



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM
1260 North Road, Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Mauston Common Council held a Special Budget Session meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2025. Mayor Darryl Teske called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were, Barb Hoilien, Jim Allaby, Casey Radcliff, Leanna Hagen, Vivian Gabower, Kayla Thomas, and Mary Bender. Also present were Mayor Darryl Teske, City Administrator Daron Haugh, Police Chief Mike Zilisch, and Deputy Clerk Carole Wolff.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Darryl Teske led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Oath of Office for Incoming Council Member:** Administrator Haugh conducted the Oath of Office for incoming Alderperson Casey Radcliff, representing Aldermanic District #6.
4. **Mayoral Appointments:** Motion by Bender, seconded by Hagen, to approve the mayoral appointments as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.
5. **Closed Session:** Motion by Gabower, seconded by Holien, to into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c). Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote at 6:10 p.m.
6. **Reconvene in Open Session:** Motion by Hagen, seconded by Hoilien, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried at 6:29 p.m.
7. **Report of Closed Session Matters:** Motion by Thomas, seconded by Gabower, to proceed as discussed in closed session regarding the 2026 Police Chief wage adjustment. Motion carried by roll call vote. (Six in favor, one opposed – Allaby).
8. **2026 Budget Development Workshop:** City Administrator Haugh presented the draft 2026 budget to the Council, responding to questions from alderpersons. He noted that all department heads have reviewed the proposed figures and expressed satisfaction with the overall budget framework. The 2026 budget reflects an increase of 5.63% in both total revenues and total expenditures compared to the 2025 budget. Of that increase, only 1.7% represents an operational levy adjustment. The remaining increase is from other additional funding from the state. The Council expressed its satisfaction that the budget is balanced and aligned with the City's strategic priorities.
9. **Adjourn:** Motion by Allaby, seconded by Bender, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Chair

Date