

Energy Plan Shows Path to Reduce City-wide Energy Costs by 18%

The City of Edgerton first committed to reducing its carbon footprint in 2009 with a resolution to reduce carbon emissions 25 percent by 2025. Since that date, the city has implemented several initiatives to reduce its carbon impact – including a 17 kW solar array, a geothermal HVAC system in its new city hall, energy efficient equipment in the wastewater treatment plant, and policies to incentivize (1) energy efficiency in affordable housing and (2) EV charging stations in multifamily new construction.

In early 2022, Edgerton identified the need for a municipal energy plan that would prioritize its next steps and better position the community to access and meaningfully use future implementation funding. To this end, Edgerton developed a coalition with nearby communities, Evansville and Milton, and applied for and was awarded a planning grant from the Public Service Commission’s Office of Energy Innovation (OEI) that covered all the costs of the plan development.

Over the past year, the three communities worked with Slipstream, a non-profit consulting firm focused on providing solutions to fight climate change, to develop a municipal energy plan that identified near-term cost-effective energy saving opportunities. The actions recommended (listed in the figure below) could reduce city-wide energy costs by almost \$42,000, or 18% annually, and while reducing city-wide carbon emissions by 20%. The City Council adopted the Energy Plan on December 18, 2023.

City Awarded \$399,983 Grant to Finish Lead Water Lateral Removals

The WDNR has awarded the city nearly \$400,000 to complete the removal of the remaining 82 private lead water laterals in 2024. In the last three years, the city has completed an inventory of more than 900 homes to locate all the private service lines that contain lead and has replaced 266 private service lines with more than \$1 million in grant funding from the WDNR. To obtain the grant funding, the DNR requires that the public side (the part from the shutoff valve to the water main) also be lead free. In 2022, 69 public-side laterals were replaced. In 2024, the lateral project will include 72 more public-side laterals in addition to the 82 private laterals. Grant funding for the 2024 project will come from the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Approximately half of the \$400,000 grant funding for the 2024 project is for the replacement of private laterals, while the other half is for public-side laterals. In addition to the grant award, the city was awarded a subsidized loan from the WDNR Safe Drinking Water Program. Interest rates on the funds for lead lateral work are extremely low, ranging from 0.25% to 1.0%. The City and Water Utility will take advantage of these very favorable rates to finance the part of the project that is not covered by grants funds.

Municipal Building Upgrades

- Catalogue current building energy use
- Implement recommended measures for the DPW garage and library to reach 30% cost savings in each building
- Adopt standard operating procedures across buildings
- Institute standard purchasing policies for building equipment

Municipal Vehicles

- Purchase three to four electric vehicles
- Use the estimated total cost of vehicle ownership to guide vehicle purchasing
- Strategically replace non-road equipment with electric alternatives

Municipal Solar

- Install 115-180 kW of solar at city facilities offsetting 10 to 15% of electricity use
- Consider battery installations for resiliency

Policy

- Engage in ongoing collaboration with Rock County communities and Edgerton residents
- Provide educational materials for residents
- Support community adoption of renewable energy
- Adopt municipal new construction guidelines
- Determine how the city can support public EV charging



PUBLIC WORKS NOTICES



Winter Parking Rules: Winter snow parking regulations went into effect on November 1st. Parking is not allowed on any street or highway after any snowfall until snow has been plowed back to the curb. Overnight parking in parking lots is restricted to the posted areas during any snowfall.

Sidewalks: Please have your sidewalks cleared of snow and ice from edge to edge no later than 24 hours after a snowfall. Failure to clear walks in the appropriate time may result in a fine. Please do not shovel snow into the street.



Christmas Trees: Starting January 8, and every Monday thereafter through January, the Public Works Department will pick up Christmas trees placed at the curb.

UTILITY NOTICES

Winter Vacations: Please consider shutting off your water in the basement if you will be out of town this winter. Shutting off water could prevent damage (and a large water bill) if you have plumbing problems while you are away. Water cannot be shut off to some appliances, so make sure you review the requirements of your water-using devices before you shut off the water.

Snow Around Fire Hydrants: The Edgerton Water Utility and the Edgerton Fire Protection District encourage residents to clear snow away from fire hydrants that are located near their property. Having easy access to fire hydrants will save precious time if the hydrant is needed to fight a fire. Your assistance is appreciated.

PET LICENSES

Dog and cat licenses expire on December 31, 2023. Please renew your pet's license before March 31, 2024 to avoid a \$5.00 late fee. Proof of rabies vaccination is **required** by the County in order to obtain a license. If you do not have a copy of your pet's vaccination record, contact your veterinarian for a duplicate copy.

Chicken permit renewals are also due by March 31, 2024.

PROPERTY TAXES

Taxes for City of Edgerton residents in Rock County are paid at the Treasurer's Office at the Rock County Courthouse in Janesville. Dane County residents within the City of Edgerton pay taxes at Edgerton City Hall.

Shared Ride Taxi Service

The City offers a taxi service through Brown Cab Taxi Service. To schedule a pickup, call 884-9847

Hours of operation:

Monday-Friday..... 7:15 am to 5:15 pm

Saturday9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Due to staffing shortages, the above hours may vary.

Notice of Spring Election

The spring election will be held in the City of Edgerton on Tuesday, April 2, 2024. The following local offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents. Terms begin on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Aldersperson District 1	2 year
Aldersperson District 2	2 year
Aldersperson District 3	2 year
Municipal Court Judge	2 year

The final day to file nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Papers for all offices except the Municipal Judge are filed in the office of the City Clerk. Municipal Judge papers are filed with Rock County. If a primary is necessary, it will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at City Hall.

Please check out the Wisconsin Voter Information Center at www.elections.wi.gov/voters for everything you need to know about voting in Wisconsin.

Be Part of the Library's Strategic Plan

Edgerton Public Library, in collaboration with WiLS, is in the process of developing a strategic plan. The purpose of the plan is to propel the library forward with the needs and wants of the community in mind. To complete this process, we need your help! Beginning in early February, a community-wide survey will be available. Please watch the library's website (edgertonpubliclibrary.org) and Facebook page, and the City's website for information about the exact date the survey will be open and how you can complete it. If you have questions about the strategic plan or the upcoming survey, please call the library at (608) 884-4511 and ask to speak with Beth Krebs-Smith, Library Director.



Presentation of City of Edgerton Energy Plan

When: 6:00 PM, Thursday, January 18, 2024

Where: Edgerton Public Library

If you cannot attend at the Library, you can attend virtually. The meeting link can be found on the City's webpage under the calendar of events.

Water Rate Increase

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) approved an 8% water rate increase for 2024 for Edgerton water customers. Sewer rates will not increase. The increase in water rates is necessary to reduce the existing deficiency in present rates. Examples of the effect of the increase for various costumers are shown below.

Customer Classification	Meter Size	Gallons	Existing Quarterly Rate	Revised Quarterly Rate	Change in quarterly bill for water only
Average Residential	¾"	12,000	\$70.03	\$75.64	\$5.61
Large Residential	¾"	18,500	\$94.34	\$101.90	\$7.56
Commercial	1"	58,000	\$241.37	\$260.75	\$19.38
Multifamily	2"	91,500	\$411.67	\$444.81	\$33.14
Industrial	4"	860,000	\$2,948.30	\$3,184.28	\$235.98