



**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
AND UTILITY COMMISSION JOINT MEETING**
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026 AT 5:30 PM

COUNCIL ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 450 S. MAIN ST., RICHLAND CENTER, WI 53581 & VIRTUALLY

JOINT SESSION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AND UTILITY COMMISSION

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: The joint meeting of the Common Council and Utility Commission was called to order by Mayor Tepley at 6:40 p.m.

Common Council Members Present: Chris Jarvis, Frank Hoffman, Rachel Schultz, Melony Walters, Steve Downs, and Ryan Cairns.

Excused: Rachel Schultz.

Absent: Douglas Martyniuk.

Utility Commission Members Present: Melony Walters, Frank Hoffman, John Collins, Scott Sawle, Todd Coppernoll, Brian Jones, and Scott Wallace.

Others Present: Ashley Oliphant, City Administrator; Misty Molzof, Clerk/Treasurer; Scott Gald, Utilities Superintendent; representatives of the media; a Nova Video representative; James Schwingle and Mike Peters of WPPI Energy; and members of the public.

PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION: WPPI Member Contract Extension by Mike Peters, CEO & President

Mike Peters presented information and materials regarding a proposed 18-year extension of the City's existing long-term power supply contract with WPPI Energy. The extension would result in a total contract term of 50 years, with the contract expiring in 2077. Peters explained that the extension would allow WPPI Energy and its participating members to access additional benefits and funding opportunities.

Common Council and Utility Commission members discussed the proposed contract extension and the benefits of the City's membership and partnership with WPPI Energy. Benefits of the partnership include assistance with territorial issues; Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), Automated Meter Reading (AMR), and InfoSend services; Focus on Energy partnerships; outage management; information technology services; website partnerships; meter technician support; rate case assistance; and other utility-related services.

UTILITY COMMISSION ACTION ON WPPI CONTRACT EXTENSION

Motion by Sawle, second by Collins, to recommend that the Common Council approve Amendment No. 3 to the Long-Term Power Supply Contract for Participating Members and authorize all actions necessary to execute and deliver the amendment. Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMON COUNCIL ACTION ON WPPI CONTRACT EXTENSION

Motion by Walters, second by Downs, to approve a resolution approving Amendment No. 3 to the Long-Term Power Supply Contract for Participating Members as presented and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute and deliver the amendment to WPPI Energy on behalf of the City, substantially in the form presented to the Common Council. The Mayor, City Clerk, and other appropriate City officials, including the City Attorney, are authorized and directed to take any other actions on behalf of the City of Richland Center that may be necessary to effectuate the amendment, subject to the provisions of Section 3 of the amendment.

Section 3 provides that if, by February 26, 2027, fewer than 34 WPPI participating members approve amendments extending the terms of their respective long-term contracts until midnight on December 31, 2073, the amendment shall be null and void and have no force or effect. The amendment also provides that participating members agreeing to the extension shall be bound by the terms of the amendment as executed by the member.

Upon roll call vote, all members present voted aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Windle stated that he had reviewed the amendment and that the amendment effectively changes the expiration date of the agreement.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Collins, second by Coppernoll to adjourn at approximately 6:14 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Downs, second by Hoffman to adjourn at approximately 6:15 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Misty D. Molzof, City Treasurer/Deputy Clerk