City of WHITEWATER

Common Council Meeting

Fairhaven Senior Services, 435 W Starin Road,
Whitewater, WI 53190 *In Person and Virtual

Tuesday, October 06, 2026 - 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Council President Patrick Singer
Councilmember Michael Smith
Councilmember Steven Sahyun
Councilmember Brian Schanen
Councilmember Neil Hicks
Councilmember Gavin Kelleher
Councilmember Orin Artsmith

City Manager John Weidl
City Attorney Steven Chesebro

Public Works Director Brad Marquardt
City Clerk Heather Boehm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
A councilmember can choose to remove an item from the agenda or rearrange its order; however, introducing new items to the agenda is not allowed. Any proposed changes require a motion, a second, and approval from the Council to be implemented. The agenda shall be approved at each meeting even if no changes are being made at that meeting.

Motion to approve the agenda made by Councilmember Artsmith, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith

PRESENTATION

1. Presentation from Thrive Economic Development regarding proposed service delivery and bylaw changes.

   Community Development Director Mason Becker gave an update on Thrive Economic Development.
   Deb Reinbold, President of Thrive Economic Development gave a presentation on the proposed service delivery and bylaw changes.

CONSENT AGENDA
Items on the Consent Agenda will be approved together unless any council members requests that an item be removed for individual consideration.

Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith

2. Approval of Common Council meeting minutes from September 1, 2026.
3. Community Development Authority meeting minutes from August 20, 2026.
4. Library Board of Trustees meeting minutes from August 17, 2026.
5. Finance Meeting Minutes from August 25, 2026.
6. Approval of the Capital Improvement Plan Policy.
7. Zoning Permit Fee Schedule.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

8. City Manager Report

City Manager Weidl gave his bi-monthly update of City events and accomplishments, including reports from the following departments: Public Works, IT, Police, Fire & EMS, Library, Community Development, Parks & Recreation, Human Resources and Media Services.

9. White Cane Awareness Proclamation.- Requested by Steven Sahyun.

   City Manager John Weidl gave a proclamation on White Cane Awareness.

10. Pedestrian Safety Month Proclamation.- Requested by Steven Sahyun

    City Manager John Weidl gave a proclamation on Pedestrian Safety Month.

11. Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation.- Requested by Whitewater Unified School District.

    City Manager John Weidl gave a proclamation on Hispanic Heritage Month.
    WUSD Superintendent Samuel Karns spoke about Hispanic Heritage Month.

STAFF REPORTS

12. Update on the Food Pantry Lease.- **Parks and Recreation**

    Parks and Rec Director Kevin Boehm gave an update on the Food Pantry Lease.

13. Summary of the City's 2025 Financial Audit.- **Finance**

14. Finance Update on the Stonehaven Development.- **Finance**

15. Whitewater Comparative Analysis. - **Finance**

    Finance Director Rachelle Blitch gave an update on the Whitewater comparative analysis.

16. Presentation and Brief Overview of the 2027-2028 Draft Budget.- **Finance**

    Finance Director Rachelle Blitch gave an update on the 2027-2028 draft budget.

17. Immigration Liaison- Grant funding notice of award and hiring plan.- **Police Department**

    Police Chief Meyer gave an update on the immigration liaison.

18. Monthly Flock update.- **Police Department**

    Police Chief Meyer gave an update on Flock.

HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS

No formal Council action will be taken during this meeting although issues raised may become a part of a future agenda. Participants are allotted a three minute speaking period. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time; however, citizens are invited to speak to those specific issues at the time the Council discusses that particular item.

To make a comment during this period, or during any agenda item: On a computer or handheld device, locate the controls on your computer to raise your hand. You may need to move your mouse to see these controls. On a traditional telephone, dial *6 to unmute your phone and dial *9 to raise your hand.

Jeff Knight (405 Panther Ct) spoke about the per capita fund.
Larry Kachel (457 S Buckingham Blvd) spoke about the City's book drive in honor of Dolly Parton and spoke about the finance presentation.

RESOLUTION

19. **Approval of application for a Grant: 2026-R-48** Resolution approving applying for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant to provide funding for City Wide tree inventory.- **Parks and Recreation**

Motion to approve resolution 2026-R-48 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith

20. **Payment Resolution: 2026-R-49** a resolution authorizing payment to WE Energies for the relocation of electrical lines along Starin Road east of Jefferson Street associated with the Jefferson Street reconstruction project.- **Public Works**

Motion to approve resolution 2026-R-49 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith

ORDINANCES

First Reading

21. **Amending Ordinance: 2026-O-22** an Ordinance amending Section 11.45, Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV) Allowed.- **Public Works/City Attorney**

Motion to approve the first reading of ordinance 2026-O-22 made by Councilmember Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith

Chuck Mills (336 S Whiton St) spoke about ordinance 2026-O-22.
Alison Eberdt (441 Koshkonong Dr) spoke about ordinance 2026-O-22.

Motion to waive the second reading of ordinance 2026-O-22 made by Councilmember Artsmith, Seconded by Councilmember Kelleher.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith

CONSIDERATIONS

22. Review, discuss, and direct staff regarding changes to Chapter 11.40 Bicycles.- **Parks and Recreation**

    Council gave some directions for some more research and draft ordinance to come back to a future agenda meeting.

23. Councilmember Requests for Future Agenda Items or Committee items. Questions

    Councilmember Hicks - City staff to bring back and do some research on what it would cost to create a mobile AV setup.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

24. Fire Department turnout times update.- **Artsmith December**
25. Strategic Plan Metrics - **Artsmith Q1 2027**
26. Review of Downtown Activation Initiative - **Artsmith Q3 2027**
27. Voter Turnout Improvement - **Artsmith Q2 2027**
28. Crime Prevention Strategies Update.- **Hicks October 15, 2026**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:43pm made by Councilmember Artsmith, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks. Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith

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The City of Whitewater's strategic goals for 2026–2028 are: Expand Housing Opportunities and Support Responsible Community Growth; Enhance Communication, Transparency, and Community Engagement; Support Economic and Downtown Development, Business Growth, and Tax Base Expansion; Foster a Vibrant, Engaged, and Welcoming Community; Ensure Long-Term Financial Stability and Strategic Investment.

This agenda may include quasi-judicial items addressing the specific outcome for an individual or property, such as zoning appeals, conditional use permits, land use decisions, licensing, or ethics decisions. For quasi-judicial items, Council Members are only able to consider information presented by interested parties or the public on the record during this meeting. Council Members should not conduct their own investigation but may request additional information from the interested parties.