

**Minutes of the Emergency Government Committee meeting held on  
Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. pursuant to notice duly given**

1. Meeting called to order at 8:37 a.m. by Mayor Heier
2. Roll Call: Josh Bostedt, Mayor Heier, Mike Rehberg, Jeremy Wusterbarth (arrived at 8:40 a.m.), and Al Schreiber  
Excused: Roger Reed  
Also Present: Brittney Bickel, Administrator and as Recording Secretary
3. Approval of Agenda  
**Motion by Schreiber, second by Rehberg to approve the agenda as presented. 4 ayes M/C**
4. Approval of Minutes from 07/28/20 Meeting  
**Motion by Rehberg, second by Bostedt to approve 07/28/20 meeting minutes. 4 ayes M/C**
5. Public Input/Correspondence  
None.
6. Discussion/Recommendation/Update on:
  - a. Expenditure Guidelines and 2022 Budget  
Bickel stated that the Fire Department handles the annual testing of the tornado sirens. The cost falls in the \$2,000 budget, which is what Bickel recommends for 2022.  
**Motion by Rehberg, second by Wusterbarth to budget \$2,000 for 2022. 5 ayes M/C**
  - b. Tornado Sirens  
Josh Bostedt went over the provided quotes and explained 2 of our 4 tornado sirens are not battery backup. If the power goes out, we are down to 2 tornado sirens. Currently, our tornado sirens are maintained by Troy Schaden at Electrical Services in Oconto. Yesterday, the Fire Department did the annual testing of the tornado sirens. The siren at the WWTP did not work. Troy Schaden is looking into it. The sirens in the city are estimated to be 45 years old. All municipalities oversee their own tornado sirens.

The Mayor suggested this may be covered by ARPA money.

Wusterbarth suggested that Bostedt call around to other municipalities and get more information before we move forward with a decision. Everyone receives an alert on their cell phones, the tv, and internet before the physical sirens go off in the event of bad weather and tornados. When a tornado touched down in Pulaski recently, 2 sirens didn't go off and there were no complaints or resulting problems. He questioned whether municipalities are required to have tornado sirens. Wusterbarth also suggested speaking with Troy Schaden to see if the siren at the WWTP could be tied into the WWTP generator in case of a power outage.

Bostedt also noted that the tornado siren testing needs to be done in the Spring, after Winter, and not at this time in late Fall. He also stated that Lt VandeVoort is looking into the Tornado Awareness Grants to see if we would qualify for funding through them.

This item was tabled until more information can be obtained.

- c. Other Emergency Government Activities  
None.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Schreiber, second by Rehberg to adjourn at 8:58 a.m.

5 ayes M/C

Respectfully Submitted:  
Brittney M. Bickel,  
City Administrator