

Public Works / Streets / Recycling Committee

Oct 28, 2025 – 4:00 pm

Minutes prepared by: Peter Schaffner

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Peter Schaffner. Roll call: Peter Schaffner Barb Schmidtknecht, Absent David Endres. Others present: Mayor Ben Adank, Gill Adams, Jeff Puterbaugh, Travis Williamson, Brady Abramson the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Citizens spoke out against closing Justin Street. The city is just starting to research street closings. The public will be kept informed.

Motion Barb, second David to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2025, meeting. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Motion Barb second David to forward a recommendation to the council to close the recycling center as of December 20, 2025. Motion carried.

Our current recycling center employee will not return next year. Residents can take items to the County recycling center in Cochrane.

Sand Hauling fees discussion, Committee will recommend an ordinance be developed to cover sand hauling at \$10.00 a truck load. Enforcement will be by camera. Gil is looking into camera options.

Discussion about abandoning Truman Street and Justin Hill Street. This is a lengthy process and we have just started.

Repair water run off on main street from artesian well near Cat Tails. Gil will meet with homeowner. Homeowners will be allowed to discharge water into the city sewage line for winter months. Will continue to collaborate with homeowners to find a permanent solution in spring.

Parking spaces and cross walk on Hill Street. Contractor will fix.

24-hour parking on designated streets, Meant to be 4-hour parking in areas on the south side of town. Need to be incorporated into the parking ordinance.

Parking of trailers on City Streets. Need to be incorporated into the parking ordinance.

Water and Sewer connections along highway 35. Confirmed all lots on Highway 35 have water and sewer connections prior to new road surface installation.

Large item recycling pickup. Will consider and schedule as needed.

REU audit for Bager Agency and Car Wash:

Motion David second Barb to forward a recommendation to the council to set the REU values for the Badger Agency at one and the Car Wash at six.

Emergency Operation Plan Members will take home and review.

Changes to recycling program due to DNR requirements. New requirements to educate the public on batteries. Information is free from the state, and we will send out with the tax bills.

LRIP Grant. Michele will work with Gil to complete.

Motion Peter, second David to adjourn, Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.