



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Waterworks Commission

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 303

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 4 - John Tate II, Cory Mason, Jens Jorgensen and Nick Barootian

EXCUSED: 3 - Natalia Taft, Jim Sullivan and Marlo Harmon

[0533-25](#)

Subject: Approval of Minutes for the April 16, 2025, Waterworks Commission Meeting

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by President Tate II, seconded by Mayor Mason, that this file be Approved.

[0534-25](#)

Subject: Communication from the Utility Director Regarding 2024 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

<https://cityofracine.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/2024-RWU-CCR-1.pdf>

Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Utility Director, together with Utility Superintendent, Joel Brunner, presented the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which is an annual report required by the EPA. The CCR lists the local area drinking water source along with outlining specific information to consumers about the quality of their drinking water, potential risks for emerging contaminants as well as steps taken and required testing by the Utility to help ensure the safety of the drinking water for its consumers. The Utility currently meets or exceeds all state and federal water quality standards.

A motion was made by President Tate II, seconded by Mayor Mason, that this file be Received and Filed.

[0535-25](#)

Subject: Communication from the Utility Director Regarding the 2024 Wisconsin Waterworks Excellence Project (WWEP)

<https://mannyteodoro.com/wwep-report-cards/>

Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Utility Director presented information on the 2024 Wisconsin Waterworks Excellence Project (WWEP). The WWEP provides grading for water quality-health, infrastructure & operations, communications, and finance categories based on data provided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI-DNR), and the Public Service Commission (PSC) of Wisconsin. Utility Superintendent, Joel Brunner, addressed the lower score on infrastructure, citing water loss from leakage as well as older pieces and elements of infrastructure still needing replacement. He also commented on the communications score, expressing that the development of a new utility website as part of the City's revamped website project should help improve communication interaction between the Utility and the public.

A motion was made by President Tate II, seconded by Mayor Mason, that this file be Received and Filed.

[0536-25](#)

Subject: Consideration of the Comprehensive Plan for Replacement of all Lead Service Lines by CDM Smith

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

Matt Bednarski, with CDM Smith, presented on the topic of Approval of a Comprehensive Plan for Replacement of all Lead Service Lines (LSLs) in the City of Racine. Key points touched on were the establishment of an outreach plan already in place to communicate with residents about the project, leveraging federal funds available through the next two years from a bipartisan infrastructure law, emphasis on the current safety of the water in Racine and compliance with regulations & quality standards as it pertains specifically to lead. The 5 year plan for LSL replacement is a phased approach that will work in conjunction with other city departments and projects such as road paving.

A motion was made by President Tate II, seconded by Mayor Mason, that this file be Approved.

[0541-25](#)

Subject: Consideration of Bid Opening Results on Contract W-25-8, 2025 42" Transmission Water Main - Phase 4

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: Lowest responsive bid from A.W. Oakes & Son, Inc. at \$9,374,674.00.

The Utility Director is authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the Racine Water Utility. The lowest responsible bidder was from A.W. Oakes & Son, Inc.

with a bid of \$9,374,674.00

A motion was made by Mayor Mason, seconded by President Tate II, that this file be Approved with the understanding that the Contractor be reminded of the importance of compliance with the Racine Works Program requirements.

[0542-25](#)

Subject: Consideration of Bid Opening Results on Contract W-25-9, 2025 Water Main Replacement - Phase 3

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: Lowest responsive bid from Willkomm Excavating & Grading, Inc. at 486,070.00.

The Utility Director is authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the Racine Water Utility. The lowest responsible bidder was from Willkomm Excavating & Grading, Inc. with a bid of \$486,070.00.

A motion was made by President Tate II, seconded by Mayor Mason, that this file be Approved.

[0544-25](#)

Subject: Change Order No. 1 on Contract W-23-7, 42" Water Main Phase 3 Project, Super Excavators, Inc. (contractor)

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: Contract Change results in an increase of \$19,020.00, bringing the total contract amount to \$18,220,360.00.

A motion was made by Mayor Mason, seconded by President Tate II, that this file be Approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.