



Common Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, December 05, 2023 - 6:30 PM

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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.

CLOSED SESSION

- CS-1. Adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.86 notice of collective bargaining negotiations, to

reconvene in open session, Item to be discussed: 1) Discuss Bargaining and Negotiation strategy related to the contract with the Police Union

CONSIDERATIONS

2. Discussion and possible action regarding WPPA Bargaining Contract Agreement

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the Consent Agenda will be approved together unless any council members requests that an item be removed for individual consideration.

3. Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes from October 16, 2023
4. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2023

CITY MANAGER REPORT

STAFF REPORTS

5. UW-Whitewater Environmental Science 400 Capstone Project on Cravath Lake Cattail - **Park and Rec**
6. Next Steps regarding the Salary Compensation Survey - **City Manager/HR**
7. Job Fair Metrics - **HR**

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). He is hoping the City Council will include the Revenue Sharing that we got from the state and is concerned about it being lost next year, on a future Common Council Agenda.

Larry Kachel (457 South Buckingham Boulevard) He is concerned that his tax bill went up and that for the first time in 20 years, , and maybe ever, the average taxpayer and the community residential taxpayer, that got the property tax bill, they're paying more on their tax bill towards the city than towards the school district. Just two years ago, the portion of the tax bill was approximately, the portion that goes to the school district was about 56% higher. School district's budget is much bigger than the city. I looked at my trends but I'm using my personal property taxes and I'm using five of yours that are all available online. Two I'm not using are one is Jefferson County and one is a renter and I couldn't get the same information for Jefferson County or renter who don't directly pay it. But since 2021, our portion of mine and the five of you, our taxes for the city portion of the bill have gone up an average of 30%. School

district has gone down. There's a lot of other things come into it, but the savings on the bill last year was due to the school district. and had nothing to do with the city. The city's portion of the bill last year went up considerably. We just happen to go down more. We have \$3 million, I think, that you've kind of sort of approved for the expansion coming down the road. I think there's talk about raising the upper brackets for income of your staff. A number I've heard is somewhere between 8 and 16%. And all sorts of spending the lake increased spending and that you're gonna have on the lake in the future. More public safety spending, you have TIFs to deal with and the problem with the TIFs if they're not done properly is you buy, say I buy a million dollar property, pay a million dollars for it, I'm increase the value up to three million dollars and I get TIF money. That two extra million dollars does not go back to the property tax payers, either through the school district or to the city until that TIF loan is paid back. So it's very important when you're doing TID financing, we've got all the TID registers wide open, it's kind of a scary thing to be looking at. You don't want to be going down a cliff on it. We already have some of the highest water bills in the area. We need to be careful. This is again predominantly the school district portion of an individual's tax bill was 50, if I go back 15 years, it was about 90% higher than what it was for the city and we've got a lot of spending coming up and frankly it's a bit alarming. Thank you.

RESOLUTION

8. 2024 Salary Resolution

ORDINANCES

First Reading

9. **Ordinance 2078** an ordinance amending section 1.21.010 Schedule of Deposits to provide for a bond amount for violations of Title 20 Property Maintenance - **Neighborhood Services**
10. **Ordinance 2079** an ordinance regarding revisions to Chapter 12.22 Construction Standards Adopted - **Public Works**

CONSIDERATIONS

11. Discussion and possible action regarding Lakes Advisory Committee Appointment - **City Manager**
12. Discussion and possible action regarding Axon Service Contract - **Police**
13. Discussion and possible action regarding Flock Service Contract- **Police**
14. Discussion and possible action regarding the Proposed Nonconforming Use Agreement for Keinbaum Iron & Metal. Tax Property Id # /A76200001 - **City Attorney/Neighborhood Services**
15. Discussion and possible action on DOT-Regulated Employee Alcohol Misuse Prevention & Anti-Drug Policy - **HR**
16. Discussion and possible action regarding the timeline of a council action plan to address Common Council self-governance- **Common Council/HR**
17. Councilmember Requests for Future Agenda Items or Committee items. Questions

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

18. Window Ordinance - **City Clerk/PD - December**
19. Code enforcement and Zoning Services contract with Municipal Code Enforcement - **City Manager/HR - December/January**
20. Staff update on Procurement Policy - **Gerber/Attorney - Q1 2024**
21. Training for newly elected and appointed officials - **Dawsey Smith - April/May 2024**
22. Hiring a temporary, hourly assistant to the city manager - **Allen -TBD**
23. Special Assessments for Mobile Home Parks - **City Manager/Hicks - Q2**
24. Mill Rate Update - **Finance - December**
25. Changes to the Good Governance Manual - **Gerber - December**
26. **Ordinance 2063** Ordinance amending Chapter 11.16.15, adding No Stopping, Standing or Parking on east side of Elizabeth Street at Court Street and Laurel Street. - **Public works**
27. Salary Compensation Survey - **Gerber/Hicks Q2 2024**

ADJOURNMENT

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.

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