



OFFICIAL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

MEETING: Wausau Water Works Commission
DATE/TIME: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 11:30 AM
LOCATION: Wausau City Hall — Council Chambers
407 Grant Street, Wausau WI, 54403

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

Members Present: Doug Diny, Deb Hadley, Peter Gelhar, Michael Martens, Aaron Van Krey

Members Not Present:

Members Excused:

Present 5, Not Present 0, Excused 0

Noting the presence of a quorum, the Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:31 AM.

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

June 2, 2026 Regular Wausau Water Works Commission Minutes.

Motion to Approve minutes of June 2, 2026 by Gelhar. Seconded by Hadley.

Motion carried 5-0.

2 Director's Reports.

Report Placed on File.

a. Drinking Water Division- Nitrification Investigation at Municipal Community Water Systems

Boers explained that the DNR is investigating nitrification, requiring ammonia testing in raw water due to issues seen in other municipalities and all drinking water providers will need to comply. Sampling all six wells will likely be required, and while testing protocols haven't been provided yet, it's simpler/cheaper to take samples rather than dispute the request. Past testing shows some wells exceed the 0.2 mg/L follow-up threshold, suggesting this may become a new ongoing monitoring protocol but DNR will follow up. Martens asked whether our treatment process removes nitrates. Boers clarified that nitrate levels are generally low, and ammonia is added to form chloramines for longer-lasting disinfection, a practice implemented under the regulated lead and copper rule in the 1990s. Diny noted this appears to be a statewide, catch-all requirement. No further questions/discussions, placed on file.

b. USEPA 6th Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR6).

Lindman explained that USEPA's UCMR provides early insight into potential future regulations and contaminants, helping guide planning and treatment designs. Updates are brought to the commission as they are released. In response to Hadley's question, Lindman noted PFAS checks have been reduced by USEPA, but the DNR continues to push for multiple tests. No further questions/discussions, placed on file.

c. Wastewater Division- Update on the Headworks Screening Project and Cherry St. Lift Station Project

Lindman reported the Headworks screening project remains on schedule for completion in November 2026. The Cherry St. Lift Station is fully operational, with final electrical, communications, and SCADA punch-list items underway. No further questions/discussions, placed on file.

3 Discussion and Possible Action.

a. Approving a mandatory Lead Service Line Replacement ordinance.

Lindman reported that a Committee of the Whole meeting on 7/13/26 reviewed future funding for Lead Service Line (LSL) replacements and the Mandatory LSL Ordinance. The ordinance, drafted with the Attorney's Office and previously amended by the City Council, needs reconsideration because funding rules prohibit partial replacements and additional challenges have also been outlined in past memos. There is currently no mechanism to ensure

compliance. EPA regulations require full lead removal by 2037, and non-compliance could result in yet-unknown charges, fines, or restrictions. After extensive discussion, Hadley motioned to remove the first paragraph and retain the second and third paragraphs on page 47 under Section 9.13.66.080 (Financing of replacement). Gelhar seconded. Motion carried 5-0. The revised language will be sent back to the City Council for consideration.

4 Discussion.

a. Discussion on selecting an August 2026 meeting date.

After discussion, Commission meeting will be Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 11:30 AM.

5 Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn by Van Krey. Seconded by Martens. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 12:04 PM.

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