



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2025 at 6:30 PM

303 Mansion Street Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Mauston Common Council was called to order on January 28, 2025, at 6:30 pm by Mayor Teske. Attending members were Barb Hoilien, Jim Allaby, Rick Noe, Courtney Ray, Donna McGinley, Mary Bender, and Leanna Hagen. Mayor Darryl Teske, Administrator Daron Haugh, Public Works Director Rob Nelson, Police Chief Mike Zilisch, and Deputy Clerk Nicole Lyddy were also present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Teske led the pledge.
3. **Minutes:** Motion made by Noe, seconded by Hagen to approve the minutes of January 14, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Citizens Address to the Council:**
 - a. **Joel Heesch, Mauston School Superintendent** – Spoke about the upcoming school referendum on the February 18, 2025, ballot. He encouraged both the council and residents to attend an informational meeting at Mauston High School on Wednesday, February 5, at 6:00 p.m. He also warned that if the referendum does not pass, the school district could face dissolution, as funds are projected to run out by 2027. **Jolene Routson, Principal of West Side Elementary and Mauston Montessori** – Addressed concerns regarding larger-than-desirable class sizes and emphasized the critical need for support staff to maintain a safe, organized, and effective learning environment. **Jim Dillin, Mauston High School Principal** – Discussed potential budget cuts if the referendum does not pass, including reductions in extracurricular activities. **Brett Kudick, Mauston Business Owner** – Representing the "Yes for Mauston Kids" group, he spoke about efforts to inform the public on the referendum and the reasons for its importance.
 - b. **Kathy Behnke from Mile Bluff Medical Center** - introduced herself to the council and expressed her willingness to provide any necessary information in the future.
5. **Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:** McGinnley provided a summary of the Ambulance Annual Meeting, noting that Mauston and Necedah had the highest call volumes in 2024. She also stated that most patients were transported to Mile Bluff Medical Center.
6. **Public Works Committee Report**
 - a. **Olympic Builders Pay app #9:** Motion made by Noe, seconded by Hoilien to approve Olympic Builders Pay app #9 of \$89,446.48. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- b. **Well #4:** Motion made by Noe, seconded by McGinley to table until further information is received.
- c. **Director of Public Works:** Nelson stated that the wastewater treatment bar screen has been delivered and is scheduled for installation next month. Renovations at the wastewater treatment plant are progressing as planned.

7. Finance and Purchasing Committee Report:

- a. **Vouchers:** Motion made by Noe, seconded by Hoilien to approve the Vouchers of \$2,134,446.99. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- b. **County Highway Road Construction matching funds:** Motion made by Noe, seconded by Ray to approve the various roads matching funds of \$500. Motion carried unanimously.
- c. **C.T.H. G County Highway Road Construction matching funds:** Motion made by Noe, seconded by Ray to approve the \$1,500 matching funds. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Ordinance, Licenses and Permits Committee: Ordinance 2025-2073: Motion made by Allaby, seconded by Hagen to approve Ordinance 2025-2073 Amending Chapter 36 Traffic and Vehicles -Sec. 36-122 -No Parking. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Personnel and Negotiating Committee: Parks seasonal wage: Motion made by Noe, seconded by Allaby to approve the increase in the parks seasonal wage from \$14 per hour to \$15 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Municipal Court 4th Quarter 2024 Update: Judge Taake presented his 4th Quarter Report for 2024, discussing truancy and his collaboration with Juneau County Human Services to offer support to at-risk students. Participation in the program is voluntary, with students needing to volunteer in order to receive assistance.

11. Police Chief's Report: Chief Zilisch presented his December report, noting that our newest K9 officer, Lana, is adjusting well. With both K9s now available during the day and night, their presence has had a positive impact. He also addressed questions and mentioned that officers have been monitoring wards for code violations, with the work ongoing.

12. City Council Report: Noe mentioned that the Veterans Committee has developed a preliminary design and is working on a pamphlet to provide information about the project, which could align with the JCAIRS plan for a community center.

13. Mayor's Report: Mayor Teske shared that he recently had the opportunity to be a guest in Mr. Frye's Civic Class, where he answered questions from the students. His goal was to give them a sense that he is just an ordinary person and to provide insight into what it's like to be Mayor.

14. **City Administrator's Report:**

15. **Resolution 2025-03:** Motion made by Noe, seconded by Ray to approve Resolution 2025-03 Amending Resolution 2024-10 Procurement of Real Estate. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

16. **Update on TXC development utility exchange with Brunner:** Haugh discussed the progress with TXC, noting that a Developer's Agreement with Brunner is being drafted and will soon be presented to the council. He also mentioned that Johnson and Block are here this week doing field work for the 2024 audit.

15. **Adjourn:** Motion made by Hoilien, seconded by Ray to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 7:06 pm.

Administrator

Date