



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION REGULAR WORK SESSION MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

3:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, a Work Session Meeting of the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 3:00 PM in the conference room of the Public Works/Public Utilities Service Center at 500 SE 4th Street, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

CALL OF ROLL:

BUSINESS:

1. Consider a motion to approve \$1,402,018.76 in verified claims for May and June 2026.
2. Operations & Capital Updates

ADJOURNMENT:

The next Regular Meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 4:00 PM in the conference room of the Public Works/Public Utilities Service Center at 500 SE 4th Street.

The next Work Session is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 3:00 PM in the conference room of the Public Works/Public Utilities Service Center at 500 SE 4th Street.

The GRPUC has adopted a Meeting Protocol Policy, which informs attendees of the GRPUC's desire to conduct meetings in an orderly manner which welcomes all civil input from interested parties. If you are unaware of the policy, please contact our office at 218-326-7024 and we will provide you with a copy of the policy.



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: June 10, 2026

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a motion to approve \$1,402,018.76 in verified claims for May and June 2026.

PREPARED BY: Taylor Bird, Finance Manager

BACKGROUND:

See attached check registers:

Bill list:	\$1,103,760.28
Bill payments with prior approval:	\$298,258.48
Total	\$1,402,018.76

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve \$1,402,018.76 in verified claims for May and June 2026.

Grand Rapids Public Utilities
Meeting Date: 6/10/26
Checks/EFT/Auto: 5/23/26-6/5/26
PUC: Bill Payments w/ Prior Approvals

PUC Meeting Identifier	Name	Sum of Bill Amount
Prior Approval	V00122 RMB Environmental Laboratories Incorporated	\$ 1,502.60
Prior Approval	V00136 LeClaire Mike	\$ 40.00
Prior Approval	V00161 MN Department of Revenue (Payroll)	\$ 6,313.20
Prior Approval	V00285 Frontier Energy Incorporated	\$ 8,406.13
Prior Approval	V00294 Riley Joseph	\$ 40.00
Prior Approval	V00392 mPower Technologies Incorporated	\$ 4,950.00
Prior Approval	V00420 Cooperative Response Center Incorporated	\$ 2,024.32
Prior Approval	V00433 Stoltz Gary	\$ 40.00
Prior Approval	V00801 Altec Industries Incorporated	\$ 1,854.63
Prior Approval	V00967 Stanley Tom	\$ 824.40
Prior Approval	V00977 Metro Sales Incorporated	\$ 48.63
Prior Approval	V01258 Stuart C Irby Company	\$ 1,404.93
Prior Approval	V01298 Postage By Phone System	\$ 5,000.00
Prior Approval	V01353 Viking Electric Supply Incorporated	\$ 48.06
Prior Approval	V01531 Locators & Supplies	\$ 415.48
Prior Approval	V01550 Public Employees Retirement Association	\$ 19,717.56
Prior Approval	V01632 Wesco	\$ 2,296.10
Prior Approval	V01900 MN Child Support Payment Center	\$ 446.70
Prior Approval	V02342 UPS	\$ 39.65
Prior Approval	V02374 Gustafson Doug	\$ 40.00
Prior Approval	V02574 Stantec Consulting Services, Inc	\$ 22,906.91
Prior Approval	V02578 WEX Health	\$ 104.50
Prior Approval	V02590 Hansen Mark	\$ 40.00
Prior Approval	V02679 Dimich Corey	\$ 40.00
Prior Approval	V02700 Internal Revenue Service (Payroll)	\$ 36,656.75
Prior Approval	V02790 Customer Refunds Utility Accounts	\$ 749.92
Prior Approval	V03058 Railroad Management Co III Incorporated	\$ 897.77
Prior Approval	V03113 CliftonLarsonAllen LLP	\$ 483.00
Prior Approval	V03154 Blanchard Jason	\$ 40.00
Prior Approval	V03166 Grainger	\$ 50.86
Prior Approval	V03311 Rundell Eric	\$ 40.00
Prior Approval	V03641 Verizon Wireless	\$ 1,025.74
Prior Approval	V03671 City of Grand Rapids	\$ 157,490.16
Prior Approval	V03738 Paul Bunyan Communications	\$ 7,759.38
Prior Approval	V04340 Fastenal Company	\$ 2,318.25
Prior Approval	V04423 Sjostrand Megan	\$ 40.00
Prior Approval	V04434 Voya Institutional Trust Company	\$ 12,019.16
Prior Approval	V04521 Adam Dragicevich	\$ 40.00
Prior Approval	V04565 Uline	\$ 103.69
Total		\$ 298,258.48

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Meeting Date: 6/10/26
GRPU: Bill List

Item 1.

PUC Meeting Identifier	Vendor	Vendor Name	Payment Amount
Commission Meeting	Cannon Technologies Incorporated	Cannon Technologies Incorporated	\$ 16,120.00
Commission Meeting	Hawkins Water Treatment Group	Hawkins Water Treatment Group	\$ 15,116.35
Commission Meeting	Metro Sales Incorporated	Metro Sales Incorporated	\$ 377.88
Commission Meeting	MN Power	MN Power	\$ 1,063,189.41
Commission Meeting	Nearmap US Inc	- None -	\$ 7,722.65
Commission Meeting	NORTHWEST GAS	Northwest Gas	\$ 1,233.99
Total			\$ 1,103,760.28



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: June 10, 2026
AGENDA ITEM: Operations & Capital Updates
PREPARED BY: GRPU Staff

BACKGROUND:

GRPU Operating & Capital Updates

RECOMMENDATION:

None. Review Only.

Grand Rapids Public Utilities

June 10, 2026

Operational and Capital Updates

GRPU Management Team





MISSION VISION VALUES

WHO WE ARE

Grand Rapids Public Utilities (GRPU) is a statutory municipal utility established by the city of Grand Rapids, Minnesota. The Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission (GRPUC) provides full control, operation and management of the GRPU electric power distribution system, the water production, treatment and distribution systems, and the wastewater collection and treatment systems.



Our Vision

Our vision is to be a dynamic public asset for the thriving community of Grand Rapids, enhancing lives and fostering growth through excellence in the provision of essential utility services.



Our Mission

Our mission is to empower GRPU team members to deliver safe, reliable, affordable, sustainable, and customer-focused utility services for our community.



Our Values

- Safety* We hold paramount the well-being of our employees and the public in all operations.
- Integrity* We uphold ethical standards and foster trust with all stakeholders.
- Customer Focus* We prioritize customer needs and satisfaction in all our decisions and actions.
- Efficiency* We maximize resources to provide cost-effective services without compromising quality.
- Reliability* We consistently deliver high-quality utility services and strive for uninterrupted access.
- Sustainability* We employ environmentally responsible practices in our operations and services.
- Transparency* We openly share information and decision-making processes, promoting informed community involvement.



Uninterrupted, High-Quality Utility Services (US)

Item 2.

Capital: WTP Renovation Update by Steve Mattson

Discussion:

- Review project scope
- Schedule
- Project costs
- Funding
- Impact on rates





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Scope:

- Renovate the 38-year old water plant – past its useful life
- Process upgrades to the various treatment unit operations; aeration, filtration, and softening
- Replacement of all associated tanks, blowers, ducting, valves, motors, media, resin, and instrumentation equipment that support the treatment of the raw water with higher efficiency motors
- Motor control center (MCC) replacement
- Building/roof repairs/ HVAC
- Security improvements
- With disinfection – dedicated chemical rooms



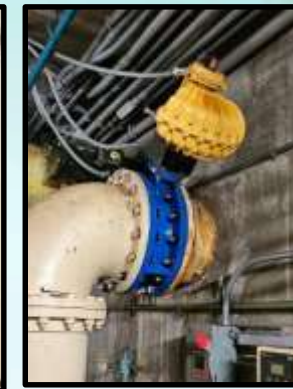


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Schedule:

- Detailed water quality study – completed wells, changes through plant operations
- Preliminary engineering – completed
- Final Design – Started
Includes electrical/mechanical/structural drawings
MDH approval of plans
- Final Design – completion Fall 2026
- Bidding - Winter 2026/27
- Construction – 2027 – 2028 (maybe longer?)





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Project Costs:

- Original estimate (2021) = \$5,170,000
Current estimate = \$13,560,000 (162% increase)
- What changed?
 - First estimate very rough - no contingency
 - Scope changes:
 - Building modifications – chem rooms, equipment delivery, office space ~ \$1.0 Mil
 - Filtration improvements – underdrains ~ \$0.8 Mil
 - Chemical changes (solid to liquid) ~ \$0.3 Mil
 - High service pumps replacement and VFD ~ \$0.7 Mil
 - Legionella - led into chemicals and additional equipment plumbing code changes, painting pipes ~ \$1.5 Mil
 - Design ~ \$0.6 Mil
 - Construction costs surged over 50% since Covid
 - Inflation – 26% since 2021
- Brainerd modifications 2024 - \$10,500,000
Hill City new plant 2023 - \$9,000,000 400 GPD plant
Aurora new plant 2024 - \$25,000,000





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Project Funding:

- State Grant = \$2,500,000
- Federal Community Projects – applied for \$4,000,000 have full support from Sen Amy Klobuchar and Sen Tina Smith (BABA ~20% increase add ~\$1,500,000)
- GRPU Cost = \$8,534,000 – best case scenario
- GRPU Cost = \$11,060,000 – worst case scenario
- Funding options include:
 - G.O. bonds through the city of GR
 - PFA loan
- Useful life for the improvements is 30 years (BMI)





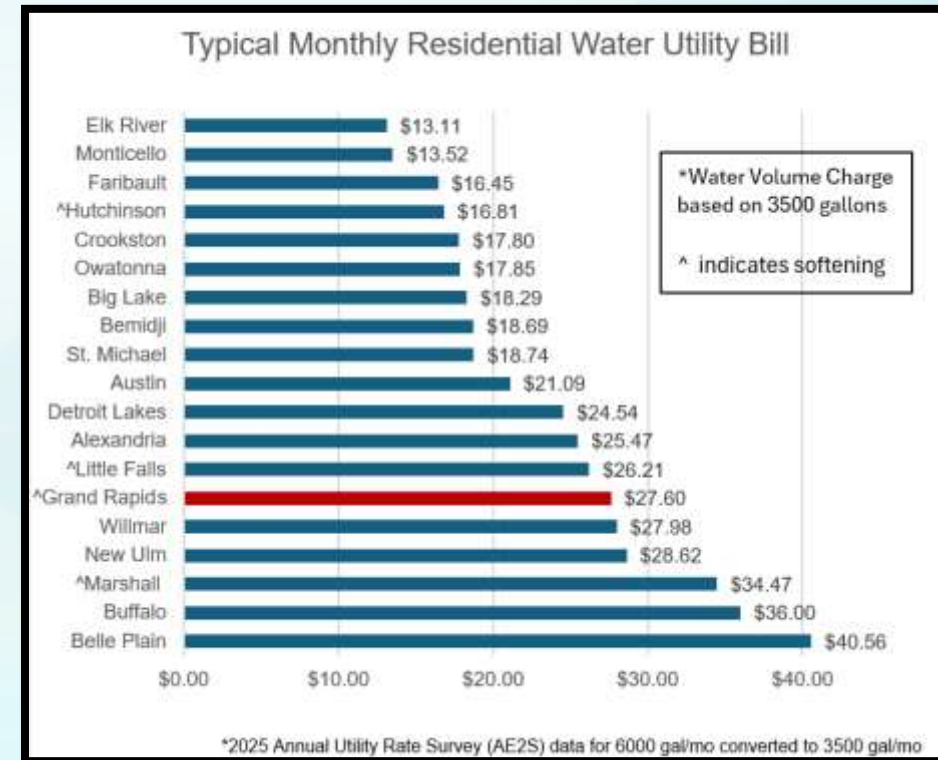
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Existing Rates:

- AVG annual change in water rates (AE2S Midwest study)
 - 2023 – 7.5%
 - 2024 – 7%
 - 2025 – 8%
- GRPU change in water rates (Dave Berg recommended)
 - 2023 – 15%
 - 2024 – 10%
 - 2025 – 10%
- GRPU water bill – residential
3,500 gal/mo
\$27.60/mo
- Affordability Threshold MHI per American Community
\$56.54/mo (3,500 gal/mo) *BMI



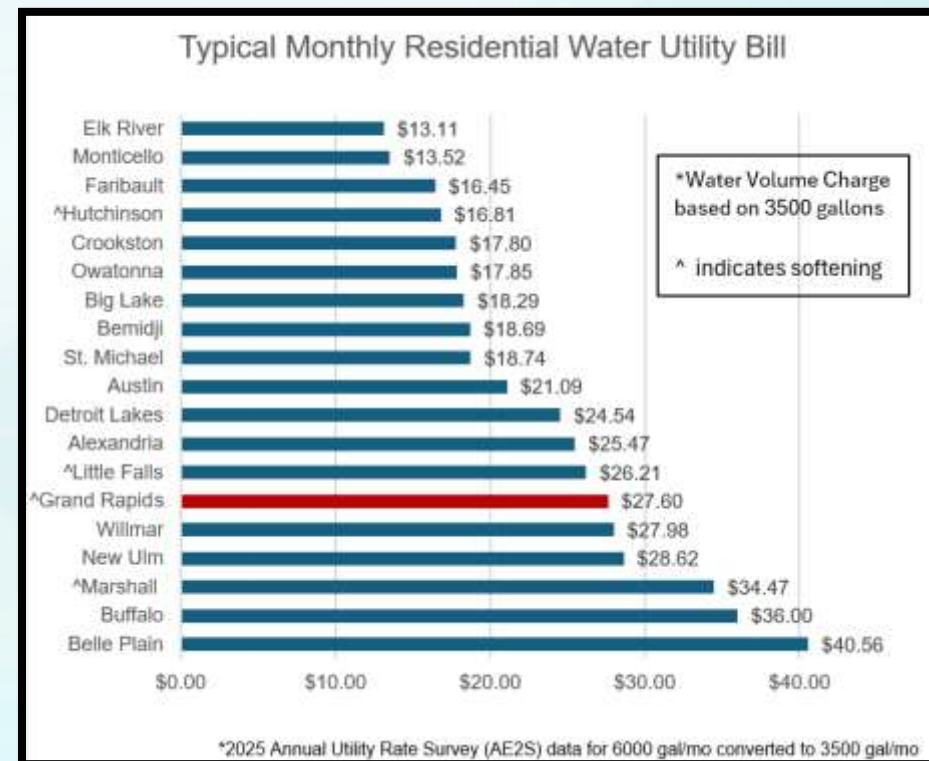


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Proposed Rates for WTP renovation scenario 1 – worst case (just to cover project costs):

- Assume no replacement funds available
- Assume continuation of 10% increase
- Current debt service \$260,000 annually
- \$11,060,000 WTP reno project costs – state grant applied
- New debt - 3% over 20 years in today's dollars:
\$736,000 additional debt service
2027 – 5.5%
2028 – 12.1%
2029 – 13.6%
- Current residential cost (3,500 gal/mo) = \$27.60/month
- Projected residential cost (3,500 gal/mo) = \$35.56/month



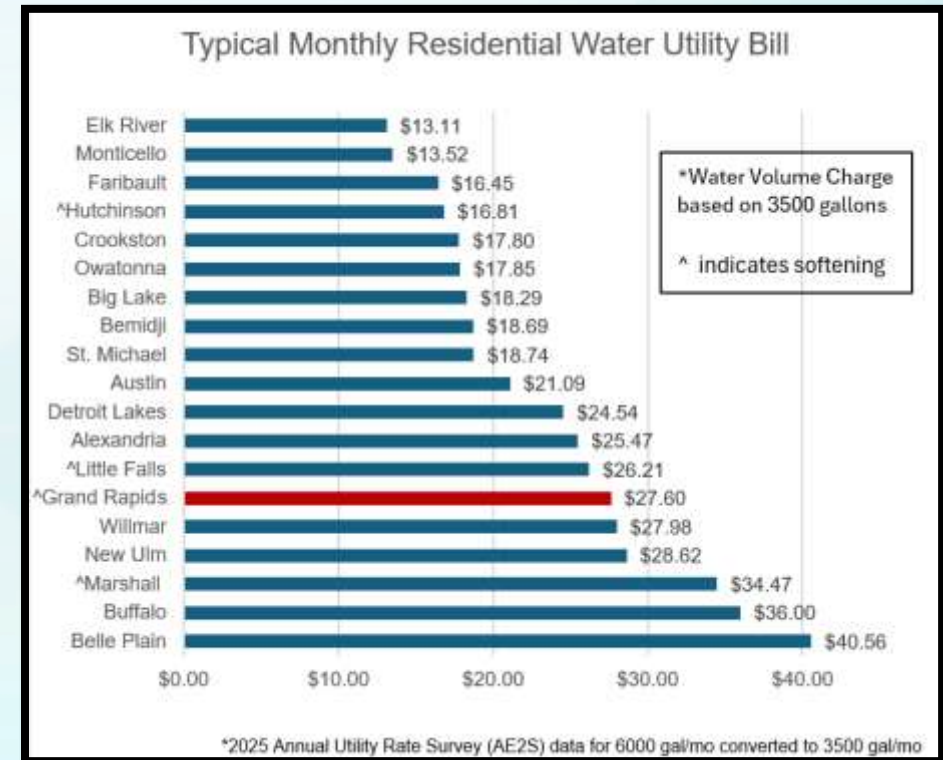


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Proposed Rates for WTP renovation scenario 2 – best case (just to cover project costs):

- Assume no replacement funds available
- Assume continuation of 10% increase
- Current debt service \$260,000 annually
- \$8,534,000 WTP reno project costs – state grant applied
- New debt - 3% over 20 years in today's dollars:
\$568,000 additional debt service
2027 – 7.0%
2028 – 7.0%
2029 – 7.0%
- Current residential cost (3,500 gal/mo) = \$27.60/month
- Projected residential cost (3,500 gal/mo) = \$33.73/month



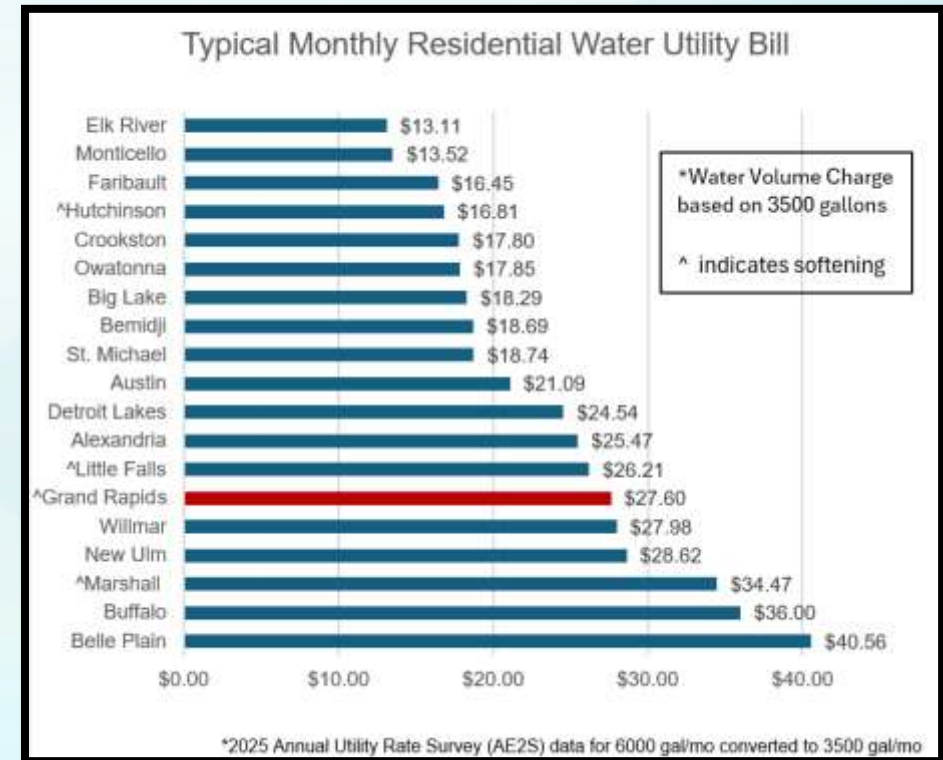


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Proposed Rates for five-year scenario (covering all capital costs, no federal funds):

- Assume no replacement funds available
- Current debt service \$260,000 annually
- \$15,665,000 in capital over the next 5 years – state grant applied
WTP reno, Sylvan Bay phase 2, tower reconditioning
* We do not have sufficient replacement funds to cover the major capital projects requiring us to bond
- New debt - 3% over 20 years in today's dollars:
\$1,043,000 additional debt service
2027 - 8% 2030 – 8%
2028 – 8% 2031 – 8%
2029 – 8%
- Current residential cost (3,500 gal/mo) = \$27.60/month
- Projected residential cost (3,500 gal/mo) = \$38.86/month





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Scenario Planning:

- Current plan is to complete the project over a two-year period.
Costs will be split over the 2 years. Debt payment due following year.
- Can the project move forward without federal funding?
Which means 41% increase over 5 years
- What is a reasonable \$/month increase for a household?



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Upcoming Commission Meetings

Regular Meeting: June 24, 2026

Work Session: July 8, 2026

