

City of Antigo
Public Works Committee
Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Public Works Committee of the City of Antigo met in Regular Session on the above date at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Scott Henricks presiding.

Call to Order

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Barb Rebstock	Ward 1	Present	
Roy Dieck	Ward 2	Present	
Mark Edwards	Ward 5	Present	
Joel Wagner	Ward 6	Present	
Scott Henricks	Ward 9	Present	

Others in attendance were: Kaye Matucheski, City Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director; Sarah Repp, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Director; Kirk Packard, Street Commissioner; Charley Brinkmeier, Land Surveyor/Project Manager; Daniel Duley, Police Chief; Paula Nichols, Administrative/Clerical Assistant; Rick Montgomery; Rhonda Christian; Emily Stevens; and Altyn Stevens II

Approval of Minutes

1. Approve Minutes from the February 25, 2026 Meeting (Contingent upon Completion) Minutes Not Complete at Meeting Time

Discussion and Action May Occur on Any of the Following Agenda Items

2. Street Reconstruction 2026

Kirk Packard, Street Commissioner, handed out information about upcoming street reconstruction on Pine Street and Watson Street. He included a sample letter that would be mailed to the residents that would be affected by the reconstruction on those streets. Alderperson Henricks stated that the Street Department crew's ability to do the reconstruction would save the City money.

Alderperson Edwards questioned how long it would take to do the reconstruction project. Mr. Packard stated he would start with the water and sewer crews first and then the street crews would be able to do the removal, gravel, and concrete. He stated that he planned to do the concrete when the crew came to do Tenth Avenue. Mr. Packard also stated that any residents who qualified for the grant to have their water lines or sanitary fixed would have to be ready at the time the City was ready for concrete.

3. Four-Way Stop Sign Proposal for Fifth Avenue at Edison Street and Dorr Street

Alderson Dieck moved to install a four-way stop sign as proposed for Fifth Avenue at Edison Street and Dorr Street according to specifications approved by the Public Works Committee. Alderson Edwards seconded.

Alderson Henricks asked for any other discussion, data, or concerns in that area.

Alderson Dieck explained his reasoning for supporting stop signs.

Police Chief, Daniel Duley stated that the Uniform Manual of Traffic Control stated to not use yield or stop signs to control speed. Alderson Wagner questioned if that was also state law. Chief Duley stated that it was what the Department of Transportation followed when they were setting up traffic control studies. Mr. Wagner stated he suggested going by the state and federal law in regard to this issue.

Rhonda Christian stated that the intersections were dangerous and a four-way stop sign would not only slow down traffic but benefit public safety as well. She stated that whether it was or was not state or federal law, the City could choose to put up the stop signs. Ms. Christian stated that the Street Department may have temporary signs that could be used to reduce costs. Kirk Packard, Street Commissioner, stated that the signs would have to go overhead due to plowing. He stated he would have to check into it, but it would likely be costly.

Alderson Henricks stated that other things had been implemented over the years, but no documentation had shown any change for better or worse. He stated that he would like to see documentation that this was truly an issue, not perceived. Rick Montgomery stated that the downtown group had sent out a survey, and he presented the results from the survey to the Committee. Alderson Henricks inquired about participation in the survey. Mr. Montgomery stated that they had 85 responses and 91% of them had cited parking and traffic issues downtown.

Ms. Christian stated that the 400 block in Wausau had stop signs to help with pedestrian safety. Chief Duley stated that he ran the speed data again and the average speed downtown had been 26.3 mph. Upon inquiry by Altyn Stevens, Chief Duley stated the speed sensor was at Fifth Avenue and Lincoln Street for traffic coming from the west. Mr. Stevens stated that there were three or four offenders that drove very fast downtown and when all the angled parking was full, it was very difficult to back out.

Chief Duley stated that according to the data going back ten years, there had been three accidents per year in that area and that included the angled parking renovation. He stated that the data did not support the need for stop signs. Mr. Stevens stated that forcing people to stop at the stop signs would help the people trying to get out of parking areas during peak times. Mr. Packard questioned whether that would create more congestion and accidents. He stated that when school let out, every car would have to stop.

Ms. Christian stated that people would eventually choose a different path, as would the buses from the schools. She stated the issue was pedestrian safety with the senior center and the day care center on the corner. Mr. Packard stated that the owners of the downtown businesses at the time wanted angle parking back so they had more parking. Mr. Montgomery inquired if it was possible to reduce the speed for that area. Chief Duley stated that the speeds had decreased since changing downtown streets from four-lane to two-lane traffic and adding angle parking.

Kaye Matucheski, Clerk-Treasurer/Financial Director, stated that the bus congestion was bad now with the high school traffic. She stated that when the new elementary school opened, the additional bus traffic would be going down Fifth Avenue through downtown. Ms. Matucheski stated that anyone parked downtown during that time would not be able to get out of parking spaces due to backed-up traffic. Chief Duley inquired about how many pedestrians were crossing at the two intersections. Emily Stevens stated that the day care center took the children for walks downtown up one side of Fifth Avenue and down the other side every day. Mr. Stevens stated that a stop sign by the day care center would be helpful.

Motion to Approve Four-Way Stop Sign Proposal for Fifth Avenue at Edison Street and Dorr Street

Result:	Carried (3 to 2) Resolution to Council
Mover:	Roy Dieck
Second:	Mark Edwards
Ayes:	Mark Edwards, Joel Wagner, Roy Dieck
Nays:	Scott Henricks, Barb Rebstock

Any Other Matters Authorized by Law to be Considered

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

Result:	Carried (5 to 0)
Mover:	Joel Wagner
Second:	Mark Edwards
Ayes:	Scott Henricks, Barb Rebstock, Mark Edwards, Joel Wagner, Roy Dieck
Nays:	None

Approved: 

Scott Henricks