



## **July 12, 2022 – PRESS RELEASE**

### **RE: July 12, 2022 Wausau Water Works Commission – Water Treatment Facility Update**

The Wausau Water Works (WWW) Commission was presented the updated construction schedule from Miron Construction, primary contractor for the new Drinking Water Treatment Facility. The work under the contract was to be substantially complete August 16, 2022. The updated construction schedule shows the substantial completion date for the new facility to be delayed about 6-weeks to late September 2022.

There have been delays in construction by the contractor due to deficient materials and coatings. These delays have been managed properly by the city but will delay substantial completion and startup of the new facility. This project began in June 2020 and most of the construction is complete. The next step in the project schedule is to begin start up and testing of the new facility. There are dozens of processes in the new facility and each process is required to be placed into operation, utility staff needs to be trained on the process operation and proof of operation needs to be provided to the WDNR for final approval. Start up and training is expected to take several weeks. The contractor is completing their pressure and safe testing of the new water mains, once completed they will begin flowing water through the new facility to test processes and operations. A lot of work to be done over the next several weeks but we want to make sure once the new facility goes online everything is proven reliable and safe. Further updates on the project will be provided if there are any changes.