



Minutes of April 20, 2021

A meeting of the Wausau Water Works Commission was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in City Hall on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. In compliance with Wisconsin Statutes, this meeting was posted and receipted for by the Wausau Daily Herald on April 15, 2021.

Members Present: President Rosenberg, Commissioners Robinson, Herbst, Force, Gehin.
Others Present: Eric Lindman, Dave Erickson, Scott Boers.

1) Reconsideration of Limiting the Rain Barrel Subsidy to 200 Barrels.

Lindman described implications of the restrictions of the limiting of the rain barrels as this would limit everyone as a rate payer to take advantage of the subsidy. If we didn't limit it, the expectation is around 500 barrels from feedback from different areas in the city. It might have a negative perception on utility if we don't allow the subsidy for everyone. Upon application to the PSC, they wanted to make sure everyone had the opportunity as well as the DNR encouraging conservative and efficient water usage. He'd like the Committee to reconsider not limiting the number of barrels and keeping it open for this year and maybe any advancement in the future can come back to Committee for consideration if we'd want to continue with the program.

Gehin would like to make a motion to rescind the cap and allow for the year.

Robinson commented if the motion would be a reconsideration of the action, then once you reconsider then you can take a motion.

Gehin states he would move to reconsider this motion.

Force seconded.

Rosenberg requested if there were any other discussion and recaps that this is a reconsideration of the 200 barrels. After questioning the Committee who agrees to reconsider this passes unanimously.

Gehin stated he would move to have this program throughout this year.

Rosenberg reiterated that the motion is to have a rain barrel subsidy through the year with no cap on the rain barrels, is there a second.

Herbst Seconded.

Force questioned if the subsidy was still \$35/barrel.

Robinson stated he would like to discuss this because we had talked about \$25 and then we jumped to \$35 subsidy, if we were concerned about the fiscal impact. He thinks the \$25 subsidy would work if we were going to try to limit the exposure to the city if we were going to leave it open ended. He would like to see what others thought of that.

Robinson moved to amend and set the subsidy to \$25.

Gehin seconded.

Rosenberg asked if there were any additional discussion on amendment. So we will vote on the amendment to set this at \$25 subsidy per barrel. This passes unanimously. So now we have an amended rain barrel with no cap at \$25 subsidy.

Force wanted to clarify if there was still a 2 barrel per household.

Rosenberg replied yes because we are still sticking with that from the original resolution.

Gehin asked if this was inclusive of the motion since we voted on the amendment.

Rosenberg replied we are now at the resolution as amended.

Robinson requests that a report be provided in October so we could consider for next year's budget.

Rosenberg states yes, we will have to put this on the calendar to remind ourselves. Any further discussion or are we ready to vote on a resolution as amended.

Herbst asked to clarify as we originally approved residents were going to pay \$40 per barrel with a \$35 subsidy on a \$75/ barrel. Now residents are going to pay \$50 per barrel as we are going to subsidize \$25/barrel on a \$75/barrel, if this was correct?

Rosenberg replies yes.

Force questioned Lindman if this was in the press at \$35.

Lindman replied yes because that was what was approved and voted on.

Rosenberg states that we could send the press an update of all the information

Force wanted to clarify that the \$35 was out in the public domain.

Rosenberg replied with affirmative and asked if there were any other discussion. We are ready to vote on the resolution as amended no cap on barrels, \$25/barrel and two barrels per household. This passes unanimously.

Robinson thanked Force for his work and researching this to pull this together as part of the Savvy Program.

2) Discussion and Possible Action Classifying the Position of Water Distribution Maintainer and Relief Operator.

Rosenberg stated we voted on the description but not the classification of position.

Lindman reiterated that in the staff memo from Toni, we had three different pay options in how we could structure this position moving forward. Staff recommends that we classify this position and pay this as option one as there will be time when this position will be filling in for vacation or medical leave. This is part of the succession planning, having more than one person understand the daily operation of the plant and what needs to happen. This is coming back as there was no specific motion of the classification or pay structure option of the position.

Robinson stated he would like to make a motion to set the pay grade at 18 for this position.

Seconded by Gehin.

Motion carries 5-0.

Adjourn.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting is adjourned.