

**CITY OF NEW LONDON**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING**  
**Monday October 2, 2017**

Members Present: Bob Besaw, Lori Dean, Dennis Herter and Ron Steinhorst

Excused: Mike Barrington

Council Members: Gary Henke; Mayor, Tom O'Connell, Dave Morack,

Others Present: Chad Hoerth; Parks & Recreation Director  
Kent Hager; City Administrator  
Ben Greuel; WWTP Chief Operator  
Paul Hanlon; Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator  
Michelle Lambrecht; Administrative Assistant  
Scott Bellile; New London Press Star

Chairman Herter called the meeting to order @ 4:30 p.m.  
Motion by Dean and Steinhorst to approve the amended agenda.

1. Wastewater Treatment Plant Update: Greuel proposed updating the Digester study completed by Donohue as it has been over four years since the original study was done and since then some processes have changed considerably due the closing of Saputo Cheese. About 60% of the original study can be re-used to save on cost vs. reinventing the wheel. Updating this study will give a much better idea of the actual upgrades needed with the new conditions. Greuel will contact Donohue to get a quote for this work.

Greuel informed the committee that Lift Station 2 needs to be rehabbed or replaced. This station is almost 50 years old and in spring is barely capable of pumping the extra infiltrated river water; its 40 horsepower motors are outdated and the concrete walls are in need of repairs. Greuel stated that there is engineering money in the budget and proposes having a consultant review the conditions and propose remedies for this site. Greuel will contact McMahon to get that cost.

2. Review and act on a contract to hire Speedy Clean Drain & Sewer to televise the sanitary sewer main line and attached laterals on Division Street: Hoerth reported that with the upcoming Division Street project many of the sanitary sewer laterals will need to be replaced per city ordinance. In order to do this Hoerth and Hanlon propose to hiring Speedy Clean Drain & Sewer to televise each lateral from Oak Street north to Wolf River Ave. The televising has been estimated to cost \$10,000. This work will allow the City to accurately relay information to property owners regarding if and how much their sewer lateral replacement cost will be.

Motion by Besaw and seconded by Steinhorst to have Speedy Clean Drain & Sewer televise Oak Street N to Wolf River Ave. Motion carried by all.

2. Act on the Ordinance establishing the second set of Sewer User Charge Rates: Hoerth reported to the committee that council approved a two-step plan to set a sewer rate increase in 2016 as well as an increase in 2017. The first step took effect October 1, 2016 and the second step was to be evaluated to go into effect on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. The increases are the result of an independent sewer rate study and are being enacted by city ordinance. The proposal will establish the second increase of \$9.34 to take effect November 1, 2017 if council passes the ordinance in one reading.

Motion by Steinhorst and seconded by Herter to approve the sewer rate increase of \$9.34. Motion carried by all.

3. Consider approval of a contract with Rowl's Auto Body & Snowplowing for snow removal of city parking lots, alleys & sidewalks: Hoerth stated that the snow season is right around the corner so City staff contacted Rowl's Auto Body who had the snow removal contract for the 2016/2017 season. Rowl's agreed to keep the rates the same as last year's contract. Hoerth proposed to approve this contract to Rowl's Auto Body & Snowplowing for snow removal of city parking lots, alleys and sidewalks for the 2017/2018 snow season.

Motion by Dean and seconded by Steinhorst to approve a 2017/2018 snow season contract with Rowl's Auto Body & Snowplowing. Motion carried by all.

4. Update on progress and costs for the Downtown River Wall construction project: Hoerth reported that there have been several unanticipated challenges with this project, one of which was the poor conditions of the old wall footing and its necessary replacement. Because of these unknowns encountered there will be an additional cost of approximately \$116,000.00. On the positive side these additional cost are grant eligible, so it is anticipated the grant will pay half of these extra costs.

5. Other Matters/Updates on Current City Projects: Hoerth, Hanlon, Hager reported on other projects that are completed and/or in process or beginning soon.

Motion by Dean to adjourn the meeting @ 5:04 p.m. and second Herter. Motion carried by all.

Kent Hager  
City Administrator