

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15

**A RESOLUTION TO CEASE FLUORIDATION OF THE MAUSTON
WATER WORKS DRINKING WATER SUPPLY**

Whereas, the City of Mauston owns and operates a drinking water system, operated by the Mauston Utilities Department, formally known as Mauston Water Works; and

Whereas, Mauston Water Works currently adds fluoride to its drinking water in the form of Hydrofluorosilicic acid; and

Whereas, fluoride is extremely corrosive and poses a health hazard to utility operators each day during their daily work routine; and

Whereas, fluoride is prematurely corroding equipment within the area that it is stored at the wells; and

Whereas, ceasing fluoridation will save money in Mauston Water Works operating budget; and

Whereas, current fluoridation equipment is nearing the end of its useful life and will therefore require replacement soon. This will further save Mauston Water Works money; and

Whereas, fluoride and chlorine are stored together at several wells. This practice is no longer permitted by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and will eventually cost significant money to separate the two chemicals; and

Whereas, Mauston Water Works source water has an approximate natural level of fluoride between .3 and .4 parts per million. The current recommended dose is .7 parts per million.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Mauston City Council desires to cease fluoridation of its drinking water supply.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The City Council instructs the Public Works Director, Rob Nelson, to cease fluoridation of Mauston Water Works indefinitely at his earliest convenience.

Introduced and adopted on the _____ day of October 2024

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Darryl Teske, Mayor

Daron Haugh, City Administrator

Votes: Ayes___ Nays___ Absent_____ Abstention_____