



Common Council Meeting

UW Whitewater, University Center, 190 Hamilton
Green Way, 2nd Floor, RM 259, Whitewater, WI
53190 *In Person and Virtual

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 - 6:30 PM

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

City Manager John Weidl called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

1. Swearing In of Newly Elected Council Members. Aldermanic District 1 Michael Smith; Aldermanic District 3, Steven Sahyun; Aldermanic District 5, Neil Hicks; Councilmember At Large- Patrick Singer- **City Clerk**

City Clerk, Heather Boehm sworn in the new Council Members.
District 1, Michael Smith
District 3, Steven Sayhun
Returning Members
District 5, Neil Hicks
At Large - Odd, Patrick Singer

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council President Patrick Singer
Councilmember Neil Hicks
Councilmember Greg Majkrzak
Councilmember Orin Smith
Councilmember Brian Schanen
Councilmember Michael Smith
Councilmember Steven Sahyun

City Attorney Tim Brovold

City Manager John Weidl

Public Works Director Brad Marquardt

City Clerk Heather Boehm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. Election of Council President and Pro Tem- **City Manager**

Motion to elect Councilmember Singer as Council President, made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember O. Smith.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M. Smith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember O. Smith, Councilmember Sahyun

Voting Abstaining: Council President Singer

Motion to elect Councilmember Schanen as Council President Pro Tem, made by Councilmember O. Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Sahyun.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M. Smith, Councilmember O. Smith, Councilmember Sahyun

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Schanen

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.

Councilmember Hicks asked to move item 28 into the Consent Agenda.

Motion to Approve the Agenda with item 28 added, made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember O. Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M. Smith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember O. Smith, Councilmember Sahyun

3. Presentation by Josh Schoemann, Washington County Executive, about Next Generation Housing in Washington County.

Washington County Executive, Josh Schoemann spoke about Next Generation Housing in Washington County.

Councilmember Sahyun asked a couple questions.

Councilmember O. Smith asked a couple questions.

Councilmember M. Smith asked a couple questions.

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 Majkrzak, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M. Smith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember O. Smith, Councilmember Sahyun

4. Approval of Common Council Meeting Minutes from March 18, 2025 and April 3, 2025.
5. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2025.
6. Disposal of City-owned vehicles through auction.
7. Strand Task Order No. 25-05, 2025 Street Maintenance.
8. Strand Task Order No. 25-06, Main St/Franklin Street Intersection Modification.
9. Amendment No. 1 to Strand Task Order No. 24-04, Lead Service Line Replacement.
10. Grant opportunities for the City of Whitewater.
11. Recommendations of Removal of Jeffrey Weigel from PARC Commission.
12. Recommendation for approval of Lisa Dawsey Smith to the PARC Commission.
13. Recommendation for approval of Elizabeth Miller to the Library Board.
14. Recommendation for approval of Tara McKenzie-Peotter to the Library Board.
15. February 2025 Financials

CITY MANAGER REPORT

16. City Manager Report.

City Manager John Weidl gave his bi-monthly update of City events and accomplishments, including reports from the following departments: Public Works, Police Department, Fire Department, Library, Park & Rec, Media Services, Human Resources, and Economic Development.

17. World Migratory Bird Day Proclamation- **City Manager**

City Manager, John Weidl gave a Proclamation on World Migratory Bird Day.

STAFF REPORTS

18. Professor Kurt Paulsen, Professor at UW- Madison, responses to questions during the housing presentation.-**Economic Development Director**
Council didn't have any follow up questions.
19. Set Date for Council Visioning Session- **HR**

Council Visioning Session date set for May 13th, 2025 at 6pm in the Cravath Lakefront Conference Room in the Whitewater Municipal Building.

20. Greg Johnson, Municipal Advisor at Elhers, response to questions had on housing presentation.-**Economic Development Director**

Council didn't have any follow up questions.

21. Public Comment responses from April 3, 2025 Common Council meeting.- **Finance**
There was no Public Comment.

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.

RESOLUTIONS

22. Resolution Approving Habitat of Humanity's offer to purchase CDA property at 213 W Main St, Whitewater, WI- parcel # TRA 00003- **Economic Development Director**

Motion to approve Resolution for Habitat for Humanity made by Councilmember Hicks,
Seconded by Councilmember O. Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Majkrzak,
Councilmember M. Smith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember O. Smith,
Councilmember Sahyun

ORDINANCES

First Reading

23. **Ordinance 2025-O-11** An Ordinance creating section 2.62.060 Public Comment during Common Council and Committee Meetings. -**Finance**

Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-O-11 with an amendment to remove the word 'clapping' made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember O. Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Majkrzak,
Councilmember M. Smith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember O. Smith,
Councilmember Sahyun

David Stone commented about Ordinance 2025-O-11.

24. **Ordinance 2025-O-13**- An ordinance amending Chapter 1.24- City Limits-**Public Works**

Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-O-13 made by Councilmember Majkrzak, Seconded by Councilmember O. Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M. Smith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember O. Smith, Councilmember Sahyun

Motion to waive second reading of Ordinance 2025-O-13 made by Councilmember O. Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M. Smith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember O. Smith, Councilmember Sahyun

Second Reading

25. **Ordinance 2025-O-12** an ordinance amending the zoning map and the zoning classification in regarding to certain properties in the City of Whitewater. Tax Parcel #/WUP 00329 and Tax Parcel #292-0515-3233-008 (Vacant Lots on Riesch Road a private road).-**Neighborhood Services**

Motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2025-O-12 made by Councilmember Majkrzak, Seconded by Councilmember O. Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember O. Smith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Sahyun

Voting Nay: Councilmember M. Smith

CONSIDERATIONS

26. Boards and Commission Council Appointments by Council President and City Manager.-**City Manager**

City Manager, John Weidl and Council President, Patrick Singer met and assigned Council Members to Boards and Commissions based on their preferences and alternate policy.

Motion to approve the appointment of Council Members to the other Board and Commissions made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember O. Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M. Smith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember O. Smith, Councilmember Sahyun

27. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Extension of Police Department Memorandum of Understanding with Whitewater Unified School District regarding School Resource Officer.- **City Manager**

Motion to approve the offer to the School District for an 120 day extension of the SRO Agreement made by Councilmember Majkrzak, Seconded by Councilmember O. Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M. Smith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember O. Smith, Councilmember Sahyun

28. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Whitewater Solar's Joint Development Agreement- City and Townships- **Public Works**

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

29. Councilmember Requests for Future Agenda Items or Committee items. Questions
Councilmember Hicks wants to discuss moving Council Meetings to 6pm start time instead of 6:30pm.

Councilmember O. Smith wants the Starin Road update on the next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

30. Update from Landmarks Committee regarding Starin Park Water Tower- **Schanen May 20, 2025**
31. Report on the Lakes District- **May 6, 2025**
32. Starin Road Speed Bump Update-**Smith Q2**
33. Robert Baird Housing Presentation- **Hicks April 2025**
34. More information on the survey capabilities- **Smith Q2**
35. Review of ordinance 5.20.030 pertaining to enforcement of gaming machines- **Q2**
36. Social Media Policy-Removal of Public comment on socials.- **Hicks May 6, 2025**
37. Recommendation for Audio Visual Equipment in the Community Room- **Hicks May 6, 2025**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn 8:01pm at made by Councilmember Majkrzak, Seconded by Councilmember O. Smith.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M. Smith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember O. Smith, Councilmember Sahyun

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2023-2025 City of Whitewater's 5 strategic goals: Build single-family homes, Communicate with the community without the newspaper, Support a thriving business community, Recruitment and retention efforts with a focus on diversity, and Prioritization of expenditures with available resources.