

MINUTES
September 4, 2025

Members Present: Jean Abreu (C), Alder Carol Lukens, Christine Daniels, Jesse Kearns, and Lauren Leitner

Others Present: Carrie Edmondson

In compliance with Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, notice of this meeting was posted and transmitted to the Wausau Daily Herald in the proper manner.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Abreu called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. The group went around with introductions and discussed details of communication about agendas and packets.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was received.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the August 7, 2025, Meeting

Carol/Christine motion/second to approve the minutes – approved 5-0.

4. Discussion and Possible Action: Work Plan reports

- Sustainability Manager – Carrie –
 - Carrie provided an update on the City solar array, Alder Lukens recommended that citizens in support of the City solar array attend the City Council meeting on September 23 and express support of the project.
 - The City has begun the process of seeking SolSmart certification and is currently only five points from SolSmart Bronze status.
 - Wausau Sustainability Awards – Christine provided results of her meeting with Britnie including a draft press release, changes to the application, and recommended process for review.
 - Work plan update – SEEC will undergo a new work plan in January 2026. In December SEEC will review projects completed to date.

Jesse/Christine motion/second to approve the Wausau Sustainability Awards application and procedure with suggested modifications – approved 5-0.

- Media and Public Education – Christine/Jean –
 - Future radio spots (third Tuesday) –
 - September – Carol (Leave the Leaves)
 - October – Christine/Britnie (Wausau Sustainability Awards)
 - Newsletter – one full page in one of the newsletters (1/2 page infographic and 1-2 paragraphs).
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- Elected Official Education – Jesse
 - Tuesday, September 2 – Wausau Water Works Commission 11:00 a.m.
 - Tuesday, September 23 – Common Council 6:30 p.m.

 - Working w/Departments – Carrie
 - This item may transition to business engagement and will be determined with the work plan.

 - Policy and framework to guide decisions, etc. –
 - Carrie is continuing to monitor the OEI Energy Innovation Grant Program (EIGP) energy planning grant this fall for fund availability. In addition, we will be receiving technical assistance from the Great Plains Institute who will assist with the pathway for future development of a clean energy/climate action plan.

 - Sustainable Food Systems

5. Next meeting date: October 2, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

6. Adjourn

Carol/Jesse motion/second - approved 5-0. Adjourned at 6:10 p.m.