



Common Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, September 16, 2025 - 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council President Patrick Singer
Councilmember Michael M. Smith
Councilmember Steven Sahyun
Councilmember Brian Schanen
Councilmember Neil Hicks

City Manager, John Weidl
City Attorney, Steven Chesebro
Director of Public Works, Brad Marquardt
City Clerk, Heather Boehm

ABSENT

Councilmember Greg Majkrzak
Councilmember Orin O. Smith

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 with adding items #14, #15, #16, #18, #19 and #20 to the Consent Agenda, made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Sahyun.

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

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

City Manager John Weidl, gave a special recognition to Lisa Dawsey Smith.

1. Special Recognition for Lisa Dawsey Smith- **City Manager**

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 with items #14, #15, #16, #18, #19, and #20 added, made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

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

2. Approval of Common Council Meeting Minutes from August 19, 2025 and September 2, 2025.
3. Plan and Architectural Review Commission Meeting Minutes from August 11, 2025.
4. Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes from August 7, 2025.
5. Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes from August 6, 2025.
6. Lakes Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from June 23, 2025.
7. Public Works Committee meeting minutes from August 12, 2025.
8. Police and Fire Commission Meeting Minutes from May 29, 2025.
9. Amendment to the Procurement Policy.
10. Listing Water Department 2003 GMC Sierra 2500 on Wisconsin Surplus auction site.
11. Aug 2025 Financials

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, Economic Development, Library, Parks & Rec, Media Services, Human Resources.

12. City Manager Report.

STAFF REPORTS

13. Conversion of Single Family homes to Rental Properties- **City Attorney**
City Manager John Weidl, City Attorney Steven Chesebro and Councilmember Hicks spoke about single family homes to rental properties.
14. Cigarette, Tobacco, Electronic Vape license hearings held at ALC- **City Attorney**
This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.
15. Improvement Plan for White Memorial Building- **Building Facilities**
This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.
16. Department name change- **Economic Development Director**
This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.
17. City of Whitewater Current Housing Initiatives – **Economic Development Director**
Economic Development Director, Mason Becker spoke about current Whitewater housing initiatives.
18. Update on Labor Relations for the Whitewater Police Department and Whitewater Fire & EMS Department.- **HR**
This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

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 housing.

Larry Kachel (457 S Buckingham Blvd) spoke about doing a study on Whitewater.

RESOLUTION

19. Resolution to Amend Tanis Property Swap Agreement- **Economic Development Director**
This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.
20. Reimbursement Resolution for Clean Water Fund Loan application for Starin Road Underground Wet Detention Basin- **Public Works**
This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

ORDINANCES

First Reading

21. **Ordinance 2025-O-23** an ordinance amending the zoning map and the zoning classification in regard to certain properties in the City of Whitewater. For Whitewater High School located at 534 S Elizabeth Street, Tax Parcel # /WUP 00315A. -**Neighborhood Services**

Motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-O-23 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

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

Motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance-2025-23 made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember M.Smith.

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

22. **Ordinance 2025-O-24** an ordinance amending the zoning map and the zoning classification in regard to certain properties in the City of Whitewater. For Lincoln Elementary School located at 242 S Prince Street, Tax Parcel # /WUP 00202. -**Neighborhood Services**

Motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-O-24 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

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

Motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance-2025-24 made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember M.Smith.

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

23. **Ordinance 2025-O-25** an ordinance amending the zoning map and the zoning classification in regard to certain properties in the City of Whitewater. For Washington Elementary School located at 506 E Main Street , Tax Parcel #'s /TRA 00049, /TRA 00050 and /TRA 00051. -**Neighborhood Services**

Motion to Approve Ordinance 2025-O-25 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

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

Motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance-2025-25 made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember M.Smith.

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

CONSIDERATIONS

24. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the 2025 Community Star Gala Feedback.- **Chief of Staff**

No formal action was taken.

Councilmember Hicks suggested a partnership with UWW/WUSD.

Councilmember Schanen suggested a 6pm start time.

Councilmember M. Smith suggested open nominations for all of the award categories.

25. Discussion and Possible Action regarding permission to purchase Six Squad Cars for the Police Department- **PD**

Motion to approve an order for both marked and unmarked squads through Carl Emergency Vehicles for approximately \$438,426.96 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember M.Smith.

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

26. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the City Manager Performance Evaluation Policy and Evaluation Tool- **HR**

Motion to approve the policy changes that were presented with the expectation of future approval of the tool made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

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

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

28. Fire Department Training Facility.- **Q4**
29. Update on Starin Park Water Tower plans- **O. Smith Q1 2026**
30. Stormwater Utility Rates-**10/7/25**
31. Class Action re: Firetruck Purchases- **2026**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made at 7:02pm made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

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

Anyone requiring special arrangements is asked to call the Office of the City Manager / City Clerk (262-473-0102) at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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.

