



PRESS RELEASE

The water and sewer utility have completed their user rate analysis and have finalized rate increases. The Wausau Waterworks Commission will be reviewing and voting on the final loan borrowing on Tuesday June 2, 2020 at 1:30pm in the City Council Chambers. The City Council will vote on the loan borrowing on June 9, 2020 at 6:30pm in the City Council Chambers.

Due to the borrowing mentioned above and the five year projection for other utility capital projects the water and sewer rates will be increased. The WI Public Service Commission (PSC) determines the drinking water rates and those have been finalized and published. The utility will be requesting a second review of the water rates in 2021 from the PSC to determine what final rate increase in 2022 will be required. Here is a quick overview of the water rate increases that have been implemented:

Drinking Water Rate Increases

29% increase – Effective July 1, 2020

3% increase – Effective January 1, 2021

Sewer rates are determined locally by the municipality, the Wausau Waterworks Commission. The sewer rate increase will be considered at the June 2, 2020 Commission meeting. The proposed sewer rate increases are as follows:

Sewer Rate Increases

22% Increase – Effective October 1, 2020

22% Increase Effective July 1, 2021

19% Increase Effective October 1, 2022

These rate increases are not only due to the large water and sewer plant upgrades but also they are to cover increasing maintenance, operations and other capital projects. Wausau's current and proposed rates have been compared to other Wisconsin communities and this information is provided in the June 2 Commission meeting packet located [here](#). These projects and increases in rates will create a healthy and stable utility moving into the future.

The Wausau Waterworks Commission will be considering the final approval of borrowing and sewer rate increases at the June 2 Commission meeting.

The same information will be brought to the June 9 city council meeting for consideration.