



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 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, August 25, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Darryl Teske. Members present were Jim Allaby, Mary Bender, Leanna Hagen, Barb Hoilien, and Casey Radcliff. Members absent were Tim Ponshock and Kayla Thomas. Also present were City Administrator Daron Haugh, Police Chief Mike Zilisch, and Deputy Clerk Carole Wolff. Public Works Director Rob Nelson was absent.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Teske led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Minutes:** Motion by Hagen, seconded by Hoilien, to approve the August 11, 2026, minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. **Citizens Address to the Council:** None.
5. **Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:** Greater Mauston Tourism Association (GMTA) voted to approve the 2026 Spruce Up Mauston event. Trees will be ordered, and planning for the event has begun.
6. **Personnel Committee Report:** Motion by Hagen, seconded by Allaby, to approve the creation of a Communications Coordinator position to be shared between the City of Mauston and the Greater Mauston Tourism Association (GMTA), with responsibilities including tourism promotion, public information, community outreach, and communications strategy. The position is to be filled by January 1, 2027. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
7. **Ordinance, Licenses, and Permits Committee Report:** Motion by Allaby, seconded by Hagen, to approve Ordinance 2026-2087, amending Chapter 36, Article V, Bicycles, E-Bikes, and Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Devices, Sections 36-142 through 36-150. Motion carried by voice vote.
8. **Public Works Committee Report**
 - a. Sanitary Sewer Service Area Study: Motion by Bender, seconded by Hagen, to approve the Sanitary Sewer Service Area Study with MSA in the amount of \$16,000. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
 - b. Well No. 3 Rehabilitation Project: Motion by Bender, seconded by Allaby, to approve the CTW Corporation quote in the amount of \$49,553 for the Well No. 3 Rehabilitation Project. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.
 - c. Director of Public Works: Nothing to report.

9. Finance and Purchasing Committee Report

- a. Vouchers: Motion by Radcliff, seconded by Hoilien, to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$788,427.32. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. Police Chief's Report: Chief Zilisch reviewed the July Police Department report. Alderperson Radcliff raised concerns regarding vehicles and motorcycles racing near Grove and Tremont Streets and requested consideration of a stop sign at the intersection. Chief Zilisch will coordinate with Public Works Director Rob Nelson to consider options.

11. City Council Report: Alderperson Hagen discussed the Juneau County Fair event, noting the good turnout and overall success of the event.

12. Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

13. City Administrator's Report: Haugh reported that the City's 2027 health insurance rates are expected to increase by 15.3%.

14. Closed Session: Motion by Hagen, seconded by Allaby, to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e) regarding deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote. Council convened in closed session at 6:59 p.m.

- a. Lions Park Project Agreement

15. Reconvene in Open Session: Motion by Hagen, seconded by Hoilien, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried by voice vote. Council reconvened in open session at 7:33 p.m.

16. Result of Closed Session Matters: Motion by Radcliff, seconded by Allaby, to approve the Lions Park Project Agreement as presented. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. Adjourn: Motion by Hagen, seconded by Allaby, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Chair

Date