



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS - COUNCIL CHAMBERS – KAUKAUNA, WISCONSIN – FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Pursuant to adjournment on February 3, 2026, a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Kaukauna was called to order by Mayor Penterman at 7:04 P.M. on Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

Roll call present: Antoine, DeCoster, Eggleston, Kilgas, Moore, Schell, Schumacher, and Thiele.

Also present: Mayor Penterman, Attorney Greenwood, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, Senior Accountant Roehl, Street Superintendent Van Gompel, Fire Chief Carrel, Police Chief Graff, Com. Enrich. and Rec. Dir. Vosters, Mark. and Com. Manager Fencil (Zoom), Associate Planner Nelson, and interested citizens.

One minute of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag observed by the assembly.

PRESENTATION OF LETTERS, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, MEMORIALS, AND ACCOUNTS

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR

Public Hearing on the Rezoning of KASD.

Prior to the Public Hearing, Mayor Penterman gave a brief overview of the Kaukauna Area School District (KASD) rezoning proposal. The KASD, in collaboration with Point of Beginning, has submitted an application to rezone Lot 1 of their proposed certified survey map from Residential Single-Family (RSF) to Institutional (IT). The purpose of this rezoning is to facilitate the construction of a new middle school. Although schools are a permitted use in the RSF District, the height of all permissible principal uses and structures are limited to 35' within that district. By rezoning to IT, the middle school can be constructed to the proposed height of 45' 6".

Mayor Penterman declared the public hearing open and asked if anyone in the Council Chambers or on Zoom wished to address the Council regarding the rezoning of KASD.

Don Vanderzanden, 108 Clare Ct., Kaukauna, brought up questions about what happens to the land if it does not get rezoned. Vanderzanden questioned why the land was not rezoned prior to purchase.

Tammy and Andy Lehrer, N9302 State Highway 55, Kaukauna, had questions about where sewer and water were going to come from. DPW/Eng. Neumeier stated these questions were not related to the public hearing, but what would be happy to have a conversation another time.

Pennie Thiele, 118 E Morningside Dr., Kaukauna, reiterated that the only parcel being rezoned is the parcel where the school will be built and said she had no issue with that parcel being rezoned.

After asking two more times if anyone else wished to address the council, no one appeared, Mayor Penterman declared the public hearing closed.

Retirement of Sergeant Jason Treichel.

Mayor Penterman congratulated Jason Treichel on his time with the Kaukauna Police Department and presented him with a gift.

Swearing in of Officer Matthew Bauman.

Clerk Nessmann swore in Officer Matthew Bauman and his wife pinned on his badge.

Uptown Site - 300 Lawe Street.

Mayor Penterman stated that the city is talking with two different developers about the property and will be putting for-sale signs back on the property.

Point in Time (PIT) Homeless Count January 28, 2026.

Mayor Penterman took part in the Point in Time (PIT) homeless count on January 28, 2026, from 11PM-3AM. The PIT homeless count gives an accurate measure of unsheltered persons in the City of Kaukauna. That data will be gathered and is used to get government grants for housing, mental health, and substance use services. They checked 19 areas throughout the city and found no unsheltered people.

Reappointment of George Burton to the Board of Review (5-year term).

Motion by Moore, seconded by Antoine to reappoint George Burton to the Board of Review (5-year term).

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

Reappointment of Bruce Werschem to the Board of Appeals (3-year term).

Motion by Kilgas, seconded by Thiele to reappoint Bruce Werschem to the Board of Appeals (3-year term).

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

Proclamation City of Kaukauna School Choice Week January 25-31, 2026.

Mayor Penterman read the Proclamation Government Communicators Day February 20, 2026.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schell to receive and place on file the Proclamation Government Communicators Day February 20, 2026.

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Common Council took a recess at 7:28 PM to give alders a chance to read the committee meeting minutes of February 18, 2026.

Common Council reconvened from recess at 7:34 PM.

Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2026.**Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2026.****Health and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2026.**

Item removed by alder and taken up separately.

Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2026.

Public Protection & Safety Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2026.

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026.

Common Council Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2026.

Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2026.

Redevelopment Authority Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2026.

Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2025.

E-Bike Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2025.

Ambulance Report for January 2026.

Police Report for January 2026.

Code Enforcement Report for January 2026.

Court Report for January 2026.

Clerk-Treasurer's Daily Deposit Report for January 2026.

Building Inspection Report for January 2026.

Bills Payable.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Kilgas, to approve the remainder of the consent agenda.

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

Health and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2026.

Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Schell, to make the changes of beer and liquor to beer and wine and to include Drake's Place.

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Antoine to adopt the Health and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2026, as amended.

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Operator (Bartender) Licenses.

The following applicants have applied for an operator's license for the license year 2024-2026 and have been recommended for approval based on their record check by the police department:

Sestak	M	Dawn	Brillion
Decker	R	Drake	Kaukauna
King	L	Payton	Kaukauna

Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Eggleston, to approve the operator/bartender licenses as listed.
All Ald. Voted aye.
Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

CSM Resolution – KASD.

The Kaukauna Area School District, in collaboration with Point of Beginning, has submitted a final Certified Survey Map (CSM) for review. This CSM would combine parcels 323246800, 323246700, 323246600, 323246500, and 323246400 into three large parcels. This request to combine five parcels into three parcels is for the development of a new middle school. The layout includes land dedication for a roadway connection to Highway 55, which is consistent with previous planning efforts for the future extension of Speedway Lane through the property.

This final CSM went before Plan Commission on January 5th, 2026, and was approved with the following conditions: that final approval of all necessary easements is received from City staff and Kaukauna Utilities, and that the necessary easements on parcel number 030064500, which will allow for a road connection between the middle school and high school, and water main looping, is recorded with Outagamie County. City staff and Kaukauna Utilities have approved the necessary easements and the required easements on parcel number 030064500 has been recorded with Outagamie County.

Rezoning Request - KASD.

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Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Right-of-way acquisition for Interstate 41.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is planning a roadway improvement project on IH-41 located in both Outagamie and Brown Counties which includes new right of way acquisition in multiple areas. DPW/Eng. Neumeier recommended this item be forwarded to the Plan Commission for review.

Motion by Thiele, seconded by Moore, to send Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Right-of-way acquisition for Interstate 41 to the Plan Commission for review.
All Ald. voted aye.
Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2026-5495 Resolution Approving a Certified Survey Map to Combine Five Lots into Three Lots for Parcels 323246800, 323246700, 323246600, 323246500, and 323246400.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Thiele to suspend the rules and waive the reading of Resolution 2026-5495 Resolution Approving a Certified Survey Map to Combine Five Lots into Three Lots for Parcels 323246800, 323246700, 323246600, 323246500, and 323246400.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Antoine to adopt Resolution 2026-5495 Resolution Approving a Certified Survey Map to Combine Five Lots into Three Lots for Parcels 323246800, 323246700, 323246600, 323246500, and 323246400.

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-5496 Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Exercise Special Assessment Police Powers for Public Improvements to Alleys Abutting Properties along Dixon Street, East Seventh Street, East Eighth Street, West Fourth Street, West Fifth Street, West Thirteenth Street, and West Fourteenth Street.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schell to suspend the rules and waive the reading of Resolution 2026-5496 Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Exercise Special Assessment Police Powers for Public Improvements to Alleys Abutting Properties along Dixon Street, East Seventh Street, East Eighth Street, West Fourth Street, West Fifth Street, West Thirteenth Street, and West Fourteenth Street.

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schumacher to adopt Resolution 2026-5496 Preliminary Resolution Declaring Intent to Exercise Special Assessment Police Powers for Public Improvements to Alleys Abutting Properties along Dixon Street, East Seventh Street, East Eighth Street, West Fourth Street, West Fifth Street, West Thirteenth Street, and West Fourteenth Street.

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-5498 Resolution Authorizing the City of Kaukauna Fire Department to Enter into an Equipment Sharing Agreement with Nearby Fire Departments.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Kilgas to suspend the rules and waive the reading of Resolution 2026-5498 Resolution Authorizing the City of Kaukauna Fire Department to Enter into an Equipment Sharing Agreement with Nearby Fire Departments.

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Thiele to adopt Resolution 2026-5498 Resolution Authorizing the City of Kaukauna Fire Department to Enter into an Equipment Sharing Agreement with Nearby Fire Departments.

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

Ordinance 1948-2026 Ordinance Rezoning Parcel xxxxxxxxx, from Residential Single Family (RSF) to Institutional (IT).

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schumacher to suspend the rules and waive the reading of Ordinance 1948-2026 Ordinance Rezoning Parcel xxxxxxxxx, from Residential Single Family (RSF) to Institutional (IT).

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Antoine to adopt Ordinance 1948-2026 Ordinance Rezoning Parcel xxxxxxxxx, from Residential SingleFamily (RSF) to Institutional (IT).

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

ALDER REQUESTS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

Alder Schell would like a discussion on muskrat trapping and general safety about the city retention ponds. Alder Antoine would like Bowmar to give a presentation on their assessment process and how they determine home values.

ADJOURN

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schumacher to adjourn.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Kayla Nessmann, Clerk

