



**CITY OF CEDARBURG**  
**Joint Common Council/Public Works & Sewerage**  
**December 3, 2025**  
**Minutes**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Thome called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

- A. Present for Council: Mayor Patricia Thome, Council Members Melissa Bitter, Kristin Burkart (Zoom), Amanda Didier, Robert Simpson (7:09 pm), Kristian Lindo (Zoom), Mark Mueller  
Excused: Council Member Jim Fitzpatrick

Present for Public Works & Sewerage Commission: Mayor Patricia Thome, Council Member Robert Simpson (7:09 pm), Andrew Whaley, Charles Schumacher, Rick Verhaalen, Robert Dries, Terry Wagner  
Excused: Andrew Hester, Tim Larson

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

At Mayor Thome's request, City Clerk Sette verified that notice of this meeting was posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law.

6. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

None

7. PRESENTATIONS

Nathan Cassity of Donohue & Associates summarized the Water Recycling Center facility plan, which contained four options for repairing and renovating the Water Recycling Center. The full facility plan may be found on the City website.

## 8. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. A Public Hearing to consider a new Water Recycling Center Facility Plan which includes upgrading and expanding the current facilities located at W54 N370 Park Lane, Cedarburg, WI.

Mayor Thome opened the Public Hearing, inviting comments from the public.

Karsten Huse: General Manager of Light & Water suggested the completion of a formal rate study.

Terry King: W63 N762 Sheboygan Rd - asked if a lower population growth could affect total cost.

Laura VanGenderen: N31 W5100 Landmark Dr - expressed concerns with cost overages

A discussion ensued between Common Council members and Public Works & Sewerage Commission members regarding project time-line, cost beyond 20 years, and future sewer rates.

A motion was made by Council Member Didier, seconded by Council Member Mueller for the Council, and a motion was made by Commissioner Verhaalen, seconded by Commissioner Simpson for the Public Works & Sewerage Commission to close the public hearing at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Council Members Bitter, Burkart, Didier, Simpson, Lindo, and Mueller voting aye and Council Member Fitzpatrick excused, and Commissioners Thome, Simpson, Whaley, Schumacher, Verhaalen, Dries, and Wagner voting aye for the Public Works & Sewerage Commission and Commissioner Hester excused.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible action to approve and submit the Water Recycling Facility Plan to the DNR

A discussion ensued highlighting the need for additional DNR approval should there be any changes to treatment processes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Verhaalen, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to recommend to the Common Council alternative #1 for renovating the Water Recycling Center. Motion carried without a negative vote with Commissioner Hester excused.

Council Member Bitter recommended the Council review a financial analysis of the project that would extend beyond the 20-year DNR requirement.

A motion was made by Council Member Simpson, seconded by Council Member Mueller, to approve and submit the Water Recycling Facility Plan to the Wisconsin

DNR for plan alternative #1. Motion carried with one negative vote from Council Member Bitter, and Council Member Fitzpatrick excused.

- B. Discussion and possible action on repairs to oxidation ditch aeration trains at the existing Water Recycling Center.

Water Recycling Superintendent Dennis Grulkowski explained that two (2) of the six (6) trains have been rebuilt this year. The request tonight is for funding to rebuild two (2) more next year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dries, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, to recommend to the Common Council repairs to the oxidation ditch aeration trains not to exceed \$331,906. Motion carried without a negative vote with Commissioner Hester excused.

A motion was made by Council Member Simpson, seconded by Council Member Bitter, to approve repairs to the oxidation ditch aeration trains not to exceed \$331,906. Motion carried with Council Member Fitzpatrick excused.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mayor Thome, seconded by Commissioner Simpson for the Public Works & Sewerage Commission, and a motion was made by Council Member Mueller, seconded by Council Member Didier for the Common Council, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried without a negative vote with Council Member Fitzpatrick and Commissioner Hester excused.

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