



Common Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Citizens are welcome (and encouraged) to join our webinar via computer, smart phone, or telephone.
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MINUTES

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 Orin O. Smith
Councilmember Steven Sahyun
Councilmember Brian Schanen
Councilmember Neil Hicks

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

ABSENT

Councilmember Greg Majkrzak, in at 6:34pm.

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 made to Approve the Agenda with items #18, #20, #21 and #22 moving to the Consent Agenda and moving item #12 behind item #9 and item #16 behind item #2 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

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

PRESENTATION

1. Ryan Dion- 43rd Assembly District First Responder of the Year.
City Manager, John Weidl spoke about Ryan Dion.
2. WUSD Superintendent Samuel Karns to speak about his upcoming goals and plans for the district.
Samuel Karns spoke about the the WUSD upcoming goals and plans.

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 to approve the Consent Agenda with items #18, #20, #21 and #22 included made by Councilmember O.Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

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

3. Approval of Common Council Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2025.
4. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes from September 9, 2025.
5. John's Disposal Rate Increase for 2026.
6. Amendment No.1 to Task Order No. 25-04, Wastewater Treatment Plant Return Activated Sludge Pump Addition.
7. Public Utility Easement at 960 East Milwaukee Street.
8. September 2025 Financials

PUBLIC HEARING

9. Public Hearing for Adoption of the Jefferson County Mitigation Plan.- **Public Works**
Public Works Director, Brad Marquardt gave a brief overview on the Adoption of the Jefferson County Mitigation Plan.
Natalie Evans from the US Small Business Administration spoke about the recent flooding that affected Jefferson County in August.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

10. City Manager Report.

City Manager John Weidl read Chief Kelly Freeman's nomination letter for the 2025 First Responder of the Year for Assistant Chief Ryan Dion.

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, and Media Services.

STAFF REPORTS

11. Presentation and Brief Overview of the 2026-2027 Draft Budget.

Finance Director Rachelle Blich gave a presentation on the 2026-2027 Draft Budget.

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.

RESOLUTION

12. Resolution to Adopt Jefferson County Mitigation Plan- **Public Works**

Motion made to approve the Resolution to Adopt Jefferson County Mitigation Plan made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

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

13. Resolution Authorizing Application for Wisconsin Department of Administration Non-State Grant Funding – Starin Park Splash Pad and Park Enhancement Project- **Parks**

Larry Kachel (457 S Buckingham Blvd) spoke about the Splash Pad.

Chuck Mills (336 Whiton St) spoke about the Splash Pad.

Motion made to approve the authorization of the Splash Pad Grant made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

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

ORDINANCES

First Reading

- 14. Ordinance 2025-O-26** an ordinance regarding additions and deletions to Municipal Code 11.16.150, Street Index of Parking Restrictions.- **Public Works**
- Public Works Director, Brad Marquardt spoke about Ordinance 2025-O-26.
- Motion made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-O-26 made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.
- Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks
- Motion made to waive second reading of Ordinance 2025-O-26 made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.
- Voting Yea: Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Schanen
- Voting Nay: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Hicks
- 15. Ordinance 2025-O-27** an ordinance regarding changes to Municipal Code 8.29, Recycling.- **Public Works**
- Public Works Director, Brad Marquardt spoke about Ordinance 2025-O-27.
- Motion made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-O-27 with outreach on social media made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.
- Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks
- Motion made to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2025-O-27 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.
- Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks

CONSIDERATIONS

- 16. Discussion and Possible Action regarding changing One of the Two meetings held on UW Whitewater Campus to One on UW Whitewater Campus and One held at Whitewater Unified School District. - City Clerk**
- Motion made to approve having one Council meeting in the Spring at WUSD, location to be determined, and one Council meeting in the Fall at UWW made by Councilmember M.Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.
- Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks
- 17. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Presentation on Single Family Housing Program Proposal. - Economic Development Director**
- Economic Development Director, Mason Becker gave a presentation on Single Family Housing Program Proposal.

Jeff Knight (405 Panther Ct) spoke on the Single Family Housing Program Proposal.
Larry Kachel (457 S Buckingham Blvd) spoke on the Single Family Housing Program Proposal.

Motion made to direct City staff to move forward with option A, and bring back information or proposal on how do we manage the age made by Councilmember Majkrzak, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

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

18. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the 2025 update to the Stormwater Quality Management Plan. - **Public Works**

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

19. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Rate Increase for the Stormwater Utility. - **Finance**

Jeff Knight (405 Panther Ct) spoke about the Rate increase for the Stormwater Utility.
Larry Kachel (457 S Buckingham Blvd) spoke about the Rate increase for the Storm Utility.

No action taken. Final Public Hearing at the November 18th Council Meeting.

20. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the selection of a consulting firm to provide City Engineering Services. **Public Works**

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

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

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

22. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the HIPAA Policy. - **HR**

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

24. Staff report on rental housing list.- **Q4**
25. Fire Department Training Facility.- **Q4**
26. Update on Starin Park Water Tower plans- **O. Smith Q1 2026**
27. Ehler's presentation on Pro Forma Modeling Tool- **November 4, 2025.**
28. Common Council Meeting to be held at UW Whitewater Campus.- **November 4, 2025**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn at 7:59pm made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

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