



Public Works Agenda Item

Meeting Date: December 12, 2023

Agenda Item: 4a. Whitewater Solar Easement

Staff Contact (name, email, phone): Brad Marquardt, bmarguardt@whitewater-wi.gov, 262-473-0139

BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

Ranger Power, on behalf of Whitewater Solar, LLC, is requesting a 100-foot easement across the northern portion of the property owned by the Wastewater Facility to locate transmission facilities. The easement is being requested to provide connectivity from proposed solar arrays east of Whitewater to the WE Energies Whitewater Generating Station. The Agreement language is written to allow the flexibility of either buried transmission lines or above ground structures housing the transmission lines.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

Whitewater Solar will pay the City \$1,000 in consideration of the City executing the Agreement, \$1,500 as consideration for the grant of the Easements and a yearly sum of \$1.00/linear foot of the transmission line constructed in the Easement Area (approximately \$1,325) for 47 years.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has no concerns with granting the easement in the location being requested as this is the same area water main is installed along with a WE Energies gas line. One item the Committee, and ultimately Council, should decide is if the City is acceptable to above ground structures.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Request Letter
2. Draft Transmission Facilities Agreement