

**Appleton Common Council Meeting**  
**Wed, October 19, 2022 7:00 PM**  
**Discussion on Item 22-1274 Request to approve 2023 Add-on Water Main Replacement Project List**

**Mayor Jake Woodford 13:31**

All right. Move on now to item from Utilities. Can't find it. Okay, this is item 22-1274 Request to approve 2023 add on watermain replacement project list. We have a motion and a second to approve. Open the floor for discussion. Alder Doran.

**Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 14:11**

Thank you. Just wanted to take a minute to talk about two of my favorite subjects when when it comes to doing this work: fiscal responsibility and infrastructure. And we've all had a chance to to hear extensively over the last year about the struggles we have with our infrastructure, how far behind we are, and how great the need is for fixing it. Which is why this is a great opportunity for us to to have one of our major projects come in significantly under budget to allow some funding to be made available to to help tackle a project that we're pretty far behind on, just given the budget constraints that we have.

**Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 15:00**

If you didn't watch the Utilities Committee meeting, we have nine projects that public works has identified here as pretty high need areas that can be replaced under under this available funding, which is, again, fantastic. But the \$2.9 million is, as we all know, a pretty significant amount of funding. I would, I would say that come budget time in the next couple of weeks here, we'll be having discussions about projects and other budget items that are far less than \$2.9 million.

**Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 15:40**

And I see this as another good opportunity for us to use our ARPA allocation for this instead of borrowing. Because as we've all heard, from the mayor, over the last two weeks in different presentations, one of our biggest issues with our borrowing, that's that's driving up our debt, is infrastructure. And so if we have the opportunity to, to accomplish fixing some of our infrastructure without having to borrow for it,

**Mayor Jake Woodford 16:13**

Alder Doran, I'll just ask, are your comments germane to the item? That's before the council? I'd ask you to consider that, please.

**Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 16:21**

Yeah, thank you. I think there's a great opportunity to, to use some of that ARPA funding for this project instead of the borrowing. So I'm going to make an amendment to take \$2.9 million of our ARPA allocation and use that instead of the \$2.9 million in borrowing to do these projects.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 16:51**

We have a motion and a second. Attorney. Why don't you make your point.

**Assistant Attorney Amanda Abshire 17:06**

At this point, I would make a point of order in terms of public notice. The action item that is before the Council tonight is whether or not to approve the 2023 add er--2023 add on water main replacement project list. There's nothing noticed--a quick glance--to address a budget transfer for the ARPA funds. I draw the Chair's attention to the attached memo in which it indicates that there was transfer of \$2.9 million from the raw--from the second raw water line improvements project to the 2022 DPW water main program.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 18:25**

And that was on July 20 of 2022. So at that time, that was the action that was taken. So the item, the item that's before the Council right now is the project list. So so what is in question and what is in the question before the council is the project list and not the funding source for doing those projects. That item was settled on July 20, 2022 when Council authorized the transfer. So I'm gonna rule this motion out of order on on this item. The Council is welcome to object to that ruling per the rules, but I do not find that the motion is an order based on those facts. So there is no motion to amend. Alder Doran, anything else?

**Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 19:17**

That was it.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 19:18**

Okay.

**Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 19:18**

Thank you.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 19:21**

All right. Any further discussion? Hearing none, we have a motion and a second to approve. Please cast your votes.

**Mayor Jake Woodford 19:42**

Motion passes 14 to zero. The item has been approved.