COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2026 at 6:30 PM

303 Mansion Street Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Common Council meeting was called to order on Tuesday, October 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Darryl Teske. Members present were Jim Allaby, Mary Bender, Leanna Hagen, Barb Hoilien, Tim Ponshock, Casey Radcliff, and Kayla Thomas. Also present were City Administrator Daron Haugh, Public Works Director Rob Nelson, and Deputy Clerk Carole Wolff.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Teske led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Minutes:** Motion by Hoilien, seconded by Thomas, to approve the September 22, 2026, minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. **Citizens Address to the Council:** None
5. **Mauston Area Municipal Court Bond Schedule:** Haugh explained that the bond schedule was updated to include building permit violations. Motion by Thomas, seconded by Radcliff, to approve the Mauston Area Municipal Court Bond Schedule. Motion carried by voice vote.
6. **Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:** Haugh reported that the Ambulance Commission continues to address personnel matters and that the City's projected 2027 contribution would result in an approximate $2 monthly decrease in residents' utility bills. Alder Hagen reported that 80 trees had been reserved for the upcoming Spruce Up Mauston event, compared to 66 in 2025.
7. **Personnel and Negotiating Committee**
    a. CPI Lock: Motion by Hagen, seconded by Allaby, to approve the Consumer Price Index (CPI) lock at 3.3%. Motion carried by voice vote.
    b. Step Schedule: Motion by Hagen, seconded by Allaby, to approve the 2027 step schedule. Motion carried by voice vote.
8. **Ordinance, Licenses, and Permits Committee**
    a. Ordinance 2026-2090: First reading of Ordinance 2026-2090, amending Chapter 28, Article II, regarding collection and mandatory recycling of the Mauston Municipal Code.
    b. Burton-Koppang American Legion Post #81 Appointment of Agent: Motion by Allaby, seconded by Thomas, to approve the appointment of Nick Wesley as agent for Burton-Koppang American Legion Post #81. Motion carried by voice vote.
9. **Public Works Committee Report**

a. Director of Public Works: Nelson reported that the final brush pickup is scheduled for October 27, 2026, and leaf collection will continue until the first snowfall. He also noted that the Public Works and Parks Departments will participate in the Mauston School Fair, sharing information about City services.

10. **Finance and Purchasing Committee Report**

    a. Vouchers: Motion by Radcliff, seconded by Hoilien, to approve vouchers in the amount of $1,691,855.14. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

    b. Purchase of a UTV for the Mauston Police Department per the 2026-2030 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): Motion by Radcliff, seconded by Thomas, to approve the purchase of a UTV for the Mauston Police Department from Jay's of Mauston, in an amount not to exceed $21,228, as outlined in the 2026 –2030 Capital Improvement Plan. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. **Fire Chief's Report:** Assistant Fire Chief Nelson reviewed the September 2026 fire report, highlighting fire prevention activities, community events, and a well-attended membership recognition event that included a tree dedication honoring longtime members for their years of service.

12. **City Council Report:** Alder Hoilien discussed opportunities for businesses to participate in City events, including the 4th of July celebration. Haugh encouraged interested businesses to contact him as planning begins for the 2027 event.

13. **Mayor's Report:** Mayor Teske recognized the Fire Department's membership recognition event and the many years of service provided by department members. He also noted the need to consider full-time firefighter staffing. Mayor Teske reminded Council members to return City Administrator Haugh's evaluation forms electronically by October 23, 2026.

14. **City Administrator's Report**

    a. Life Saving Award: Haugh reported that two police officers would be recognized with lifesaving awards at the October 22, 2026, Police and Fire Commission meeting.

    b. Developer Agreement Amendment No. 1 with KJR Rentals: Haugh reviewed a proposed amendment to the 2024 development agreement. The amendment would adjust the original minimum assessed-value and construction cost requirements, which were set higher than necessary, to ensure the City could disburse the TID incentive in accordance with the agreement. Motion by Thomas, seconded by Ponshock, to approve Developer Agreement Amendment No. 1 with KJR Rentals. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

c. Right-of-Way Vegetation Plantings: Haugh reviewed ordinances from other municipalities regulating vegetation within public rights-of-way. Council discussed maintenance requirements and clearer standards for boulevard plantings. Haugh indicated that a draft ordinance would be presented during the first quarter of 2027.

d. Resolution 2026-12 Authorizing Procurement of Real Estate: Haugh explained that the resolution was required by the title company for the purchase of a vacant lot on Loomis Drive. Motion by Allaby, seconded by Radcliff, to approve Resolution 2026-12. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. Adjournment: Motion by Hagen, seconded by Thomas, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Chair Date