OFFICIAL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

MEETING:	Wausau Water Works Commission
DATE/TIME:	Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 11:30 AM
LOCATION:	Wausau City Hall — Council Chambers 407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

MEMBERS:
Mayor Doug Diny (P)
Micheal Martens
Peter Gelhar
Deb Hadley
Aaron Van Krey

Members Present: Doug Diny, Deb Hadley, Michael Martens, Aaron Van Krey
Members Not Present:
Members Excused: Peter Gelhar
Present 4, Not Present 0, Excused 1

Noting the presence of a quorum, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

1 Recognition of Jim Force's Years of Service on the Wausau Water Works Commission.

Diny presented a plaque to Force in recognition of 11 years of service on the Wausau Water Works Commission. Force expressed appreciation for everyone's work/dedication on the water treatment plant revamp, PFAS challenges and efforts to provide safer drinking water. He encouraged future commissioners to remember that their role was to serve the community.

2 Consideration of the minutes of the preceding meeting(s).

May 5, 2026 Regular Wausau Water Works Commission Minutes.

Motion to Approve minutes of May 5, 2026 by Martens. Seconded by Van Krey. Motion carried 4-0.

3 Director's Reports.

Report Placed on file.

a. Update on Cherry St Lift Station Delays and Construction Oversight Costs.

Hadley questioned why the added cost wasn't between Clark Dietz and Integrity. Lindman explained both firms contract directly with the City, and liquidated damages require proof of hardship. After discussions with both parties, the agreed resolution was $11,742.05. He noted Wisconsin's public bidding laws limit flexibility, and while staff works to control costs within contract parameters, the constraints can be frustrating.

b. Cherry St. Lift Station Project and Headworks Screening Project Updates.

Updates provided via memo in packet- no discussion, placed on file.

4 Discussion and Possible Action.

a. Selecting a Proposal for Drinking Water Treatment Facility PFAS Treatment — Granular Activated Carbon Reactivation.

Boers reviewed the RFPs, which followed AWWA standards and included two options for GAC installation and reactivation. Bid results and scoring were provided, and staff recommended awarding the carbon changeout to Carbon Activated Corporation as the low bidder. Van Krey asked about the half-point variance in their score, and Boers noted it was likely due to minor product density differences. Martens asked whether switching from Calgon to Carbon Activated would result in performance concerns or differences in life expectancy; Boers said slight density and material variations exist but the acid-washed product should prevent startup issues. He explained that due to PFOA levels, reactivated carbon is expected to require changeout roughly every six months, with an estimated cost of about $480,000 per cycle. Diny noted that $1,000,000 is budgeted annually for this work. Motion to select and approve Carbon Activated Corporation for Drinking Water Treatment Facility PFAS Treatment- Granular

Activated Carbon Reactivation by Hadley. Seconded by Van Krey. Motion carried 4-0.

b. Approving a Mandatory Lead Service Line Replacement Ordinance.

Diny reviewed the status of the mandatory lead service line replacement ordinance, noting prior Council delays and the need for a decision back to Council by August as funding declines. Lindman explained that current language limits the City's ability to replace private-side lines and affects grant eligibility. Funding tiers are dropping, and unfunded private-side costs are expected by 2027. The ordinance is necessary because replacements are currently voluntary; without it, the utility will fall out of compliance within ten years and face state penalties. The mandate originates from federal EPA requirements, not the City. Diny reiterated that the City has no choice due to these regulations. Members discussed the importance of adopting a mandatory ordinance to maintain compliance, secure grants, and avoid future homeowner burdens. Public engagement was recommended before bringing the ordinance to Council in August. The Commission will revisit the ordinance in July with a recommendation.

c. Approving the Wastewater 2025 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) and Resolution.

Lindman reported that the CMAR is an annual self-evaluation report and will be presented to the council as a resolution demonstrating that both staff and the treatment facility are performing well. Martens agreed, noting that in previous years staffing shortages had negatively impacted the overall score, with staffing levels now improved, the report reflects top ratings in all categories. Motion to approve Wastewater's 2025 CMAR and Resolution by Martens. Seconded by Van Krey. Motion carried 4-0.

d. Approving the scope of services for the completion of the design and construction of the 32nd and Airport Lift Stations from Clark Dietz.

Diny requested approval of Clark Dietz's scope of services for the 32nd and Airport Lift Stations. Martens moved to approve. Seconded by Hadley. Motion carried 4–0.

5 Adjournment.

Diny noted the July 7th meeting will be rescheduled. An email polling July 2026 meeting dates will be sent. Motion to adjourn by Van Krey. Seconded by Hadley. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:19 PM.

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