



**TWO
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WISCONSIN

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, August 31, 2026 at 6:00 PM

**Council Chambers - City Hall, 3rd Floor
1717 E. Park Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council Vice President Derby called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Councilmembers: Mark Bittner, Doug Brandt, Katherine Dahlke, Shannon Derby, Bill LeClair, Darla LeClair, Tim Petri, Adam Wachowski

Absent and Excused: Scott Stechmesser

Also Present: Water Utility Director Andrew Sukowaty, Police Chief Ben Meinnert, Tech Manager Dave Dassey, City Manager Kyle Kordell, City Attorney Sean Griffin (via phone)

4. CONSIDERATION OF ANY COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING FROM A REMOTE LOCATION

None.

5. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

Limited to 3 minutes per person - Resident addresses are requested but are not required to be given

None.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. 26-151 Review of City of Two Rivers Water Fluoridation Program and Action to Place on Future Agenda for Consideration and Final Action

Summary: At its July 27 work session, the City Council conducted an initial review of the City's long-standing community water fluoridation program. Two Rivers has fluoridated its public water supply since the early 1950's, and the recent July discussion represented the first formal Council review of the practice in over seven decades.

Council reviewed information regarding public health considerations, current research, costs, operational and employee safety considerations, individual choice versus government mandates, and the experiences of other communities that have discontinued fluoridation.

No action was taken at the July work session. Council members expressed a desire for additional time to research the issue, speak with constituents, consider the information

presented, and learn more before providing Staff with final policy direction.

This follow-up work session is intended to provide Council members an opportunity to share what they have learned, discuss constituent feedback, ask any remaining questions, and further deliberate the future of the City's water fluoridation program.

Recommended Action:

Motion to place the future of the City's community water fluoridation program on the September 8, 2026 City Council agenda for formal consideration and final action.

The City Council continued its review of the City's long-standing water fluoridation program. Council discussed information regarding the potential dental health benefits and health concerns associated with fluoridation, individual choice, fluoride alternatives, and experiences of other communities that have discontinued fluoridation. Water Utility Director Sukowaty also presented findings from discussions with other municipalities regarding their experiences following discontinuation. Council members shared their research, constituent feedback, and differing perspectives on whether fluoridation should continue.

Motion made by Dahlke, seconded by B. LeClair to put the City's water fluoridation program on the September 8, 2026 City Council agenda for consideration and final action.

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Voting Yea: Derby, B. LeClair, Brandt, Petri, Dahlke, Wachowski, D. LeClair, Bittner

7. ADJOURNMENT

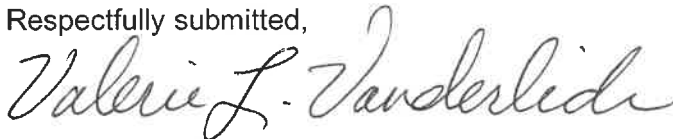
Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of this meeting and adjourn at 6:42 PM.

Motion made by Wachowski, seconded by D. LeClair

Motion carried with a voice vote.

Voting Yea: B. LeClair, Brandt, Petri, Dahlke, Wachowski, D. LeClair, Bittner, Derby

Respectfully submitted,



Valerie L. Vanderlinden
Deputy City Clerk