



Common Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 - 6:00 PM

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

City Manager, John Weidl
City Attorney, Tim Brovold
Director of Public Works, Brad Marquardt
Deputy Clerk, Tiffany Albright

ABSENT

Councilmember Neil Hicks

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

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

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 item 6 moving to Staff Reports and items 16, 17, 18, 19 added. 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

1. Approval of Common Council Meeting Minutes from June 3, 2025.
2. Police and Fire Commission Meeting Minutes from March 24, 2025.
3. Landmarks Minutes of May 7, 2025.
4. Plan and Architectural Review Commission Minutes of May 12, 2025.
5. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the 4th of July Fireworks license.
6. Update on Housing Topics and Strategy.

This item was removed from the Consent Agenda and moved to Staff Reports.

City Manager spoke on Housing.

Jeff knight spoke on Housing.

Joyce Hutchingson spoke on Housing.

This will be brought back at a future meeting with Interim Economic Development Director, Emily McFarland addressing the questions that were asked tonight.

7. May 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, Library, Park & Rec, Media Services, Economic Development and Neighborhood Services.

8. City Manager Report.

STAFF REPORTS

9. More information on survey capabilities- **City Manager**

City Manager John Weidl spoke on Survey Capabilities.
Council Member Sahyun spoke on Survey Capabilities.
Council Member Schanen spoke on Survey Capabilities.
Council Member O. Smith spoke on Survey Capabilities.
Council Member Majkrzak spoke on Survey Capabilities.
Council Member M. Smith spoke on Survey Capabilities.

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

10. Approving Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Compliance Maintenance Annual Report.- **Public Works**

Motion made by Councilmember O.Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen

ORDINANCES

First Reading

11. **Ordinance 2025-O-20** an Ordinance Creating Chapter 2.12.013 Committee Member Removal Ordinance- **City Manager**

City Manager John Weidl spoke on Ordinance 2025-O-20.
Council Member M. Smith spoke on Ordinance 2025-O-20.
Council President Singer spoke on Ordinance 2025-O-20.
Council Member Schanen spoke on Ordinance 2025-O-20.
Council Member Majkrzak spoke on Ordinance 2025-O-20.
Council Member O. Smith spoke on Ordinance 2025-O-20.

Motion to refer Ordinance 2025-O-20 and Ordinance 2025-O-21 to Finance and to be brought back to Council before October 1st made by Council President Singer, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

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

12. **Ordinance 2025-O-21** an Ordinance amending chapter 2.48.080 Removal of Member so that it aligns with Chapter 2.12.013 Committee member removal. - **City Manager**

Ordinance 2025-O-21 was included in the Ordinance 2025-O-20 motion and vote to refer these items to Finance and be brought back before October 1st.

13. **Ordinance 2025-O-22** ordinance to amended 2.52.100 (c)(1)(B) membership to Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Commission from Common Council member appointed to Parks & Recreation Board to Common Council member. - **Parks**

Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-O-22 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

Motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2025-O-22 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

CONSIDERATIONS

14. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Extension of Police Department Memorandum of Understanding with Whitewater Unified School District regarding School Resource Officer- **PD**

Police Chief Meyer spoke on the Extension of the MOU with WUSD for the SRO.

Council President Singer spoke on the Extension of the MOU with WUSD for the SRO.

City Manager John Weidl spoke on the Extension of the MOU with WUSD for the SRO.

Council Member M. Smith spoke on the Extension of the MOU with WUSD for the SRO.

Motion to approve the 30-day extension made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember M.Smith.

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

15. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Selection of Council Representatives for Whitewater Unified School District School Resource Officer Meeting(s). - **PD**

Council Member M. Smith volunteered to be a Council Rep.

Council Member Schanen spoke on Selection of Council Reps.

Council President Singer spoke on Selection of Council Reps.

City Manager Weidl spoke on Selection of Council Reps.

Motion to approve Council President Singer, Council Member Schanen, Council Member M. Smith to the SRO discussion task force 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

16. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Request for Proposal for City Assessor. - **Finance**
This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.
17. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Paid On Call compensation for the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief- **Finance**
This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.
18. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Sale of Fire Department Equipment.- **Fire Department**
This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.
19. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Spending of Funds from the Sale of Fire Department Equipment Sale- **Fire Department**
This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.
20. Discussion and Possible Action regarding appointing a Common Council member to the Lakes Advisory Committee- **City Manager**
City Manager John Weidl spoke on a Common Council member to the Lakes Advisory.
Council President Singer spoke on a Common Council member to the Lakes Advisory.
Assistant Parks & Rec, Community Events Director, Michelle Dujardin spoke on a Common Council member to the Lakes Advisory.
No formal action was taken, bring back for another discussion.
21. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Recommendation to Dissolve the Community Involvement and Cable TV Commission and Transfer Duties to the Equal Opportunities Commission.- **Chief of Staff**
City Manager John Weidl spoke on dissolve the Community and Cable TV Commission and transfer duties to the EOC.
Council Member Schanen spoke on dissolve the Community and Cable TV Commission and transfer duties to the EOC.
Council Member M. Smith spoke on dissolve the Community and Cable TV Commission and transfer duties to the EOC.
Council Member O. Smith spoke on dissolve the Community and Cable TV Commission and transfer duties to the EOC.
Council President spoke on dissolve the Community and Cable TV Commission and transfer duties to the EOC.
Council Member Majkrzak spoke on dissolve the Community and Cable TV Commission and transfer duties to the EOC.
Jeff Knight (405 Panther Ct) spoke on dissolve the Community and Cable TV Commission and transfer duties to the EOC.
Nick Petreikis spoke on dissolve the Community and Cable TV Commission and transfer duties to the EOC.

No formal action was taken. Put on the next Agenda for the EOC to ask for feedback on combining committees. Bring back to Council at a future meeting.

22. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Installing a Sharps Container in the Municipal Building Lobby- **City Manager**

City Manager John Weidl spoke on the Sharps Container in the Municipal Building Lobby.
Council Member O. Smith spoke on the Sharps Container in the Municipal Building Lobby.
Council President spoke on the Sharps Container in the Municipal Building Lobby.
Council Member M. Smith spoke on the Sharps Container in the Municipal Building Lobby.

Motion to approve made by Councilmember M.Smith, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

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

23. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the award of Contract 2-2025, 2025 Street Maintenance Project.- **Public Works**

Motion to approve 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

24. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the award of Contract 1-2025, Detention Basin Maintenance. - **Public Works**

Motion to approve made by Councilmember O.Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Sahyun.

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

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

Council Member Schanen asked for an update on government channel with TDS.
Council Member O. Smith asked for survey updates and looking into options to help boost people currently living in the City with their homes like brought up in the public comments. Follow up on rehabilitation.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

26. Fire Department Presentation.- **Q2**
27. Referendum question for Lake District- **Schanen Q3**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made at 7:07pm 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

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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.