



Common Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, May 06, 2025 - 6:30 PM

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Pro Tem Brian Schanen called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Councilmember Greg Majkrzak
Councilmember Michael M.Smith
Councilmember Orin O.Smith
Councilmember Steven Sahyun
Councilmember Brian Schanen
Councilmember Neil Hicks

City Attorney Tim Brovold

City Manager John Weidl

Director of Public Works Brad Marquardt

City Clerk Heather Boehm

ABSENT

Council President Patrick Singer

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 item 13 from the Consent Agenda moving into a Staff Report made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

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

Voted by a voice vote.

GUEST SPEAKER

1. Brian Doudna, Sheboygan County Economic Development Director.
Sheboygan County Economic Development Director, Brian Doudna spoke about housing.
Councilmember Sahyun spoke about housing.

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 O.Smith.

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

2. Approval of Common Council Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2025.
3. Public Arts Commission meeting Minutes of February 6, 2025 and March 6, 2025.
4. Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2025 and March 5, 2025.
5. Plan & Architectural Review Commission Meeting Minutes from March 10, 2025.
6. Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes from March 17, 2025.
7. CDA Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2025 and March 20, 2025.
8. Finance Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2025.
9. Update on the April 1, 2025 Election Numbers.
10. Approval of the amendments to the Procurement Policy to include protest and dispute procedures.
11. Approval of updated Title VI policy.
12. Approval of Federal Awards Administration policy.

13. Social Media Policy-Removal of Public comment on socials.
City Manager, John Weidl spoke about the Social Media Policy.
Councilmember Hicks spoke about the Social Media Policy.
Jason Gleason spoke about the Social Media Policy.
Chuck Mills spoke about the Social Media Policy.
Motion to approve the Social Media Policy made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Majkrzak.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks
Voting Abstaining: Councilmember M.Smith
14. Approval of the Contract with Russell Law Office, SC for City Legal Services.
15. Kienbaum Iron Junk Dealer License Renewal.
16. March 2025 Financials

PUBLIC HEARING

17. Public Hearing for the SEWRPC Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Cravath and Trippe Lakes- **Parks**
Assistant Parks & Rec, Community Events Director, Michelle Dujardin gave a short presentation recap on the Aquatic Plant Management Plan.
Councilmember Sahyun spoke about the Aquatic Plant Management Plan.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

18. City Manger Report.
City Manager John Weidl gave his bi-monthly update of City events and accomplishments, including reports from the following departments: Public Works, IT, Police Department, Fire Department, Library, Park & Rec, Media Services, and Human Resources.
19. National Historic Preservation Month Proclamation.
City Manager, John Weidl gave a proclamation on National Historic Preservation Month.
20. National Archeological Month Proclamation.
City Manager, John Weidl gave a proclamation on National Archeological Month.

STAFF REPORTS

21. Staff report regarding School Resource Officer Q & A and Proposed School Resource Officer Contract.- **PD**

Police Chief Meyer gave a PowerPoint presentation on the School Resource Officer contract.

Larry Kachel commented on the SRO Contract.

Chuck Mills commented on the SRO Contract.
22. 2025 Property Assessment Update-**Finance**

Finance Director, Rachelle Blitch gave an update on the 2025 Property Assessment.
23. Update on the Starin Road Speed Bumps-**Public Works**

Motion to move this item before the City Manager Report.made by Councilmember O.Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.
Voting Yea: Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks

Director of Public Works, Brad Marquardt spoke about Starin Road Speed Bumps.

UW Vice President for Finance and Administrative Affairs, Brenda Jones spoke about Starin Road Speed Bumps.

Councilmember Majkrzak commented on Starin Road Speed Bumps.
24. Bird Scooter Usage- **Public Works**

Public Works Director, Brad Marquardt gave an update on the Bird Scooter Usage.

Councilmember Hicks spoke on the Bird Scooter Usage.

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.

Larry Kachel spoke on housing.

Pat Blackmer spoke about Parks & Rec and the Effgy Mounds.

Jeff Knight spoke about the School District and the City issues.

RESOLUTION**25. Resolution to Create Lakes District in the City of Whitewater- Parks**

Assistant Parks & Rec, Community Events Director, Michelle Dujardin gave a short presentation on the Lakes District.

Councilmember Majkrzak commented about the Lakes District.

Councilmember Hicks commented about the Lakes District.

Councilmember Schanen commented about the Lakes District.

Councilmember O. Smith commented about the Lakes District.

City Manager, John Weidl commented about the Lakes District.

Councilmember Sahyun commented about the Lakes District.

David Stone commented on the Lakes District.

Jeff Knight commented on the Lakes District.

Chuck Mills commented on the Lakes District.

Geoff Hale commented on the Lakes District.

Larry Kachel commented on the Lakes District.

Councilmember M. Smith commented on the Lakes District.

Motion to table the Resolution until the June 3rd Council meeting made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

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

Voting Nay: Councilmember Majkrzak

ORDINANCES**First Reading****26. Ordinance 2025-O-14** an amending Ordinance 5.20.030 Pertaining to Enforcement of Gaming Machines- **PD**

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 5.20.030 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

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

27. Ordinance 2025-O-15 an Ordinance amending 2.62.020 Whitewater Transparency Enhancement to require Class 1 & 2 Hearing Notices to be posted on the City's Social Media Page.- **Finance**

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2025-O15 made by Councilmember O.Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

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

28. **Ordinance 2025-O-16** an Ordinance amending 2.73.010 Lake Advisory Committee's membership to include one member of the Common Council.- **Finance**

Motion to table first reading of Ordinance 2025-O-16 for the June 3rd Council meeting made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

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

Second Reading

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

Motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 2025-O-11 with the amendment to change page 407 4B1 removing the word 'clapping'. made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

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

CONSIDERATIONS

30. Discussion and Possible action regarding the Alcohol Licensing Committee hearing of appeal from Ethan Ticcioni for denial of Beverage Operator's License- **City Clerk**

Motion to uphold the denial made by the ALC, made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

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

31. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the start time of Common Council meetings from 6:30 pm to 6:00 pm.- **City Manager**

Motion to change Council start time to 6pm, bringing the Ordinance for a first reading to make it permanent made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Majkrzak.

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

32. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Appointing a Councilmember to WFD, Inc.- **City Manager**

Motion to approve Orin Smith to be appointed to WFD Inc made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

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

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember O.Smith

33. Councilmember order for Round Robin for B&C to ensure quorum- **City Manager**

Motion to approve the Round Robin in the following order:

1. Councilmember Hick
2. Council President Singer
3. Councilmember O.Smith
4. Councilmember Schanen
5. Councilmember Majkrzak
6. Councilmember M. Smith
7. Councilmember Sahyun

made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember M.Smith.

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

34. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Upgrading the Audio Visual Equipment in the Community Room- **Media Services**

No motion, City Staff will keep moving forward to work on this and bring it back on another meeting.

35. Discussion and Possible Action to approve SEWRPC Aquatic Plant Management Plan for Cravath and Trippe Lakes- **Parks**

Assistant Parks & Rec, Community Events Director, Michelle Dujardin spoke about the Aquatic Plant Management.

David Stone commented the he would like to file an objection as this plan did not go before the Plan Commission, about the Aquatic Plant Management.

Motion to approve the Aquatic Plant Management Plan made by Councilmember Majkrzak, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

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

36. Discussion and Possible Action regarding stop signs on Walworth Avenue at the Prince Street intersection.- **Public Works**

Public Works Director, Brad Marquardt spoke about the Stop Signs.

Carl Peterson spoke about the Stop Signs.

Councilmember Hicks spoke about the Stop Signs.

Councilmember Sahyun spoke about the Stop Signs.

Motion to have City Staff draft an Ordinance for a first reading to make Walworth Ave and Prince St a 4-Way Stop made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

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

37. Discussion and Possible Action regarding adding stop signs on Peck Street at the Whiton Street intersection. -**Public Works**

Public Works Director, Brad Marquardt spoke about the Stop Signs.

Motion to have City Staff draft an Ordinance for a first reading to make Peck St and Whiton Street a 4-Way Stop made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

Voting Yea: Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Schanen

Voting Nay: Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Hicks

There was a 3-3 Vote so this item will be brought back on the next Council Meeting Agenda.

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

Councilmember Hicks commented about Future Agenda Items.

Councilmember Schanen commented about Future Agenda Items.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

39. Update from Landmarks Committee regarding Starin Park Water Tower- **Schanen May 20, 2025**
40. More information on the survey capabilities- **Smith Q2**
41. Renewal of Twin Oaks Mobile Home Park License- **May 20, 2025**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:04pm made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith,

Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks

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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.