



TO: BPW – Public Hearing Sewer Rate Increase

FROM: Eric Lindman, P.E.
Director of Public Works & Utilities

DATE: October 15, 2018

SUBJECT: Proposed Sewer Rate Increase – Effective January 1, 2019

Public Hearing is set for October 17, 2018 to receive comments from the public related to the proposed sewer rate increase as recommended by the Wausau Waterworks Commission. The Commission proposed the rate increase due to the proposed wastewater facility upgrade estimated to cost \$80 million. The funds for the project are proposed to be provided by a federally subsidized loan through the State of Wisconsin Environmental Loan Program.

This is the first of 2 proposed rate increases. The amount of the second proposed increase will be dependent on the final design and engineer estimate for the project as well as the interest rate at the time of borrowing. The next rate increase will be proposed for the year 2020; the same year construction is proposed to begin.

The current proposed rate increase is estimated to cost an average residential user \$8.59/month. The utility invoices quarterly, the expected average increase to your quarterly bill would be \$25.76 beginning in 2019.

Attached to the Public Hearing Agenda is a short 5-minute presentation which will be presented prior to opening the public hearing. The agenda and slides of the presentation may be found on the city website:

<http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Home/Calendar/tabid/95/ModuleID/459/ItemID/3889/mctl/EventDetails/Default.aspx>

The public hearing on the sewer rate increase will be held on October 17, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

Location of the Public Hearing:

**Wausau City Hall
City Hall Council Chambers
407 Grant St
Wausau, WI 54403**