



City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Operations Committee Meeting Minutes
205 S. Lincoln Ave; Council Chambers
Monday, June 15, 2026
6:30 PM

1) Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting of the Operations Committee was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Jennifer Hiley. Present: Jeff Bierman, Jennifer Hiley, Cris Olson (arrived at 6:40), Andrew Perkins, Bart Radke, Julie Wendt, Nancy Wild, 7. Absent: 0.

Others in attendance - Mayor Bobbi Marck, Todd Janssen (Director of Engineering), Jeremy Klug (Director of Utilities), Dan Mulhern (Public Works Supervisor), Joe Kern (Parks & Forestry Supervisor), Joe Lehner (Water Utility Supervisor), and public members.

a) Approval of the June 1, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Motion by Jeff Bierman, second by Nancy Wild, to approve. Motion carried by acclamation.

2) Public Hearing

a) Regarding the Preliminary Report on Estimated Special Assessments for the 2026 Sewer Lateral & Water Service Replacement Program

Chairperson Hiley opened the Public Hearing and read the Notice of Public Hearing regarding the Preliminary Report on Estimated Special Assessments for the 2026 Sewer Lateral & Water Service Replacement Program.

Janssen provided a brief presentation, followed by Public Appearances.

- Reed Spang (216 E. Third St.) asked if the sanitary lines are being replaced from the house to the street. Was this mandated by the DNR or the county or city? Will there be any tax benefits, payment plans from the federal government, or county? He had his own lines checked by his plumber and the plumber couldn't verify if his lines needed to be redone all the way or not. How can the city verify that this needs to be done for sure all the way or not at all?
- Kimball Mahal (218 E. Third St.) asked why his is the highest with only 50'. The sewer lateral was already replaced in 2011/2012 by Tony Roedl from house to sewer, is his going to be required to be replaced again? What about the sidewalk replacement? How will that work? Once this is all done, what will happen to the road?
- Nicole Lange (212 N. Vita) asked if there would be street lighting and curb/gutter that the citizens have to pay for? When they dig up the sewer and lateral, if the lines go under her garage floor, will they have to dig up her garage floor?
- Timothy Foughty (312 E. Third St.) asked if anyone knew that what we are demanding from the citizens is Constitutional and penalizing people for not paying up? He had several conversations with people saying that he would be penalized for this if he did not pay, which is unconstitutional to begin with. He mentioned that other cities have grants to help offset the cost for citizens.

Chairperson Hiley closed Public Comment.

- The following responses were provided following public appearances:
 - Janssen stated that the sanitary lines will be replaced from the house to the street. Klug stated that it is mandated by the federal government.
 - Klug stated that he has Kimball's information and will be in touch with him to further discuss this. Janssen stated that the sidewalk is a worst-case scenario and may not need to have anything done. Janssen stated that the road would be milled off and repaved.
 - Janssen stated that no street lighting is being done, and the curb/gutter will be paid for on the public side. Klug stated that this is a trench-less installation, but if something needs to be done where they cannot get a pipe done this way, they will look at their options at that time.
 - Klug stated that there is federal funding out there, but it is aimed at very low-income inner cities like Milwaukee and Racine areas, which are receiving 100% funding on the private side. Beaver Dam would only qualify for 25% grant funding on the private side, and speaking with multiple contractors, in order for them to come in and do a project that is tied to the grant funding as to what is required by that program, they would have to come in and mark up their total project cost by 20-50%. The city has investigated into grants and, at this time, it would not make sense to get a grant due to the requirements of the programs, which would cost more to the private side due to having to mark up the project costs.
- This will return to the Operations Committee on July 6, 2026, to discuss and approve the report to move on to the next step.

3) Discussion & Possible Action

a) Discuss Idea of Updating Existing Impact Fees and/or creating new Fees

Janssen gave a brief description of Updating Existing Impact Fees and/or creating new fees. There are several projects that are coming up where Impact Fees would be helpful to these projects. If the committee is interested in moving forward with a study, the council would see a line item in the budget for this at a future meeting. Olson is in favor of the study and for sure wants to hear from developers and how this affects the development of the city. Perkins has concerns about where to focus the study on. Discussion was held. Consensus is to get prices for all.

b) Discuss Section 50-3 Use of Firearms and Weapons in the City Limits and Section 50-4 Throwing or Shooting of Arrows, Stones, and Other Missiles

Janssen gave a brief description of discussing Section 50-3 Use of Firearms and Weapons in the City Limits and Section 50-4 Throwing or Shooting of Arrows, Stones, and Other Missiles. Olson is wondering if we could create a district just to limit that area to hunting only instead of opening it up to the entire city. Discussion was held. Perkins would like to postpone this item to a future meeting to see a map of anticipated hunting areas.

c) Discuss and Consider the following policies: 307 Capital Improvement Plan, 308 Procurement Policy, 501 Snow and Ice Control, and 505 Street Naming Policy

Chairperson Hiley postponed this item until the next Operations Committee meeting.

4) Items for Future Agendas

There were no future agenda items.

5) Adjourn

Motion by Andrew Perkins, second by Jeff Bierman, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.