

City of Kewaunee Newsletter

June 2026

City Hall Info:
Mon-Thurs: 8:00am - 4:30pm
Friday: 8:00am - Noon
24 hour drop box available
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NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH



On June 1, the City of Kewaunee partnered with Veolia to become the city's wastewater services operator. Under the agreement, we will staff, operate and maintain the city's:

- Wastewater treatment plant on Dodge Street
- Five sewer collection lift stations
- One stormwater lift station

Although Veolia is the largest environmental services provided in the world, we have deep local roots, partnering with Algoma, Sturgeon Bay, and the Ho Chunk Tribe in Black River Falls. We also are the operations and maintenance contractor for the Metropolitan Milwaukee Sewerage District. We are a local company with global resources, with the ability to safeguard Kewaunee's environmental security while creating efficiencies and improved performance for your infrastructure.

Veolia's large presence in the region will solve the workforce shortage issues that have been Kewaunee's most pressing challenge in recent years. We will increase training and support the career development of the dedicated operators who take care of the wastewater treatment system. Through our numerous other partnerships in the region, as well as our support of The Water Council, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative and other organizations, Veolia is deeply committed to the health and sustainability of the Great Lakes.

MAYOR'S REPORT BY MAYOR JEFF VOLLENWEIDER

I would like to thank the homeowners on Main Street and Dodge Street for their patience during the road construction project. I am happy to report that Main Street is completed and it was under budget! If you have the opportunity, take a drive or a walk down that street. Thank you also to the city public works staff who worked hand in hand with the contractors to ensure that this project was done on time and under budget.

Dodge Street will be completed in early October. The project currently has 50% of the underground work completed. We will continue to send out updates to residents regularly to keep you apprised of the activity.

Everyone is invited for the Independence Day celebration on the lakeshore on July 3rd. There is food and fun for the whole family including children games and will conclude with an amazing fireworks display over the water. Come celebrate our Nation's 250th birthday in Kewaunee!

Meeting & Events Calendar

June 30 - Board of Review 4:00 PM
July 2 - Public Works Committee 5:30 PM
July 2 - Public Property Committee 6:00 PM
July 13 - Finance Committee 5:30 PM
July 13 - Common Council 6:00 PM
July 15 - Personnel Committee 6:00 PM
July 23 - Plan Commission 6:30 PM
August 6 - Public Works Committee 5:30 PM
August 6 - Public Property Committee 6:00 PM
August 10 - Finance Committee 5:30 PM
August 10 - Common Council 6:00 PM
August 19 - Library Board 4:30 PM
August 19 - Personnel Committee 6:00 PM
August 27 - Plan Commission 6:30 PM

ELECTION DAY: August 11, 2026 - Partisan Primary

Polls open on Election Day from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

In Person Absentee Voting: July 28 - August 7

Absentee Ballots available to be mailed now. Request ballot by mail at myvote.wi.gov

Consumer Confidence Report

The City's annual drinking water quality report to its customers, also known as the Consumer Confidence Report can be found online at:

<https://cityofkewaunee.wi.gov/water-sewer-utility/> or upon request by calling 920-388-5000 or visiting City Hall.

May Council Meeting Recap.

The City Council passed a resolution to urge the Governor of Wisconsin and the State Legislature to enact a comprehensive, sustainable transportation funding solution that: 1) Provides adequate and reliable revenue growth for the efficient long-term planning and execution of state and local transportation programs; 2) Includes responsible and prudent use of General Purpose Revenue and bonding; 3) Adjusts any new and existing transportation user fees and other revenue mechanisms to sustain purchasing power in order to maintain and improve Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure; and 4) Ensures transportation continues to deliver for Wisconsin by adequately funding reconstruction, preservation, and safety investments on the state and local systems. This resolution was passed because funding for transportation has not kept pace with the needs in communities, and cities have had to take on increasing debt to make infrastructure improvements.

The council also passed a budget amendment to shift \$7,000 in expenditures so that the 2026 General Fund budget falls within the maximum allowable percentage to maintain compliance with Expenditure Restraint Incentive Program. The City can receive a state aid payment in 2027 if expenses are within the state limits. The city allocation from the expenditure restraint incentive program in 2026 will be \$21,380.16.

The council approved an Investment policy which will guide how the city invests its funds to ensure the highest investment return. The policy also set guidelines to ensure that funds are invested in a fiscally responsible manner while meeting the daily cash flow needs.

Council approved a motion to allow the Sluggers to construct a batting cage at Memorial Field. Upon completion the Batting Cage will become City property.

A discussion took place about the Confined Disposal Facility (CDF). The CDF is located by the north breakwall and is used by the Corps of Engineers to dispose of dredge material from the harbor. The CDF is currently operated by the Corps but the city has a 10% cost share for this facility. When the site is full, it will revert to city ownership. The Corps would like to re-slope the CDF to dispose of more material. The council directed city staff to pursue a draft agreement with the Corps regarding the CDF and to come back before the council for approval.

The city council discussed contracting out the operation of the City Wastewater Treatment Facility. The council unanimously approved contracting out the operations of the facility to Veolia effective June 1, 2026.

June Council Meeting Recap.

The council held a public hearing on ordinances and then in the council meeting subsequently passed an ordinance regarding disorderly conduct with a motor vehicle and an ordinance for offences governing public peace and good order.

2026-2027 liquor licenses were approved. The council also approved the rezoning of 1700 Milwaukee street from agricultural to single family residential.

Sealcoating for portions of Scott Street and Third street were approved.

A Residential Zoning Discussion took place. The Plan Commission does not have the ability to act on a zoning use. If the Council would like to look at a zoning review, it would involve opening the Comprehensive Plan to make the changes in that document. This would involve updating pieces, not a re-write of the plan. The Comprehensive Plan can be updated at any time by the council. The plan moving forward is to schedule a Special Council meeting. Reviewing zoning use will take more than one meeting. The council committed to including a public comment session.



NO WIPES DOWN THE PIPES!

Even if a product says it is "flushable" please do not flush it!
Unless it is toilet paper, it should not be flushed.



Place these items in the trash: diapers, disposable cleaning or baby wipes, paper towels, cloth towels, rags, feminine hygiene products, facial tissues.

Putting them down the toilets may plug sewers and cause raw sewage back up into
YOUR HOME!

