COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 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 27, 2026, at 6:41 p.m. by Mayor Darryl Teske. Members present were Jim Allaby, Mary Bender, Leanna Hagen, Barb Hoilien, Tim Ponshock, and Casey Radcliff. Absent was Kayla Thomas. Also present were City Administrator Daron Haugh, Public Works Director Rob Nelson, Sergeant Arenz, and Deputy Clerk Carole Wolff.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Teske led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Minutes:** Motion by Hagen, seconded by Ponshock, to approve the October 13, 2026, minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. **Citizens Address to the Council:** None
5. **Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:** Nothing to report.
6. **Personnel and Negotiating Committee Report**
   a. Communication Specialist Job Description: Motion by Hagen, seconded by Allaby, to approve the Communication Specialist job description. Motion carried by voice vote.
   b. Amendment of the City of Mauston Social Media Policy: Motion by Hagen, seconded by Allaby, to approve the amendment to the City of Mauston Social Media Policy. Motion carried by voice vote.
   c. City of Mauston Social Media and Communications Operating Guidelines: Motion by Hagen, seconded by Allaby, to approve the City of Mauston Social Media and Communications Operating Guidelines. Motion carried by voice vote.
7. **Ordinance, Licenses, and Permits Committee Report**
   a. Ordinance 2026-2090: Motion by Allaby, seconded by Ponshock, to approve Ordinance 2026-2090, amending Article II, Collection and Mandatory Recycling, Chapter 28. Motion carried by voice vote.
8. **Public Works Committee Report**
   a. Pay App #21: Motion by Bender, seconded by Allaby, to approve Pay App #21, payable to Olympic Builders, in the amount of $55,317.00. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
   b. Pay App #22: Motion by Bender, seconded by Allaby, to approve Pay App #22, payable to Olympic Builders, in the amount of $292,288.03. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

c. Change Order #4: Motion by Bender, seconded by Allaby, to approve Change Order #4 for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade, increasing the contract amount by $57,084.19. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

d. Abandonment of Prospect Street, East of Lincoln, Installation of Utility Infrastructure and Pavement: Motion by Bender, seconded by Allaby, to approve the abandonment of Prospect Street, east of Lincoln, as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

e. Sale of City-Owned Parcel # 292510265.1: Motion by Bender, seconded by Allaby, to approve the sale of City-owned Parcel #292510265.1, to Slama Equipment for $1.00 by quitclaim deed. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

9. **Finance and Purchasing Committee Report**

   a. Vouchers: Motion by Radcliff, seconded by Hoilien, to approve vouchers in the amount of $303,041.71. Motion carried by roll call vote.

10. **Police Chief's Report:** Sergeant Arenz reviewed the September Police report, highlighting the new officer training, artificial intelligence (AI) training, and collaboration with the Drug Task Force. Alder Hoilien expressed concerns regarding children operating e-bikes in violation of the recently adopted ordinance. Arenz explained that the Department has focused on education and safe operation is preparing to transition to enforcement.

11. **City Council Report:** Nothing to report.

12. **Mayor's Report:** Mayor Teske recognized two officers who received lifesaving awards at the recent Police and Fire Commission meeting and expressed appreciation for the City’s dedicated police officers

13. **City Administrator's Report:** Nothing to report.

14. **Closed Session:** Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; and Wis. Stat. § 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. Motion by Hagen, seconded by Allaby, to enter into closed session. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. The Council entered into closed session at 6:58 p.m.

   a. City Administrator's Annual Review: This item was tabled.

   b. Purchase of Vacant Property on Commercial Street

15. **Reconvene in Open Session:** Motion by Hagen, seconded by Ponshock, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried by voice vote. Open session reconvened at 7:19 p.m.
16. **Result of Closed Session Matters:** Motion by Ponshock, seconded by Allaby, to authorize the City Administrator to negotiate the purchase of property on Commercial Street for an amount not to exceed $175,000. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
17. **Adjournment:** Motion by Hoilien, seconded by Allaby, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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Chair Date