city's responsibility lies for water service and sewer lateral ownership. Discussion of different options regarding the topic of lead service lines included mandatory replacement, however, city staff recommends against a mandatory program. Options for sanitary sewer lateral replacement could include reviewing and/or consider waiving/reducing the \$750 charge. City Staff is recommending a completely voluntary program, potentially covered 100% by a low interest loan. Further discussion to be held at a future meeting.
5. **Adjournment:** Motion made by Schilsky/Matzdorf to adjourn. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Sabrina Dittman, Clerk