

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
TWELFTH REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 15, 2025

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Alderspersons present: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Minutes

Eleventh Regular Common Council Meeting held September 2, 2025

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

5. Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment

Katy Ries to the Mayor's International Committee

MOTION TO CONFIRM

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Rust.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10

6. Election

Board of Water Commissioners election - Term beginning October 1, 2025

MOTION TO RECEIVE NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR, VOTING TO BE DONE BY OPEN BALLOT, AND IF TWO OR MORE CANDIDATES ARE NOMINATED, THE CANDIDATE WITH THE LOWEST NUMBER OF VOTES BE DROPPED FROM THE LIST, AND BALLOTING TO CONTINUE UNTIL ONE CANDIDATE RECEIVES A MAJORITY.

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

MOTION TO NOMINATE GERALD VAN DE KREEKE.

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

No other nominations were received.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT THE CITY CLERK TO CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT FOR GERALD VAN DE KREEKE AS THE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SHEBOYGAN BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

7. Public Forum

Limit of five people having five minutes each with comments limited to items on this agenda. No one spoke.

8. Mayor's Announcements

Upcoming Community Events, Proclamations, Employee Recognitions

HEARINGS

9. Hearing 7-25-26 pursuant to a notice published and letters sent, this hearing is for the purpose of allowing interested parties to be heard relative to the vacating and discontinuance of a portion of right-of-way on the east side of North 5th Street adjacent to Lot 1, Block 5 of the Assessment Subdivision No. 21, City of Sheboygan.
Bill Rees spoke.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE HEARING

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

CONSENT

10. Report 13-25-26 by City Clerk submitting a license application.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND GRANT APPLICATION

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

11. Report 14-25-26 by Comptroller Evan Grossen pursuant to Sheboygan Municipal Code § 2-912(b), which requires the comptroller to file with the common council, not less than monthly, a list of the claims approved, showing the date paid, the name of the claimant, the purpose and the amount, the attached list of paid vouchers for June 2025 is being provided.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE DOCUMENT

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

12. Report 15-25-26 by Comptroller Evan Grossen pursuant to Sheboygan Municipal Code § 2-912(b), which requires the comptroller to file with the common council, not less than monthly, a list of the claims approved, showing the date paid, the name of the claimant, the purpose and the amount, the attached list of paid vouchers for July 2025 is being provided.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE DOCUMENT

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

13. Report 17-25-26 by Board of License Examiners submitting applications for Building Contractor License already granted.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE DOCUMENT

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

RESOLUTIONS

14. Res. No. 93-25-26 by Alderpersons Dekker and Perrella commemorating the distinguished service of Barbara Felde to the City of Sheboygan.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

15. Res. No. 94-25-26 by Alderpersons Dekker and Perrella authorizing the appropriate City officials to sign the January 1, 2024 -December 31, 2028 Contract between the City of Sheboygan and International Association of Firefighters - Local 483.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADOPT THE RESOLUTION

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

16. Res. No. 90-25-26 by Alderpersons Dekker and Rust designating the City Forester as the City's Authorized Representative for the purpose of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) Urban Forestry Grants for calendar year 2026 and directing him to submit an Urban Forestry Grant Application.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Rust.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

17. Res. No. 91-25-26 by Alderpersons Dekker and Rust authorizing the appropriate City officials to enter into contract for the demolition and associated site restoration of the City owned property located at 930 N. 8th Street and contiguous city owned property to the west of the former hotel and restaurant to clear the land for future development.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Rust.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

18. Res. No. 92-25-26 by Alderpersons Mitchell and Perrella authorizing the appropriate City officials to enter into a renewal contract with Cities and Villages Mutual Insurance for Public Entity Liability Insurance.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION

Motion made by Mitchell, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

GENERAL ORDINANCES

19. Gen. Ord. No. 15-25-26 by Alderpersons Rust and La Fave amending sections of the Sheboygan Municipal Code related to dog kennel licenses and animal fancier permits.

MOTION TO ADOPT ORDINANCE

Motion made by Rust, Seconded by La Fave.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

20. Gen. Ord. No. 16-25-26 by Alderpersons Menzer and Close annexing territory to the City of Sheboygan, Wisconsin (Parcel No. 59024341782). REFER TO CITY PLAN COMMISSION

CHARTER ORDINANCES

21. Charter Ord. No. 3-25-26 by Alderpersons Dekker and Perrella (being subject to the home rule provisions of § 66.0101 of the Wisconsin Statutes) to authorize primary elections whenever three or more candidates file nomination papers for an elective city office.

MOTION TO ADOPT CHARTER ORDINANCE

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

MATTERS LAID OVER

22. Res. No. 74-25-26 by Alderpersons Dekker and Rust vacating a 0.03 acre portion of right-of-way on the east side of North 5th Street adjacent to Lot 1, Block 5 of the Assessment Subdivision No. 21, City of Sheboygan, Sheboygan County, Wisconsin.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Rust.

Before action was taken,

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE WORD IN THE FINAL “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED” PARAGRAPH FROM “ALLEY” TO “PROPERTY”

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Rust.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

On motion to adopt Resolution as amended,

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

23. R. C. No. 23-25-26 by Finance and Personnel Committee to whom was referred Direct Referral Gen. Ord. No. 6-25-26 by Alderperson Dekker and Mitchell amending, repealing, and recreating provisions related to the manner of selection and tenure of the City Attorney.; recommends adopting the Ordinance.

MOTION TO RECEIVE THE R. C. AND ADOPT THE ORDINANCE

Motion made by Mitchell, Seconded by Dekker.

Before action was taken,

MOTION TO ADD SECTION TO ORDINANCE TO READ THAT THE CITY ATTORNEY WILL REPORT TO AND BE EVALUATED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL WITH INPUT AND GUIDANCE FROM THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, MAYOR, AND DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

Motion made by Perrella.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

On motion to adopt the Ordinance,

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Rust – 9.

Voting Nay: Perrella – 1.

24. R. C. No. 25-25-26 by Finance and Personnel Committee to whom was referred Direct Referral Res. No. 19-25-26 by Alderpersons Mitchell and Perrella authorizing the appropriate City officials to sign the January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2028 Contract between the City of Sheboygan and International Association of Firefighters - Local 483; recommends amending the package proposal in Article 25, Section A (1) to read, "Unused sick leave may be accumulated up to a maximum of one thousand seven hundred twenty-eight (1,728) hours".

MOTION TO FILE

Motion made by Mitchell, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

OTHER MATTERS AUTHORIZED BY LAW – None.

CLOSED SESSION

25. Motion to convene in closed session under the exemption contained in Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(g) when conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, to wit: possible action regarding various licenses held by J.N. Cortez, LLC, D.B.A. Mi Ranchito II.

MOTION MADE AT 6:26 PM

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella – 9.

Voting Nay: Rust – 1.

OPEN SESSION

26. Motion to reconvene in open session for discussion and possible action relating to closed session.

MOTION MADE AT 7:39 PM

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

27. Report 16-25-26 by Licensing, Hearings, and Public Safety Committee submitting Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law based upon testimony and exhibits presented at a Quasi-Judicial Hearing held on August 25, 2025 regarding the licenses held by J.N. Cortez LLC, D.B.A. Mi Ranchito II (License #3475) in the City of Sheboygan.

MOTION TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE FINDINGS OF FACT

Motion made by Rust, Seconded by La Fave.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING SUSPENSION, FROM COMMITTEE

Motion made by Perrella, Seconded by Boorse.

Before action was taken,

MOTION TO REVOKE LIQUOR LICENSE

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Belanger.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Dekker, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell – 5.

Voting Nay: Boorse, Close, La Fave, Perrella, Rust – 5.

Mayor voted Nay to break the tie vote.

On original motion to accept the recommendations, including suspension,

Voting Yea: Boorse, Close, Dekker, La Fave, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 7.

Voting Nay: Belanger, Heidemann, Menzer – 3.

TENTATIVE DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

28. Next Regular Meeting Date: October 6, 2025

ADJOURN MEETING

29. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:45 PM

Motion made, by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Heidemann, La Fave, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.