



Common Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 - 6:00 PM

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Citizen participation is welcome during topic discussion periods.**

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AGENDA

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

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

ABSENT

Councilmember Orin Artsmith

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 deferring item #19 until the next Council meeting made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Sahyun.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, 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 to approve the Consent Agenda made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

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

1. Approval of Common Council meeting minutes from April 20, 2026, April 21, 2026 and May 05, 2026.
2. CDA Minutes of October 16, 2025, CDA Minutes of November 20, 2025, CDA Minutes of December 18, 2025, CDA Minutes of January 15, 2026, CDA Minutes of February 19, 2026 and CDA Minutes of March 19, 2026.
3. Public Works Committee meeting minutes from April 14, 2026.
4. Landmarks Minutes of April 13, 2026.
5. The award of the City Hall Roofing Project.
6. The award of Contract 5-2026, Universal Boulevard Water Main.
7. Task Order 26-08, 2026 Street and Utility Construction Related Services.
8. Plan & Architectural Review Commission Minutes of April 13, 2026.
9. Memo regarding GO Borrowing for Lifetime Manufacturing, LLC Project.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

10. City Manager Report.

City Manager Weidl gave his bi-monthly update of City events and accomplishments, including reports from the following departments: Public Works, Police, Fire & EMS,

Library, Community Development, Parks & Recreation, Human Resources and Media Services.

STAFF REPORTS

11. 2026 Spring Splash Report.- **PD**
12. Storm After Action Report.- **Public Works**

Public Works Director Brad Marquardt gave an update on the Storm After Action Report.

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

13. **2026-R-14** Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$9,200,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A- **Finance**

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-R-14 and bring back to the 6/2/26 Council meeting made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Kelleher.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher
Voting Abstaining: Councilmember M.Smith
14. **2026-R-15** Resolution authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$5,275,000 Waterworks and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2026B - **Finance**

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-R-15 and bring back to the 6/2/26 Council meeting made by Councilmember Sahyun, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

ORDINANCES

First Reading

15. **2026-O-12** an ordinance repealing Chapter 2.44 Equal Opportunities Commission.- **City Attorney**

Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-O-12 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember M.Smith.

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

Motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2026-O-12 made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

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

Second Reading

CONSIDERATIONS

16. Discussion and Possible Action regarding options for holding Common Council meeting in the Community.- **City Clerk**
Staff directed to come up with a schedule and locations to bring back at a future Council meeting.
17. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Twin Oaks Mobile Home Park 2026-2027 Mobile Home License. - **Municipal Code Enforcement.**
Council recommended Staff to work with the recent contact we had last week, to have them come into compliance before the end of the month, Friday May 29th. If not, pursue revocation process. By the end of June, work with MCE to address code violations to a substantial level, whatever MCE determines that is.
18. Discussion and Possible Action regarding incorporating the Public Arts Committee with the Whitewater Arts Alliance.- **City Manager**
Work on a joint meeting of the two bodies.
19. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Purchasing of Shelving for PD Evidence Garage.- **PD**
This item was taken off the Agenda and moved to the 6/2/26 Council Meeting.
20. Councilmember Requests for Future Agenda Items or Committee items. Questions
Councilmember Hicks - Discussion on board members not being able to look at items.
Council President - Jakes Way/Howard Rd

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

21. Update on MOU between the City of Whitewater and Downtown Whitewater, Inc.- **Q1 Finance, Q2 Council**
22. Whitewater Comparative Analysis. - **Finance**
23. Discussion on Flock Cameras- **Police Department**
24. Squirrel Trapping in the City of Whitewater- *Urban Forestry*-**Schanen Q3**
25. Helmets for Scooters and E-Bikes- *Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee*- **M. Smith Q2**
26. Update on Food Pantry Lease- *Parks & Rec.* -**O. Smith Q2**
27. Potential of Consolidating Polling Locations for Low Turnout Elections- **Hicks Q3**

CLOSED SESSION Adjourn to Closed Session, TO RECONVENE to OPEN SESSION, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. **AND** 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. **AND** 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.

Items to be discussed:

Motion to go into closed session at 7:28pm made by Council President Singer, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

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

Motion to come out of closed session at 9:02pm made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

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

CS-28. City Manager Employment Agreement, specifically Section 8 – Vacation, Holidays, Sick Leave and Administrative Leave.

CS-29. Claim against the City of Whitewater.

CS-30. Offers to Purchase North Hospital Hill site. - **Community Development**

This item was chosen not to go into closed session about and Council went right into Considerations for Hospital Hill.

CONSIDERATIONS

31. Discussion and Possible Action regarding City Manager Employment Agreement, specifically Section 8 – Vacation, Holidays, Sick Leave and Administrative Leave.

No action was taken on this item.

32. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Claim against the City of Whitewater.

No action was taken on this item.

33. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Approval of Offer to Purchase North Hospital Hill site. - **Community Development**

Motion to approve to sell to Faith Tanis LLC for \$90,000 made by Councilmember M.Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:03pm made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

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.

The City of Whitewater's strategic goals for 2026–2028 are: expanding single-family home development, strengthening community communication, supporting a thriving business community, increasing access to healthcare resources, improving staff recruitment and retention efforts, advancing transportation options, and prioritizing expenditures based on available resources.