

**Utilities Commission Minutes  
Commission Meeting**



**May 7, 2026**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Present	Absent	Present (not-voting)
Safety Service Director Tanner Salyers Public Utilities Director Aaron Reinhart Jessi Busenburg Gordon Gantt	Engineer Brian Ball Mayor Matthew Starr	Second Ward John Ruckman

City Law Director, P. Robert Broeren, City Inspector, Scott Zimmerman; Maureen Hall; David Hall; Robin DePolo; Madison Sarver; Auditor, Dan Brinkman; City Clerk, Zac Sherman

**MINUTES APPROVAL**

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Reinhart made a motion to approve the April 2026 Utilities Commission minutes. Gantt seconded. Approved by unanimous voice vote.

**ADJUSTMENT JOURNAL**

No items.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Taxi Cabs

Salyers announced that Taxi Caps are now under the purview of the Utilities Commission. The Mayor has heard from a company that wishes to start Taxi Cab business. Zimmerman has heard from an individual. Ride shares like Uber, Lyft, etc. are exempted under State Law.

Zimmerman reached out to Police Chief. Police used to issue Taxi Cab equipment. They still have the equipment they used and will transfer that to Code Enforcement.

Broeren noted that the City will come up with a set of policies. Broeren and Zimmerman will sit down to lay out the expectations and responsibilities that fall to Code Enforcement, Utilities Commission, and Police.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Backflow

Broeren Amended language to Ordinance 919.11 in accordance with recommendations from the last Commission meeting.

Gantt asked what is the average cost of inspections is.

Zimmerman noted that varies based on the device inspected. \$100-300 is standard. At the water plant, six devices has a yearly cost of \$1,000.

<b>ROLL CALL VOTE</b>	<b>Motion to Recommend for Approval</b>
<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Adopted [4 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	<b>Public Utilities Director Aaron Reinhart</b>

<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jessi Busenburg
<b>AYES:</b>	Tanner Salyers, Aaron Reinhart, Jessi Busenburg, Gordon Gantt
<b>NAYS:</b>	Non

## **OTHER**

### **Clinton Township Water and Sewer District**

Clinton Township Water and Sewer District voted in December 2025 for a \$5 reduction in their township fee, starting in January 2026. There were issues with the communication process following this. The assets of Clinton Township is greater than their debt, which creates opportunities.

Water Sewer District, Township Trustees, and Safety-Service will need to connect to find a long-term solution that can, in fact, financially benefit the Clinton Township residents.

Broeren noted that the City has a long-term contract with Clinton Township to provide water and sewer charges. Clinton Township did not follow the proper procedures according to their contract with the City to reduce rates. That is part of why the reduction has not gone into effect. As well as the potential impact with OWDA. The City must remain in compliance with its own contracts and external policies.

### **Mount Vernon Adaptive Treatment Enhancement Program**

Rep. Troy Balderson has been working with the City on the “Mount Vernon Adaptive Treatment Enhancement Program.” Five million dollars has been requested for the project. We are one of twenty projects that are moving forward, and have been put forward by Rep. Balderson. The City is hopeful in working with Senators Moreno and Husted to continue to advocate for this project.

## **ADJOURN**

Reinhart made a motion to adjourn. Gantt seconded. Adjourned at 9:04 a.m.