



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wastewater Commission

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 303

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 11 - Natalia Taft, John Tate II, Anthony Bunkelman, Jens Jorgensen, Jim Sullivan, Nancy Washburn, Marlo Harmon, Nick Barootian, Rosalind Thomas, Jack Feiner and Tony Beyer

EXCUSED: 3 - Claude Lois, Kevin Salb and Cory Mason

[0210-26](#)

Subject: Approval of Minutes for the February 18, 2026, Wastewater Commission Meeting

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Tate II, seconded by Thomas, that this file be Approved.

[0222-26](#)

Subject: Consideration of Mount Pleasant Interceptor Rates for 2026

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Utility Director presented the proposed Mt. Pleasant Interceptor Rate of \$162.74/MG for 2026. The rates are calculated annually and approved by the Village of Mt. Pleasant Sewer Utility using methodology from an agreement established in 1993 to recover operation, maintenance, and depreciation costs applied to SSR Party flow conveyed through the interceptor.

A motion was made by Sullivan, seconded by Washburn, that this file be Approved.

[0215-26](#)

Subject: Consideration of Professional Services Contract with Full Service Organics Management, LLC (FSO) for Digester Cleaning Services

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Utility Director presented a proposed contract from Full Source Organics Management, LLC (FSO), who would oversee the cleaning of the digesters at the Treatment Plant. The cost of the process is based on the amount of wet tons that are pulled out of the digesters.

A motion was made by Sullivan, seconded by Barootian, that this file be Approved.

[0219-26](#)

Subject: Communication from Utility Director Regarding Utility Re-Organization Strategy

Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Utility Director presented on the topic of the Wastewater and Water Utility's vision for a re-organization plan. This vision is a strategic plan to be implemented over time but may have 2027 budget impacts. It revises career progression, redundancy of core tasks, and a look-forward approach to technology and retention.

A motion was made by Washburn, seconded by Thomas, that this file be Received and Filed.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Jorgenson seconded by Tate II, to enter into Closed Session. The motion PASSED by the following vote:

AYES: 11 - Taft
Tate II
Bunkelman
Jorgensen
Sullivan
Washburn
Harmon
Barootian
Thomas
Feiner
Beyer

EXCUSED: 3 - Lois
Salb
Mason

[0220-26](#)

Subject: Communication Sponsored by Commissioner Taft Requesting that the Wastewater Commission Meet Regarding a City Notice of Claim Regarding Shared Revenue Calculations

Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

Fiscal Note: N/A

OPEN SESSION

**A motion was made by Taft, seconded by Tate II, to enter into Open Session.
The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

AYES: 11 - Taft
Tate II
Bunkelman
Jorgensen
Sullivan
Washburn
Harmon
Barootian
Thomas
Feiner
Beyer

EXCUSED: 3 - Lois
Salb
Mason

**A motion was made that Item # 0220-26 be Approved. The motion PASSED by
the following vote:**

AYES: 7 - Taft
Tate II
Jorgensen
Sullivan
Harmon
Barootian
Thomas

NOES: 4 - Bunkelman
Washburn
Feiner
Beyer

EXCUSED: 3 - Lois
Salb
Mason

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.