

#5-R-22
Water Main Resolution

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Referred To: Department of Public Works

Whereas the City of Appleton as a local unit of government has a primary expectation to provide basic infrastructure and public safety services for the community and;

Whereas the City of Appleton is falling behind its goals and expectations for road and utility infrastructure, borrowing for roughly 80% of annual road projects and experiencing a near record amount of water main breaks in 2021, costing the city \$1.2 million dollars to fix, demonstrating an immense and necessary response to a problem that has been pushed off for too long and;

Whereas a 2019 consultant report outlined improvements to water utility infrastructure in Appleton, noting the city should replace more than 30 miles of water mains between 2020-2024, but has completed roughly just five miles so far and;

Whereas the city has roughly four miles of four inch water mains and 35 miles of six inch water mains remaining in service, as opposed to the eight inch water mains throughout the rest of the city that have been standard since at least the 1980s, creating a service equity issue and;

Whereas all of these examples should compel us as elected officials to take swift and immediate action to fund these critical services the city provides;

Therefore be it resolved to address this most basic of service equity issues, the Common Council directs the city staff to reallocate \$6 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds to the replacement of first, the remaining four inch water mains in the city and then six inch water mains to match the eight inch standard throughout the remainder of the city and;

Be it further resolved that wherever practical, locations where those water mains can be replaced in the terraces are prioritized over locations that will require corresponding street reconstruction, with the projects timed to meet the federal deadline for using ARPA funds.