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WISCONSIN

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 08, 2026, at 5:00 PM

Committee Room - City Hall, 3rd Floor 1717
E. Park Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 pm

2. ROLL CALL

Committee Members: Shannon Derby, Darla LeClair, Tim Petri

Staff & Others: Scott Ahl, Andrew Sukowaty, Brian Delleman, Shawn Taddy, Kyle Kordell

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the August 3, 2026, Public Utilities Committee Meeting

Tim Petri made a motion to approve the August 3, 2026, Public Utilities Committee Meeting minutes, seconded by Shannon Derby. Motion carried.

4. PUBLIC INPUT – N/A

5. PROJECT STATUS UPDATES

A. 2-2025 LSL Replacement Project

Engineering is working with Essential Sewer & Water to complete the remaining pavement repairs on the near northeast side of the city. At this time, the work is anticipated to be completed by November.

B. 2-2026 LSL Replacement Project

The street department is moving to the 23rd Street area to begin pavement repairs. DPW is also evaluating whether Mammoth Construction can assist with recent pavement openings. Progress will be assessed throughout September.

C. 1-2026 Lincoln Avenue Water Main Replacement

The contractor plans to begin water main replacement in October. Work is expected to be completed by the end of November.

6. WASTEWATER UTILITY: UPDATES AND ACTION

A. Plant and Lift Station Maintenance

The 2026 annual cleaning and maintenance of the plant clarifiers and basins has been completed. Annual maintenance has also been completed at 16 of the 17 city-owned lift stations.

B. Riverside Foods Update

Riverside Foods has purchased a HEPA vacuum, but it has not yet been integrated into the cleaning process. The goal is to have the vacuum set up and in use by the end of September. The vacuum will be used to remove product from machinery and floors before water is used for cleaning. This should significantly reduce the amount of high-strength wastewater entering the sewer system.

The reduction in high-strength wastewater flows from Riverside Foods has contributed to fewer BOD loading exceedances reported by the City to WDNR. In 2025, there were seven exceedances, compared to just one so far in 2026. The 2026 exceedance occurred in March, when the average BOD loading was 4,135.5 lbs/day, compared to the allowable limit of 4,097 lbs/day.

C. Biosolids Disposal

We expect to receive the final sludge cake profiling results by next week and will forward them to United Liquid Waste Recycling (ULWR) for land application and Waste Management for landfill disposal. Once the profiling has been accepted, we will begin planning for either land application through ULWR or transportation to the landfill.

D. Columbus Lift Station Update

The new lift station cover is expected to be delivered at the end of September. Crews will install the new cover once it is received.

7. ELECTRIC AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS UTILITIES: DIRECTOR UPDATES AND ACTION, IF APPLICABLE

A. Pole Inspection and Record Retention

Pole inspections are conducted annually. Director Dellemann visited Plymouth Utilities to observe a demonstration of a WPPI thermal drone that can be used to perform thermal pole inspections and identify potential problems. This inspection method satisfies PSC requirements for pole inspections without requiring utility employees to physically inspect each pole.

The department is considering conducting a one-day thermal drone inspection of the poles located along the old rail corridors near Memorial Drive. The estimated cost would be approximately \$1,500, plus, or minus.

B. WPPI Annual Meeting Reminder

Just a reminder that the WPPI Annual Meeting is next week in Sheboygan.

C. Public Power Week - October 4th - 10th

The Electric Department is working with the Two Rivers School District on a fall food drive.

8. WATER UTILITY: DIRECTOR UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND ACTION, AS NEEDED

A. East Tower Paint Project

The contractor has completed the first week of painting and anticipates three more weeks to completion, barring issues, or weather delays.

B. Leak Detection Update

The Water Department purchased new leak detection equipment last year. Last week, staff used the equipment to locate a water leak on Wilson Street. The leak was estimated to have resulted in a water revenue loss of approximately \$28,000.

C. Fire Hydrant Painting

Repainting of approximately 60 fire hydrants may take place within the next month.

9. STORM WATER UTILITY: UPDATES AND ACTION, AS NEEDED

The City submitted an updated Citywide Storm Water Management Plan to WDNR, which has been approved. Updates to the City's storm water ordinances may be necessary in the future to remain consistent with WDNR requirements.

10. SOLID WASTE UTILITY: UPDATES AND ACTION, AS NEEDED

A. Solid Waste Ordinance Revisions

WDNR requires municipalities to review their ordinances for consistency with state standards and requirements. The city submitted proposed ordinance revisions to WDNR for review and received several comments for consideration. The revisions are anticipated to be presented to the City Council in late September or October.

11. ANY OTHER ITEMS OR ISSUES TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, WITH DISCUSSION AND ACTION – N/A

12. SET DATE, TIME, LOCATION, AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

Proposed for Monday, October 5, 2026, at 5:00 pm

13. ADJOURNMENT: 5:29 pm

Shannon Derby made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Time Petri. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: *Scott W. Ahl*
Assistant City Engineer