

**WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 05, 2026**  
**6:45 p.m.**  
Second Floor Conference Room

**Attendance:** Chairman Kyle Buettner  
Committee Members: Joel Vogt, Matt Buettner, Jim Hopkins and Jordon Riley.

Attendees: Mayor Stan Darter, Tina Charron, Jim Trantham, Gary Most, J.R. Landeck, Nathan Krebel, Roberta Rohwedder, and Mechelle Childers.

**Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM.**

**Agenda Item 1:** Petitions by Citizens on Non-Agenda Items: None

**Agenda Item 2:** Discussion regarding copper flare fittings.

Mayor Darter read a statement announcing that the City will discontinue the use of what is commonly referred to as a copper flare fitting. A diagram identifying the specific locations where these fittings have been used was distributed. The Mayor also instructed City employees to make all necessary repairs at the City's expense when a failure involving these specific fittings is detected. Additionally, Mayor Darter proposed that the City reimburse homeowners who completed repairs in 2025 involving the three (3) specific copper flare fittings outlined in the distributed diagram. A paid, detailed receipt and other supporting documentation will be required to verify the repair for reimbursement. The Mayor further proposed adjustments for excessive sewer charges specific to a flare fitting failure during the calendar year of 2025. A sample Reimbursement Request Form was distributed for review. The homeowner will have ninety (90) days to submit a reimbursement request. Reimbursements will require approval at three levels: the Department of Public Works, the Budget Office/Collector, and the Mayor. Approximately 65 leaks are expected to qualify, and the City will contact those affected by the flare fittings. Adjustments for excessive sewer charges will be calculated using established procedures – charges will be based on a 12-month review of prior sewer charges. There is no established procedure for water usage adjustments; if water passes through the meter, the resident will be charged accordingly. This new process/procedure does not have to go to City Council for approval; however, all aldermen are in attendance at this meeting. A motion was made by Alderman Riley and seconded by Alderman Hopkins to approve the proposals outlined by the Mayor in his handout pertaining to copper flare fittings, reimbursement, and reimbursement procedures.

Motion passed unanimously by all committee members.

Additionally, the motion was approved by attending Aldermen Jim Trantham, Tina Charron, and Gary Most.

**Agenda Item 3:** Comments. None.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Alderman Riley and seconded by Alderman Vogt. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Chairman Most adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Mechelle Childers