



CITY OF CEDARBURG
Public Works and Sewerage Commission
February 12, 2026
Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Thome.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Patricia Thome, Council Member Robert Simpson, AJ Hester, Charles Schumacher, Rick Verhaalen, Robert Dries, Terry Wagner, Andrew Whaley

Excused - Tim Larson

Also Present - Director of Engineering Mike Wieser, Superintendent Joel Bublitz, Superintendent Craig Obry, Administrative Assistant Theresa Hanaman

3. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Administrative Assistant Theresa Hanaman confirmed that proper legal notice of the meeting had been given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 13, 2025

B. December 3, 2025, Joint Common Council & Public Works Sewerage Commission meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Schumacher, seconded by Commissioner Dries, to approve the minutes of November 13, 2025, and December 3, 2025. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Larson excused.

5. COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM CITIZENS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. *Consider changing sections of Cleveland Street, Turner Street, and Mill Street to one-way streets to allow the addition of angle parking; and action thereon.*

Director Wieser reported that the Economic Development Board is working to increase parking availability in the downtown area. One of their proposed solutions is to convert a section of three streets to one-way traffic and to add angle parking where feasible on one side. The streets suggested for conversion are as follows:

1. Cleveland Street (from Washington to Hanover) – westbound traffic only
2. Turner Street – eastbound traffic only
3. Mill Street (from Washington to Hanover) – westbound traffic only

The modifications to Cleveland Street will introduce parallel parking on both sides along with one westbound driving lane. For Turner Street, the plan is to add angled parking on the south side and parallel parking on the north side, also with one eastbound driving lane. The changes to Mill Street will include angled parking on either the north or south side and parallel parking on the opposite side, featuring one westbound driving lane. In total, the changes will result in the following additions: 7 parking spaces on Cleveland Street, 8 spaces on Turner Street, and between 7 and 8 spaces on Mill Street, leading to an overall increase of 22 to 23 parking spaces.

Commissioner Schumacher noted that making three one-lane road changes would lead to congestion in the area and that angle parking is challenging to manage, making it an ineffective solution. Commissioners Wagner and Verhaalen expressed opposition to the idea of adding one-way streets. Meanwhile, Mayor Thome and Commissioner Wagner supported the addition of more parallel parking along Mill Street.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Council Member Simpson, to approve parking along Mill Street (from Washington to Portland) and to oppose the proposed one-way road designations for Cleveland Street, Turner Street, and Mill Street (Washington to Hanover). The Commission also agreed to finalize the specific number of parking spaces at the next PWSC meeting, with the current estimate being 19 spaces along Mill Street within the same Washington-to-Portland segment. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Larsen excused.

- B. *Consider Recycling Ordinance Update; and action thereon.*

The WDNR is requiring the City to pass an ordinance to reflect changes made by the recycling rule revision. This is required for the City to continue being eligible for the recycling grant received annually, totaling around \$37,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Verhaalen, seconded by Council member Simpson, to approve the amended definitions of Section 8-3-13 of the City Code relating to the City's Recycling Program. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Larsen excused.

C. Review bids received for the South Washington Avenue Reconstruction Project.

Director Wieser reported the South Washington Avenue Reconstruction Project is scheduled to take place on Washington Avenue from approximately 150 feet north of Lincoln Boulevard to the City limits south of Pioneer Road.

A total of 6 bids were received, with the low bid of \$3,293,003.20 being submitted by Vinton Construction Company. Vinton's low bid was about \$1,350,000 below the engineer's estimate and within budget. The second-place bid was \$391,000 higher than Vinton's bid.

Due to time constraints to get the project started, this item was taken to the Common Council at their February 9th meeting.

This item was for discussion only; no action was taken.

D. Update on the Water Recycling Center Facility Plan.

Director Wieser reported the WRC Facility Plan was submitted to the WDNR on January 21st. The DNR will review the facility plan over the next 90 days. Then an RFP will go out for a design engineer.

This item was for discussion and feedback only; no action was taken.

7. REPORTS

A. Update on Public Works operation

Superintendent Bublitz reported that public works is continuing to pick up leaves from winter into March for a thorough city cleanup. They will prioritize tree pruning in construction areas first. Additionally, a new mechanic has been hired and is doing great. Also, the underground line for the Yard Waste Facility gate has frozen, so the gate must remain open for now.

B. Update on Water Recycling Plant operations and discussion of monthly reports

Superintendent Orby reported that the Water Recycling Center is seeking to hire two new employees. Due to a lack of staff, there will be limited sewer televising. Visu Sewer is currently repairing leaks and plans to line the section from Alyce Street to Fairfield and from Washington to Hilgen. In March, they expect to begin lining from Sheboygan to Arbor.

C. Identify future agenda items

Downtown parking with a clear plan that includes the number of parking stalls and their layout.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Hester, seconded by Council member Simpson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Larson excused.

Theresa Hanaman
Engineering Administrative Assistant