



Common Council Meeting

Whitewater Municipal Building Community Room,
312 West Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI 53190
*In Person and Virtual

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 - 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Singer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council President Patrick Singer
Councilmember Michael Smith
Councilmember Orin Smith
Councilmember Brian Schanen
Councilmember Neil Hicks
Councilmember Gavin Kelleher

City Manager John Weidl

City Attorney Steven Chesebro

Public Works Director Brad Marquardt
Deputy Clerk Tiffany Albright

ABSENT

Councilmember Steven Sahyun

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 move items #16 to after #20 and move #14, #15 and #19 into the consent agenda. Remove item #2 and combine it with item #8 made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

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 made by Councilmember Artsmith, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

1. Public Works Committee meeting minutes from July 14, 2026.
2. Staff report regarding viability of condo projects in the City of Whitewater.
Community Development Director Mason Becker gave an update regarding viability of condo projects in the City of Whitewater.
3. Plan & Architectural Review Commission Minutes of July 13, 2026.
4. July 2026 Financials

CITY MANAGER REPORT

5. City Manager Report.
City Manager John Weidl skipped over the report as the slides are in the packet. Instead focused speaking about the Mid-year review of department strategic goals and milestones.

STAFF REPORTS

6. Mid-year review of Budget, Strategic Goals & Milestones- **City Manager**

City Manager John Weidl gave an update on the mid-year review of department strategic goals and milestones.

7. Downtown Activation Initiative update.- **Community Development**

Community Development Director Mason Becker gave an update on the Downtown Activation Initiative.

8. Staff report recapping Jefferson Street Request for Proposal process and rental market in City of Whitewater.- **Community Development**

Community Development Director Mason Becker gave an update recapping the Jefferson Street Request for Proposal process and rental market in the City of Whitewater.

9. Ethics Boards and Surrounding Cities.- **City Attorney**

City Attorney Steven Chesebro gave an update on the Ethics Boards and Surrounding Cities.

10. Follow-up information regarding Flock Guardrails.- **Police Department**

Police Chief Meyer gave an update on follow-up information regarding Flock guardrails.

11. Railing & fence damage Old Stone Mill Dam (Cravath Lake).- **Parks and Recreation Department**

Parks & Rec Director Kevin Boehm gave an update on the railing and fence damage at the Old Stone Mill Dam (Cravath Lake).

12. Mid-block pedestrian crossing on West Main Street near Fairfield Inn and Suites.- **Public Works**

Public Works Director Brad Marquardt gave an update on the mid-block pedestrian crossing on West Main St near the Fairfield Inn and Suites.

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 item #8, the Jefferson St project.

Kristine Zaballos)1143 W Walworth St) spoke about the lack of trash cans on Main St.

RESOLUTION

13. **Approval of Property Sale: 2026-R-40** Resolution approving Sale of City owned property located on N Prospect Drive immediately south and west of the existing East West Wisconsin Business, Parcel # 292-0515-3432-000.- **Community Development**

Motion to approve with the change of residential to industrial use made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

David Stone (303 Ann St) noted the resolution said for residential use.

14. **Contract Award: 2026-R-41** Resolution awarding Contract 7-2026, 2026 Detention Basin Maintenance.- **Public Works**

This item was moved into the Consent Agenda.

15. **Contract extension: 2026-R-42** Resolution for 2023 – 2026 Biosolids Hauling Contract and the Option to Extend for two additional years.- **Public Works**

This item was moved into the Consent Agenda.

16. **2026-R-43** A resolution regarding proposed BECI 765 kV Transmission Line Project-**Community Development**

Councilmember Hicks excused himself from this discussed because of a conflict of interest and left the meeting.

Community Development Director Mason Becker gave an update on this resolution.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-R-43 made by Councilmember Artsmith, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

ORDINANCES

First Reading

17. **Amending Ordinance: 2026-O-20** an ordinance amending 5.20.025 Alcohol License Review Committee to add review of and advising on public safety concerns to the duties of the Committee. - **City Attorney**

Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-O-20 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

Motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2026-O-20 made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

Voting Nay: Councilmember Artsmith

CONSIDERATIONS

18. Review, discuss, and direct staff regarding the Mobile Home Park License for Twin Oaks WI LLC located at 755 N Tratt St, Whitewater.- **Community Development.**

Allison Schwark gave an update on Twin Oaks mobile home park.

Motion to acknowledge Twin Oaks is in compliance of the park and issue the license with some follow-up brought back on financial penalties made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

19. Review, discuss, and direct staff regarding phone line updates.- **Police Department**
This item was moved into the Consent

20. Councilmember Requests for Future Agenda Items or Committee items. Questions
Councilmember Kelleher - Follow up on the trash cans.
Councilmember Schanen - Trash can follow-up best placed at Public Works.
Councilmember Artsmith - Metrics on the Strategic plan for the end of the year. Review of the Downtown Activation Initiative update in Q3 2027. Voter turnout improvement strategies Q2 2027. Lakes Management course Staff Report.
Council President Singer - Bring back Ethics in September.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

21. Helmets for Scooters and E-Bikes- *Parks & Rec* - **M. Smith Q2**
22. Update on Food Pantry Lease- *Parks & Rec*. -**O. Artsmith October**
23. Explore Flock guardrails- September 1, 2026
24. Ethics Complaint from Brad Ceranske- **Special Meeting August 31, 2026**
25. Fire Department turnout times update.- **Artsmith December**
26. Speed/Safety on Ann Street.- Smith *Public Works Committee*
27. Polling Locations.- **Hicks September 15, 2026**
28. Whitewater Comparative Analysis. - **Finance**
29. ATV/UTV ordinance amendment.- **Hicks September**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:48pm made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

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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.

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