

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH, WISCONSIN
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
6:30 PM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY HALL, 128 SMITH STREET**

AGENDA

- 1. Call to order and roll call**
- 2. Approve the minutes from November 28, 2023**
- 3. Discussion on Mill Pond Dam Open House**
- 4. Discussion on Truck Size Limits – Ordinance Sec. 10-1-51**
- 5. Adjourn**

It is likely a quorum of members of other governmental bodies of the municipality may be in attendance at the above stated meeting to gather information. No action will be taken by any governmental body at the above stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice.

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1. **Call to order and roll call:** Mayor Pohlman called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. On the call of the roll the following were present: Greg Hildebrand, Jeff Tauscheck, Dave Herrmann, Angie Matzdorf, Diane Gilson, Mike Penkwitz, John Nelson and Bob Schilsky. Also present were: City Administrator/Utilities Manager Tim Blakeslee, Director of Public Works Cathy Austin, and Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Anna Voigt.
2. **Approve the minutes from October 31, 2023:** Motion was made by Gilson/Schilsky to approve the minutes from October 31, 2023. A unanimous aye vote was cast. Motion carried.
3. **Discussion on Mill Pond Dam Process:** City Administrator/Utilities Manager Blakeslee explained that at the last Committee of the Whole meeting Ayres presented different options for the Mullet River Dam. Blakeslee went over three different pathways forward for a decision. Option 1 would be a public hearing and then a council decision; option 2 would be an open house, public hearing then council decision; and option 3 would be an open house, referendum and then council decision. If the council decides to go with option 3 they would have to move quickly to meet the deadline for the referendum language. Nelson stated he would like to act more quickly to vote to replace the dam. If the circumstances were different, he would be in favor of removing the dam and turning that area into a park. He doesn't think there is a need for the referendum. Matzdorf agreed with Nelson. She hasn't heard from anyone in favor of removing the dam. She also doesn't think there is a need for a referendum. She would like more information about the different gate options. Herrmann stated he hasn't made a decision yet and thinks a referendum would be helpful in making a decision. He is in favor of having a referendum. Hildebrand stated he was in favor of having a referendum. He believes the people should have a say in the decision. This is something that will impact the City for many years. Tauscheck is in favor of replacing the dam he would like to see a public hearing, but doesn't see a need for a referendum. Gilson is in favor of a referendum to let the tax payers have a say. Gilson would like to see option 2 done if there isn't enough support for the referendum. Schilsky is in favor of replacing the dam, but doesn't see a need for a referendum. He would like to hear from the people who live on the river, since the decision would affect them the most. Mayor Pohlman stated he expected this project to be much more than it turned out to be. The project is about 2.5 million and there is 1 million from the state. The Mayor stated there are road projects that cost more and don't go to referendum. The Mayor said the Mill Pond is used by a lot of people and if it was removed it would set the City back 50 years. Matzdorf asked for staff to keep in mind the Wisconsin winters for the open house and public hearing dates. She recommended having a make up date in case there was bad weather. Motion was made by Herrmann to go to referendum for the Mill Pond Dam. Mayor Pohlman explained that action on the item is not on the agenda, it was only up for discussion. With there being no second the motion died.
4. **Adjourn:** Motion was made by Tauscheck/Matzdorf to adjourn the meeting. A unanimous aye vote was cast. Motion carried.



DATE: December 7, 2023
TO: Committee of the Whole
FROM: Tim Blakeslee, City Administrator/Utilities Manager
RE: Discussion on Mill Pond Dam Process

Background: In 2015, the City of Plymouth received a notice from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) that required the spillway capacity of the Mill Pond Dam to be brought into compliance with NR333.06 within 10 years (2025). As part of the 2023 Budget, the City included funding to hire an engineering firm to provide services to assist the City in making the decision on whether to remove the dam completely or make necessary upgrades/replace the dam to meet DNR regulations.

The City issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in early 2023 and received proposals from Kapur & Associates and Ayres Associates. In March 2023, Ayres Associates was selected to complete a study providing options available. Ayres has significant experience in both dam removal and dam upgrade/replacement. In addition, The City of Plymouth was also allocated \$1,000,000 in the 24-25 State Budget for the removal or restoration of the dam. Ayres has reviewed the options and completed the Mullet River Dam Spillway Improvement and Dam Removal Feasibility Study. Ayres presented the study and the four various dam removal and replacement options on October 28, 2023.

At the Committee of the Whole meeting on the November 28, 2023, the majority consensus was to move forward with a Public Open House followed by a Formal Public Hearing to provide the community an opportunity to learn more about the project and provide feedback.

Public Open House Plans:

- Date: January 9, 2024
- Time: 5:30 p.m.
- Location: Council Chambers
- Info Provided:
 - 30-minute Presentation by Ayres Engineering
 - Following the presentation there will be a come-and-go open house. Presentation boards will show the various options and Staff and Ayres Engineering will be available to answer questions.
 - There will be an online public system comment survey developed and a box for written comments at the meeting. Staff and Ayres Engineering will also receive verbal feedback.

Formal Public Hearing:

- Date: January 30, 2024
- Location: Council Chambers
- Time: 7:00 p.m.

Following the Public Open House and Formal Public Hearing, the Common Council will make a decision to

remove or replace the dam. If the decision is to replace the dam, the Common Council will also need to decide which of the three options is selected.

Recommendation: Provide Staff direction on Mill Pond Dam Process



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TO: Mayor and Common Council
FROM: Kenneth Ruggles, Chief of Police
DATE: December 4th, 2023
RE: Change to City Ordinance, Section 10-1-51

Current city ordinance, **Section 10-1-51 – Parking of vehicles over 12,000 pounds or 16 feet restricted**, prohibits the parking of large trucks, trailers, tractors, buses, or recreational vehicles weighing over 12,000 pounds, or over 16 feet in length, or having a height of more than 8 feet on city streets between 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Over the past 6 months, the Police Department received several complaints about large vehicles parked on the street. When I inquired as to why citations were not issued to these vehicles, I was informed that even our squad cars were in violation of the length restriction in this ordinance. In fact, many passenger vehicles and pickup trucks violate the current 16-foot length restriction:

Make/Model	Length in	Inches	Feet
Dodge Caravan		225.7	18.8
Ford Explorer		198.8	16.6
Honda Pilot		199.9	16.7
Toyota Highlander		194.9	16.2
Chevrolet Suburban		225.7	18.8
Chevrolet Silverado, regular cab		229.5	19.1
Silverado, 2500 HD, double cab & 8' bed		256.5	21.4
Dodge RAM, Crew Cab, Short bed		232.9	19.4
RAM 2500, Crew Cab, 8' box		259.4	21.6
Ford F-150, regular cab, short bed		209.1	17.4
F-250, Crew Cab, 8' bed		266.2	22.2

It appears this ordinance was intended to prevent large commercial vehicles and RVs from parking overnight on city streets and creating obstructions in the hours of darkness. We believe the 16-foot rule would impact numerous residents as modern pickup trucks and commuter/passenger vehicles are larger than current ordinance allows.

We propose the Common Council modify Section 10-1-51 to increase the length requirement to 22 ½ feet (270 inches). This would still prohibit most large trucks, tractors, trailers, and recreational vehicles without stopping city residents from parking their “family” vehicles on the street near their home. All other sections and restrictions of Section 10-1-51 can remain unchanged. With winter all-night parking in effect, now is an appropriate time to make the change and provide notice to residents.