



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS - COUNCIL CHAMBERS – KAUKAUNA, WISCONSIN – May 19, 2026

Pursuant to adjournment on May 5, 2026, a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Kaukauna was called to order by Mayor Penterman at 7:01 P.M. on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.

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

Also present: Mayor Penterman, Attorney Greenwood, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, Associate Planner Nelson, Fire Chief Carrel, Library Director Thiem-Menning, Finance Director/ Treasurer Roehl (Zoom), HR Director Hodge (Zoom), Com. Enrich. and Rec. Director Vosters (Zoom), and interested citizens.

Absent & Excused: Antoine.

Motion by Thiele, seconded by Kilgas to excuse the absent member.
All Ald. Present voted aye.
Motion carried.

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

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schell to receive and place on file the letter from State Senator Eric Wimberger.
All Ald. Present voted aye.
Motion carried.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR

Retirement of Sue Meyer with the Kaukauna Public Library - 27 years.

Mayor Penterman congratulated Sue Meyer on 27 years with the Kaukauna Public Library.

Temporary allowance of goats to be used at 1000 Islands Conservancy Zone to control invasive species June 8th-22nd & Sept 21st - October 5th, 2026.

Motion by Eggleston, seconded by Moore to allow for the temporary allowance of goats to be used at 1000 Islands Conservancy Zone to control invasive species June 8th-22nd & Sept 21st - October 5th, 2026.
All Ald. Present voted aye.
Motion carried.

Special event and amplified noise application to the VFW Post 3319 for the Memorial Day Celebration on May 25, 2026, at the Ring of Honor and SPaR Community Room from 11:00am-2:00pm.

Motion by Thiele, seconded by Kilgas to approve the Special event and amplified noise application to the VFW Post 3319 for the Memorial Day Celebration on May 25, 2026, at the Ring of Honor and SPaR Community Room from 11:00am-2:00pm.

All Ald. Present voted aye.

Motion carried.

Solicitor's Licenses

The Following applicants have applied for a solicitor's license for the license year 2026 and have been recommended for approval based on their record check by the police department:

Wenzelow	Michael	H.	Appleton
Golden	Cody	T.	Appleton
Gonnering	Logan	J.	Kaukauna
Schmitt	Nathan	R.	Kaukauna

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by DeCoster to approve the solicitor's licenses as listed.

All Ald. present voted aye.

Motion carried.

The Following applicants have applied for a solicitor's license for the license year 2026 and have been recommended for denial based on their record check by the police department:

Montonati	Quintin	J.	Oshkosh
Blue	Kalen	M.	Appleton

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Eggleston to deny the solicitor's licenses as listed.

All Ald. Present voted aye.

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2026.

Public Protection and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of May 18, 2026.

Common Council Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2026.

Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2026.

Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District Community Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2026.

Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District Special Meeting Minutes of April 27, 2026.

Industrial Park Commission Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2026.

Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District Meeting Minutes of April 14, 2026.

Redevelopment Authority Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2026.

1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2026.

Grignon Mansion Board Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2026.

Grignon Mansion Board Meeting Minutes of November 24, 2025.

Grignon Mansion Board Meeting Minutes of October 27, 2025.

Grignon Mansion Board Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2025.

Fire Report for April 2026.

Ambulance Report for April 2026.

Police Report for April 2026.

Code Enforcement Report for April 2026.

Court Report for April 2026.

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

Building Inspection Report for April 2026.

Bills Payable.

Motion by Eggleston, seconded by Moore to approve/adopt items within the consent agenda.

All Ald. Present 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 **2026-2027** and have been recommended for approval based on their record check by the police department:

Brainard	M.	Amanda	Kaukauna
Carey	P.	Anne	Kaukauna
Brick	J.	Emily	Kaukauna
Schroeder	W.	John	Kaukauna
Hovde	A.	Leigh	Green Bay
Smith	M.	Thomas	Kaukauna
Duda	S.	Larry	Kaukauna
Maas	J.	Amanda	Kaukauna
DeGroot	L.	Karen	Wrightstown
Stever	C.	Amanda	Appleton
Francis	P.	Daniel	Kaukauna
Knott	J.	Michael	Kaukauna
Moore	A.	Sarah	Kaukauna
Shepard	E.	Virginia	Kaukauna
Hietpas	J.	Nicholas	Kaukauna
DeGroot	H.	Rebecca	Appleton

Vanden Hoogen	H.	Brett	Kaukauna
Quaintance	M.	James	Kaukauna
Johnson	P.	Douglas	Kaukauna
Verboomen	A.	Todd	Little Chute
Lancour	P.	Stephanie	Kaukauna
Waldrop	R.	Anthony	Appleton
Bhattarai		Sarita	Kaukauna
Dolan	J.	Tyler	Kaukauna
Larsen	A.	Melissa	Neenah
Bruckner	A.	Leslie	Appleton
Hietpas	E.	Rose	Kaukauna
Moua	K.	Aranya	Little Chute
Vander Bloomen	J.	Tracy	Kaukauna
Micke	C.	Amy	Appleton
Kasper	D.	Sara	Little Chute
Keddell	V.	Jennifer	Little Chute
Blick	F.	Michelle	Kaukauna
Butler	K.	Sheila	Appleton
Henke	M.	Melanie	Appleton
Smith	M.	Mari	Appleton
Grady	M.	Towanda	De Pere
Baker	A.	Isabella	Green Bay

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Thiele, to approve the operator/bartender licenses as listed.
All Ald. Present voted aye.
Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Street Vacation Resolution – Calmes.

Randy Calmes, owner of parcels 322095712 and 322095713 in the City of Kaukauna, is requesting a vacation of a 66' wide planned road that is located between his two parcels. It appears that this street was originally intended to cut through what is now the Commerce Crossing Business Park before the majority of the planned road was vacated in the late 1980s. A section of the road continues into the Town of Vandenbroek, and Mr. Calmes has been working with the Town to have this section vacated as well.

Fire Department Staffing Proposal.

The Fire Department staffing has been under budget for several positions for over a year. With E. Chier's resignation in May 2025, the department's staffing dropped to -4. The 3 EMT/Firefighters hired in June 2025 brought the department back up to only being short 1 full-time position. The retirement of L. Ziemer in January 2026 again reduced the staffing levels of the department, bringing the total to being 2 full-time positions short since then. The Fire Department, like the Police Department, is facing several retirements in the next couple of years. Also, similarly, the Fire Department anticipates that as those happen, there will be internal movement among members to backfill those.

The current application process and Police & Fire Commission Interview panel have yielded 6 newly eligible candidates for hiring by the Fire Department. This is the highest amount of eligible candidates that the Fire Department has had in several years, while we are facing very tough

competition against other local departments who also have posted vacancies, including a nearby department that just added 3 additional positions they are now recruiting for.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schell, to approve the +1 Firefighter staffing to begin in June 2026 and to be evaluated with the 2027 budget and POP planning.

All Ald. Present voted aye.

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2026-5513 Resolution Vacating Unnamed Road.

Motion by Moore, seconded by DeCoster to suspend the rules and waive the reading of Resolution 2026-5513 Resolution Vacating Unnamed Road.

All Ald. Present voted aye.

Motion carried.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Eggleston to adopt Resolution 2026-5513 Resolution Vacating Unnamed Road.

All Ald. Present voted aye.

Motion carried.

ALDER REQUESTS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

Alder DeCoster requested an update on the Morningside Drive roundabout. Alder Eggleston requested a discussion on the appearance of the uptown site.

CLOSED SESSION

Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – The Reserve Update.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schumacher to adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session – The Reserve Update.

All Ald. Present voted aye.

Motion carried.

Adjourned to closed session at 7:27 PM.

Return to Open Session for possible action.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Kilgas to return to open session.

All Ald. Present voted aye.

Motion carried.

Returned to open session at 7:40 PM.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Eggleston to approve the amended and restated developer's agreement with The Reserve as presented and authorization for execution of the agreement by City officials.

All Ald. Present voted aye.

Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Moore to adjourn.
All Ald. Present voted aye.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Kayla Nessmann, Clerk

