



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 AT 5:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 106 JONES STREET, WATERTOWN, WI 53094

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

A. Finance Committee minutes from August 24, 2026

3. OPENING FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Each individual who would like to address the Committee will be permitted up to three minutes for their comments on agenda items only

4. BUSINESS

A. Review and discuss: Infrastructure backlog discussion

B. Convene into closed session per §19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and per §19.85(1)(e) to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (IGA for Law Enforcement IT Services)

C. Reconvene into open session

D. Review and take action: IGA for Law Enforcement IT Services

5. ADJOURNMENT

Persons requiring other reasonable accommodations for any of the above meetings, may contact the office of the City Clerk at cityclerk@watertownwi.gov phone 920-262-4000

A quorum of any City of Watertown Council, Committee, Board, Commission, or other body, may be present at this meeting for observing and gathering of information only



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026, AT 5:30 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 106 JONES STREET, WATERTOWN, WI 53094

Finance Committee members present: Mayor Stocks, Alderpersons Arnett, Blanke, Moldenhauer, Smith
Others present: Finance Director Stevens, Attorney Panalogoulos (video), Deb Sybell, Sonja Kruesel (Vandewalle), Ald. Berg

1. Mayor Stocks called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. Ald. Arnett moved, seconded by Ald. Moldenhauer, to approve the **minutes from the August 10** meeting. Unanimously approved.
3. Ms. Kruesel (Vandewalle) provided a review of the **proposed TID #10 boundary map**. TID #10 will be presented as a mixed-use district that includes 29 parcels. Any residential development is limited to no more than 35% of the TID's geographic area. The one parcel (19- 1911 Gateway Dr) integral to tying the contiguous property connections is in the process of development into a residential group of 22 buildings made up of 274 units.
4. Ald. Arnett moved, supported by Ald. Moldenhauer, to convene into **closed session** per §19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved (**Claim of Rupnow**). Unanimously approved via roll call vote.
5. After reconvening into open session, Ald. Arnett, seconded by Ald. Smith, moved to recommend to Council the denial of the **claim of Rupnow**. Unanimously approved.
6. The meeting recessed to take a **tour of the vacated fire station and current police station** within the Municipal Building.
7. Committee member **comments after the tour**:
 - a. Concern continues to exist as to the response time of the fire department. Hesitant to support major structural changes. Disturb as little as possible to potentially dispatch an ambulance from Jones St.
 - b. Work on developing plans limited to potential plumbing leaks over Evidence Room area, placing police officers closer to the garage, creating ADA restrooms on second floor, expanding evidence storage, potential reducing sally port area to one door to repurpose space.
8. Ald. Arnett moved to adjourn the Finance Committee at 6:57 p.m., seconded by Ald. Smith, and the motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Stevens, Finance Director

Note: These minutes are uncorrected, and any corrections made thereto will be noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.



Section 4, Item A.

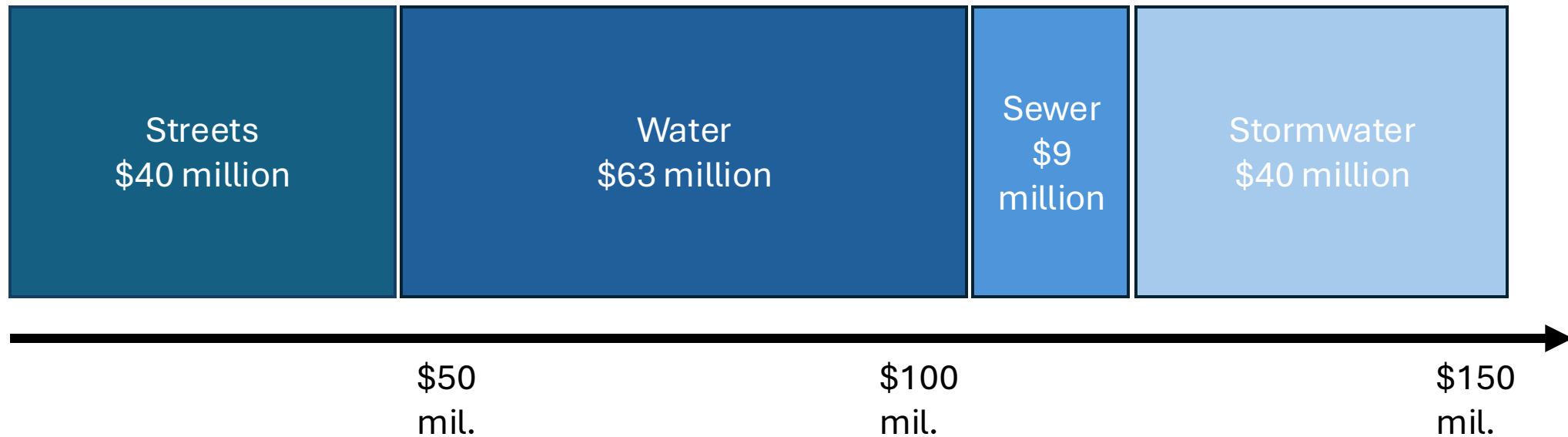
Infrastructure Backlog

September 2026

Introduction

- Watertown is more than 150 years old, with a majority of streets and infrastructure originally built 50+ years ago
- More than 120 miles of streets, with associated water/sewer mains and stormwater controls
- Infrastructure funding has not kept pace with wear & tear

The Scale of the Issue



What's Included

- What needs to be fixed NOW
 - Streets with PASER ratings of 1 or 2 (out of 10) or water mains in need of replacement:
 - S. First Street – Main Street to Milwaukee Street
 - S. Eighth Street – Market Street to Western Avenue
 - City Core – S. Fourth, S. Fifth, S. Sixth Streets – Western Avenue to Clyman Street
 - Labaree Street – Anne Street to Boughton Street
 - Clark Street – S. Third Street to Humboldt Street
 - S. Tenth Street – Western Avenue to Railroad Tracks

These reconstruction projects include streets, water, sewer, and stormwater work.

What's Not Included

Major projects not included:

- Street resurfacing - \$9 million
- Downtown Main Street Reconstruction (city portion) - \$5-7 million
- Sea wall (N. 1st) - \$2-3 million
- Allerman Lift Station - \$5 million
- Wastewater treatment equipment replacement/updates - \$33 million
- 15 priority areas identified in city-wide flood study - \$35 million
- TMDL/MS4 permit compliance - \$3 million
- Street/utility extensions necessary for growth

How Did We Get Here?

- Decades of underfunding have deferred necessary work and turned repairs into replacement
- Street/water/sewer reconstruction budgets have typically covered only 1 major project a year (less than ½ mile)

What Do We Do?

- Spend wisely
- Focus capital spending on infrastructure
- Buy breathing room by extending life of streets/water/sewer