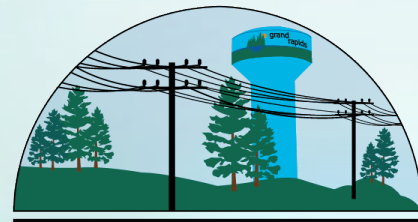


Grand Rapids Public Utilities Updates

Joint City Council & Commission Meeting

4 PM on June 2, 2025 at City Hall



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UPDATE: ERP Go-live Timeline

Proposed revised timelines:

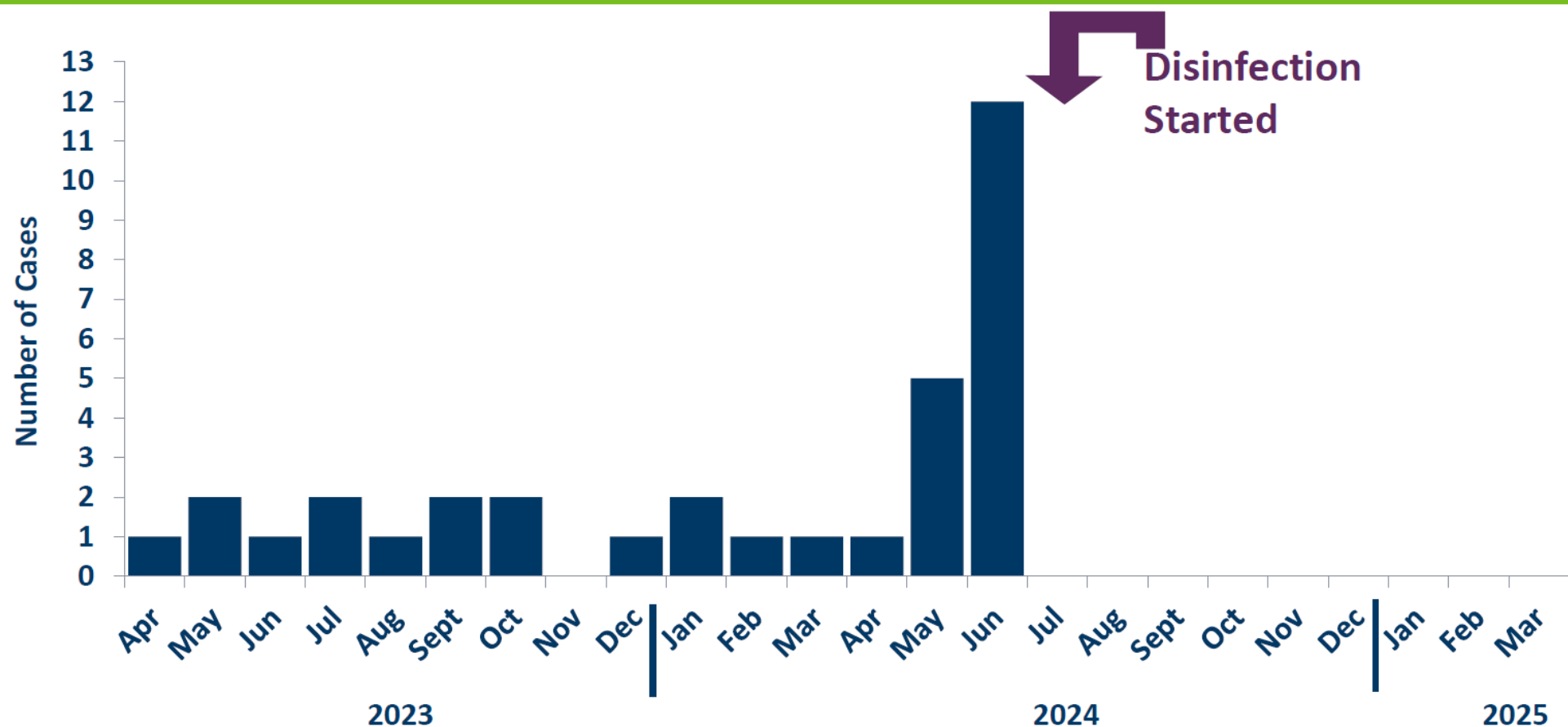
- Vendor disruptions caused GRPU to an agreed revision of the SpryPoint utility billing go-live to the first week of September.
- GRPU has chosen to shift our Oracle/NS4G financials go-live to the last week of August to run parallel with the utility billing launch.
- These GRPU date adjustments do not impact the City's Oracle/NS4G schedule.

Franchise fee billing timeline:

- September 18 for Cycle 2 (residential) for August 12 through September 11 usage
- September 25 for Cycle 3 (residential) for August 18 through September 17 usage
- October 2 for Cycle 4 (residential) for August 25 through September 24 usage
- October 9 for Cycles 1 & 5 (commercial) for September 1 through September 30 usage

UPDATE: Legionnaires' Disease Outbreak, 2023-2024

Confirmed Legionnaires' Disease Cases with Exposure to Grand Rapids, 2023-25 (n=34) by Illness Onset Month



UPDATE: City - GRPU Collaborative Services

Proposed updates for the 2026 MOU:

- Information Technology (IT) Services

The IT Services collaboration ended May 20, 2025, as requested by the City.

- GRPW/PU Shared Facility

The original lease agreement was structured around the 20-year bond debt repayment.

Now that bonds have been retired, the focus has shifted to routine capital replacements such as roof and flooring upgrades.

GRPU finance, along with City finance and PW teams, will begin collaborative discussions in July to modernize the agreement.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into on this 18th day of December 2024 between the City of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, (City) and the Grand Rapids Public Utilities (GRPU).

This MOU establishes the framework for collaboration between the City and GRPU to benefit their property taxpayers and utility ratepayers. This MOU intends to outline the various areas of collaboration as they may change over time. The Parties agree to quarterly invoicing, an annual review of the MOU, and a six-month written notice of anticipated changes. Updates and changes will be recognized in a subsequent MOU on or before December 31 of each year. The original MOU became effective on January 1, 2024. Either party may terminate the MOU with a one-year written notice. In the absence of such notification, the latest documented revision of this MOU will remain in effect.

Now, therefore, the parties agree to the various areas of collaboration as follows:

Information Systems (IS) Services

Key Contacts:

City: Matt Wegwerth	GRPU: Mike LeClaire
Public Works Director/City Engineer	GRPU IS Manager
mwegwerth@grandrapidsmn.gov	mleclaire@grpuc.org
218.326.7625	218.326.7498

Employees in the IS Department shall be GRPU employees. The Parties agree to share costs associated with IS staff and software applications. The cost-sharing shall follow the spreadsheet template developed annually by the Key Contacts which details the proposed IS projects and system maintenance, software licenses, and utility locating services breakdown. The GIS virtual servers shall be located to the GRPU network prior to December 31, 2025.

Information Technology (IT) Services

Key Contacts:

City: Lasha Karels	GRPU: Julie Kennedy
Assistant IT Director	GRPU General Manager
lkarels@grandrapidsmn.gov	jakennedy@grpuc.org
218.326.7620	218.326.7687

Employees in the IT Department shall be City employees. The ERP Special Project Coordinator employee shall be a GRPU employee. Cost sharing shall be split 50/50 based on the actual cost of the department and ERP Project employee, less expenditures that only benefit one Party. Except for the separately documented ERP project, the IT Services collaboration shall end on

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Until then, during the transition to another IT provider, services from City IT and will pay for these based on the

ation ended September 30, 2024, as requested by the

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218.326.7199

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e GRPU employees. GRPU will perform maintenance on

City streetlights, as requested. Work performed will be billed on an hourly basis.

PW/PU Shared Facility

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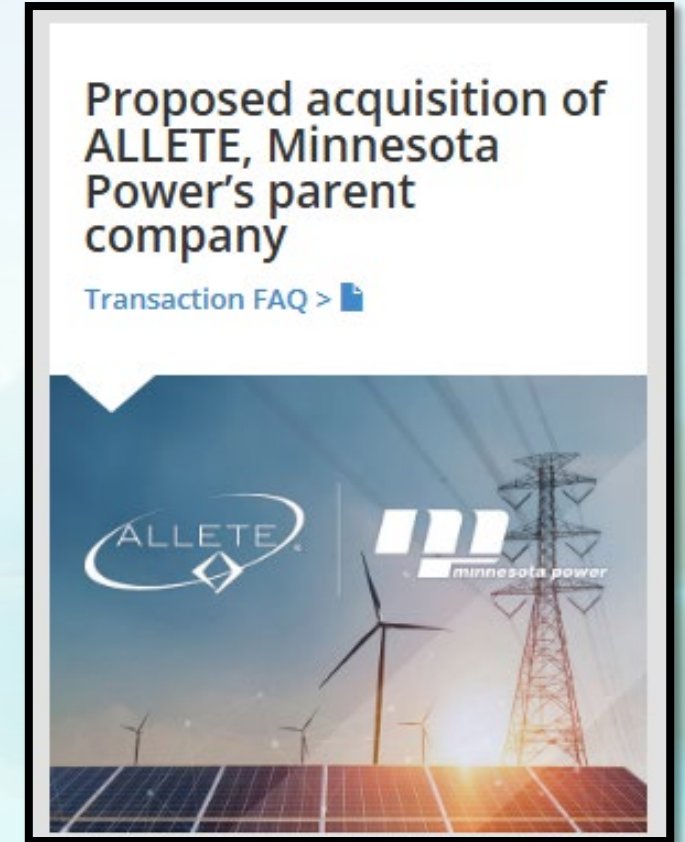
GRPU Electric and Water Departments and the City Public Works Department run operations from the Public Works / Public Utilities Combined Service Center (CSC). GRPU will manage the CSC buildings and bill rent based on the actual costs of building upkeep, which includes

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Proposed ALLETE Acquisition & GRPU Power Agreements

Background:

- Minnesota has assigned service areas for electric utilities and their retail customers (MN Stat. 216B.37)
- GRPU is a *wholesale*, not a retail, customer of Minnesota Power (MP)
- GRPU is a board member of the Northeastern Minnesota municipal power agency (NEMMPA)
- In 2021, NEMMPA negotiated new wholesale Electric Service Agreements (ESAs) with MP
 - ESA term is January 2022 – December 2029
 - ESA is for full requirements (all power supply except 2 MW solar)
 - ESA is binding for successors; assigns with prior written consent



FREE Chemical Hazard Training to Community Businesses

Training Details:

- GRPU, in partnership with MMUA and a Susan Harwood Training Grant, offers this training at no charge to our community businesses
- 60-minute training session, additional 60 minutes advanced session available for business owners and supervisors
- Intended for small business workers in our community as a refresher course or new learning
- Class size is 10-30 attendees
- Must be completed before September 1, 2025

Topics Covered:

- Identifying hazardous chemicals, potential health impacts, emergency best practices, hazard prevention and control



Chemical Hazards and Hazard Communication Training

Helping your community

The purpose of this program is to provide training to employees of small businesses in communities throughout the Midwest on chemical hazards and hazard communication. The valuable training is offered at no cost to employees and owners of businesses, with an added training segment for supervisors. These sessions will be scheduled through September 2025. Spanish versions of materials and simultaneous translation will be available, if requested and scheduled in advance.

Along with the training, there is an added advantage for MMUA member communities. In a short separate segment, our team will showcase the value of hometown utilities, helping participants better understand the value of local control and the work you do. Intended participants are small businesses and farm workers in your community. Utility personnel are welcome to attend.

If you and your team are interested in hosting this training event for your community, please reach out to your MMUA safety coordinator or contact us at info@mmua.org for more information.

TRAINING DETAILS:

- 60 minute training session
- Additional 60 minutes for supervisors and owners
- Intended for small business workers in your community as a new learning or refresher course
- Classroom size 10-30 attendees
- MMUA will provide communications resources

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:

- Identifying hazardous chemicals
- Potential health impacts
- Emergency best practices
- Hazard prevention and control



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MMUA Annual Summer Conference

This event is intended for municipal utility leaders, city leaders, commissioners, council members, mayors, affiliate members, and associate members.

MMUA's Summer Conference is an opportunity for networking, educational programs, and social time for municipal utility leaders from around the state. For the first time, the 2025 conference will be held in Rochester, Minnesota.

Extensive programming offers something for everyone, with engaging sessions and activities throughout the conference. Kickstart your experience with one of three newly added pre-conference workshops on Monday morning. Afterward, enjoy a round at the golf tournament or explore scenic trails on a guided hike. Your registration also includes access to the awards luncheon and a walk through the trade show, providing valuable networking and discovery opportunities.

More details can be found at: <https://www.mmua.org/events/summer-2025>

Please contact Julie at jakennedy@grpuc.org or 218-326-7687 if you'd like additional information.



MMUA Legislative Workshop – Interacting on the Issues

Last year, MMUA began hosting meetings throughout the state with councils, commissioners and utility leaders about the outcome of the legislative session and its impact on local utilities. Grand Rapids was chosen as the location for one of the meetings. By popular demand, MMUA will be back on the road in June and Grand Rapids Public Utilities is once again fortunate to host our regional meeting.



GRPU Commissioners invite the City Council to join them to hear from the MMUA government relations team and peers from our region to discuss the implications of new laws, explore opportunities, and network with others committed to protecting, promoting, and strengthening hometown utilities.

Wednesday, June 18, 2025

5 – 7 PM in the GRPU conference room

Light hors d'oeuvres and drinks provided by MMUA

Registration is free, however, MMUA asks that you register for planning purposes. Please contact Megan at mrsjostrand@grpuc.org or 218-326-7189 if you'd like us to register you.

Questions / Comments



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