

WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday June 10, 2026

4:00 PM

Water and Sewer Commission President Martens called the regular meeting of the City of Platteville Water and Sewer Commission to order on Wednesday, June 10th at 4:00 p.m.

W/S Commission members present: Cindy Martens, Barbara Daus, Michael Knautz, Steven Badger and Brian Whisenant.

W/S Commission members excused/absent: Jim Schneller, Dr. JoAnne Wilson.

Staff present: Public Works Director – Howard Crofoot, Administration Director – Nicola Maurer, Assistant Director of Public Works/Utility Superintendent – Ryan Kowalski, Accounting & Finance Manager – Renee Weaver

City Staff excused/absent: none

Public present – Dan Dressens.

1. **Citizens' Comments** – none.
2. **Consent Agenda** was presented for consideration. **Motion by Knautz, second by Daus, to approve the Consent Agenda:** May 13th Regular Minutes, May 2026 financial reports and payment of bills, May 2026 Water Quality/Flushing report. **Motion carried.**

ACTION ITEMS:

3. **Contract 1-26 Jefferson St. Reconstruction project award** – Director of Public Works Crofoot presented a revised staff note and highlighted the numbers for the city and the water and sewer portion. Whisenant made the motion to award Contract 1-26, Jefferston Street Water & Sewer to Owen's Excavating for the bid price of \$424,471.56. Knautz seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
4. **Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR)** – Director of Public Works Crofoot explained that the CMAR is a compilation of data used to measure performance and compliance. Data is sent monthly to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and then validated. The system graded an "A" in all areas for 2025. The financial condition is stable and management procedures are in place. Assistant Director of Public Works/Utility Superintendent Kowalski stated there is continuous monitoring at the plant and that industry samples are specific composite samples received in a 24 hour period. Whisenant made a motion to

recommend to the Common Council to approve authorizing staff to submit the CMAR for 2025. Badger seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

5. **Well 6 Repairs Budget Amendment** - Director of Public Works Crofoot stated that Well 6 was put in service in 2019. Inspections and rehabilitations are scheduled for every seven years due to the nature of the water. The inspection report states that the pump and column pipe need to be replaced. The recommendation is to epoxy coat the pipe and pump to extend the life of the equipment. Assistant Director of Public Works/Utility Superintendent Kowalski said the warranty period expired. Discussion ensued regarding the general expectation of the life of well pumps and pipes, water hardness, and the acidity of the water. Administration Director Maurer stated that the savings on some of the other projects this year will be netted against this unbudgeted expense. A motion was made by Daus to amend the 2026 Water and Sewer CIP Budget to include the Well 6 pump and pipe replacement project at a cost of \$185,980 for repairs to be funded from the 2026 revenue bond issue. Badger seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Emmi Roth - the Water and Sewer Commission discussed a follow up letter that was sent to Emmi Roth by the City Attorney regarding manhole repairs due to corrosive waste discharge and being in violation of the City's wastewater ordinances. Director of Public Works Crofoot informed the Commission of ongoing communications with the company. Commission consensus was to pursue reimbursement by Emmi Roth of the manhole repair estimated costs as stated in the letter.

Per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)- Director of Public Works Crofoot explained that the water and sewer utility is required to test for PFAS. All test results of the water utility have been under the limit of detections. The sewer test results have been over the limit of detections, but under the limit of quantitation. At these levels, there are no requirements for further action. The cost of additional testing will be included in the water and sewer budgets.

Update of ongoing projects – Assistant Director of Public Works/Utility Superintendent Kowalski said the tuckpointing of the main WRRF building is complete. The backwash tank is still being worked on and mid-July is the anticipated completion date. The centrifuge went out to Kenosha June 3rd for rehab to update the 20 year panel. The secondary digester has been cleaned and inspected. It looks great structurally and the patch is holding up

good. In five years it will be time to get it painted. The Knollwood project will be started later this summer and Jefferson St. reconstruction will start after Labor Day. The meeting on Well #7 will be on June 17th with Strand.

Payment Processor Upgrade – Administration Director Maurer explained that the same firm as the City's financial software is offering a payment processing module called Community Connect. In addition to utility payments, the payment processor will be able to take other forms of payment online such dog licensing, building permits, and fire inspection fees. It will also allow customers to see their billing history. Additionally, customers can select to receive various notifications by text or email. Maurer provided information about the implementation fee, the cost to the customer, and the monthly cost to the City.

Adjournment: Motion by Daus, seconded by Knautz, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Weaver

Accounting & Finance Manager