



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2025 at 6:30 PM

303 Mansion Street Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Mayor Teske called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present were Jim Allaby, Leanna Hagen, Rick Noe, Kayla Thomas, Barb Hoilien, and Mary Bender. Also present were City Administrator Daron Haugh, Police Chief Michael Zilisch, and Deputy Clerk Carole Wolff.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Teske led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Public Hearing to Consider the Conditional Use Regarding the Sawyer Ridge Apartments on Tremi Drive:** Mayor Teske opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. regarding the Conditional Use Permit and Conditional Use Resolution 2025-P-11 for the Sawyer Ridge Apartments on Tremi Drive. Council member Bender inquired about the origin of the name. It was noted that 'Sawyer Ridge' appears on the United States Geological Survey (USGS) maps from the early 1960s, labeled as a natural ridge feature in and around Juneau County. No other questions were asked.

4. **Close Public Hearing:** Motion by Noe, seconded by Hagen, to close the public hearing. Hearing closed at 6:33 p.m.

5. **Conditional Use Resolution 2025-P-11:** Motion by Noe, seconded by Allaby, to approve the resolution. Motion passed by voice vote.

6. **Minutes:** Motion by Allaby, seconded by Hagen, to approve the minutes of July 8, 2025. Motion passed by voice vote.

7. **Citizens Address to the Council**

Preston Young spoke, thanking the Council for allowing students to host a fundraiser for the fireworks, which helped fund a school trip to Italy, Greece, and Spain. The fundraiser did well and the students were appreciative of the opportunity to participate in the Fourth of July festivities.

8. **Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions**

Noe reported on the Mauston/New Lisbon Airport Project, stating that about 14,000 cubic yards of dirt have been moved and that the project is on track.

9. **Ordinance, Licenses, and Permits Committee Report**

- a. **Mobile Home Park License Renewals:** Motion by Allaby, seconded by Hagen, to approve the Mobile Home Park Licenses for Pleasant Properties of WI, LLC

- Mauston Mobile Manor
- Lincoln Mobile Home Park
- Ponderosa Park
- Remington Annex

Motion passed by voice vote.

10. Finance and Purchasing Committee Report

- Vouchers:** Motion by Hoilien, seconded by Noe, to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$211,347.16. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- JC AIRS Mowing Contract:** Motion by Hoilien, seconded by Hagen to approve the JC AIRS mowing contract of \$4,000.00 per year for five (5) years in lieu of payment towards the permanent easement.
- City Hall Shoreline Erosion Repair Restoration Project Estimate:** Motion by Hoilien, seconded by Noe to approve \$21,900.00 out of the Building Maintenance Equipment Replacement Fund (ERF) to fund the project. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
- Catwalk Extension Decking Estimate:** Motion by Hoilien, seconded by Noe to approve the estimate of \$3,800.00. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

11. Police Chief's Report

Chief Zilisch briefly reviewed the June statistical report stating that calls for service continue to increase and that code enforcement is working but cumbersome to administer. Chief also highlighted that on July 29, 2025 at Culver's, there is a statewide fundraiser to support the purchase of goods and services for those in need. Another upcoming event is on August 5, 2025, called the National Night Out to be held at Veterans Park from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. This event provides an opportunity for the public to interact with first responders, local police, and state patrol. Also participating in this event are the Mauston Fire Department and the Mauston Area Ambulance Association. There are plans to include demonstrations by various agencies.

- City Council Report:** Bender noted that the soccer field looks nice at Jones Park. Topsoil has been laid, though the area has not yet been seeded. The project is progressing as planned.

- Mayor's Report:** Mayor Teske commented about the Oh Arts photo exhibit *Eyes of our Youth* noting that the photo display is still available to see. He also reminded the Council of the upcoming strategic planning meeting on August 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Public Works Building.

14. City Administrator's Report:

- CDBG Small Cities RLF Housing Program Discontinuation:** Haugh reported that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is being phased out. This grant is partially

funded by the DOA and that MSA administers the loans. Haugh highlighted that the City has 24 existing loans that have an outstanding balance, ranging from 5 to 30 years in length. MSA estimates the cost to administer these loans is approximately \$2,000.00 per year. At this time, there is no action required by the Council or the City of Mauston, however, Haugh recommends to have MSA continue to administer these loans when the grant has ended. Haugh also updated the Council on email access on their tablets, reporting that the issue lies with the domain software company. The issue is being worked on but remains unresolved.

- 15. Adjourn:** Motion by Hagen, seconded by Thomas, to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Daron J. Haugh, Administrator

Date