



Common Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, March 04, 2025 - 6:30 PM

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Patrick Singer called the meeting to order at 6:30am.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council President Patrick Singer
Councilmember Neil Hicks
Councilmember Brienne Brown
Councilmember Lisa Dawsey Smith
Councilmember Greg Majkrzak
Councilmember Orin Smith
Councilmember Brian Schanen

City Attorney Jonathan McDonnel

City Manager John Weidl

Director of Public Works Brad Marquardt

City Clerk Heather Boehm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GUEST SPEAKER

1. Use of the Affordable Housing Policy Update- **Economic Development Director**

Kurt Paulsen spoke on the Affordable Housing Project.

Council President Singer added some questions for the housing speakers to address at a future meeting.

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 item 19 being moved to the Consent Agenda by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Majkrzak

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Dawsey Smith, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember Smith, 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 made to approve the Consent Agenda with item 19 added by Councilmember Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Dawsey Smith, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Schanen

2. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2025, February 4, 2025 and February 20, 2025.
3. Lakes Advisory Meeting Minutes from January 22, 2025.
4. Plan and Architectural Review Commission Minutes of January 10, 2025.
5. Public Arts Committee Minutes of January 28, 2025.
6. Police and Fire Commission Meeting Minutes from December 2, 2024.
7. Park Board Minutes from November 20, 2024.
8. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2025.
9. Parking Permit Fee Increase.
10. Internal Procedure for Processing a Liability Claim.
11. Repeal of Resolution for No-Fault Sanitary Sewer Backup Damage Reimbursement Policy.
12. Tech Park Zoning Staff Report.
13. Appointment of Kelsey Reilly to the Landmarks Commission.

14. Appointment of Art Coleman to the Pedestrian & Bicycle Advisory Committee.
15. December 2024 Financials

PUBLIC HEARING

16. Public Hearing for the Creation of the City of Whitewater Trippe and Cravath Lake District- **Parks**

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

Councilmember Brown commented about the Lakes District.

Councilmember Majkrzak commented about the Lakes District.

Carol McCormick commented about the Lakes District.

Brad Stranski comments about the Lakes District.

Aubrey Thompson commented about the Lakes District.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

17. City Manager Report- **City Manager**

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, Human Resources, Economic Development and Neighborhood Service.

STAFF REPORTS

18. Update on the Window Ordinance for all businesses- **Municipal Code Enforcement**

Allison Schwark spoke on the Window Ordinance.

Councilmember Hicks commented on the Window Ordinance.

19. Update on the Chatbot on City's Website- **Chief of Staff**

Item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

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.

Molly Asfeld commented about On Time Towing.

Larry Kachel commented on Housing Development and TIF.

Wayne Redenius introduced himself and said he's running to be on the Whitewater School Board.

Aubrey Thompson commented on the Whitewater Comprehensive Plan.

Joyce Hutchinson commented on the Housing Development.

Jeff Knight commented on the Housing Development.

Brad Stranski commented on the Housing Development.

ORDINANCES

First Reading

- 20. Ordinance 2025-O-10** an ordinance amending Ordinance 2025-O-3 annexing territory to the City of Whitewater, Wisconsin, Pursuant to Section 66.0217(2) Wisconsin Statutes by Unanimous Approval.-**Neighborhood Services**

Allison Schwark gave a brief overview on Ordinance 2025-O-10.

Motion to approve Ordinance 2025-O-10 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Dawsey Smith, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Schanen

Motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2025-O-10. made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Dawsey Smith, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Schanen

CONSIDERATIONS

- 21. Councilmember Requests for Future Agenda Items or Committee items. Questions**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

22. Update from Landmarks Committee regarding Starin Park Water Tower- **Schanen May 2025**
23. Public Comment for Boards and Committees-**Hicks Q1 2025**
24. Report on the Lakes District- **May 6, 2025**
25. Starin Road Speed Bump Update-**Smith Q2**
26. Common Council Meeting held at UW Whitewater Campus- **April 15, 2025**
27. Ehlers Housing Presentation- **Singer March 18, 2025**
28. Robert Baird Housing Presentation- **Hicks April 2025**
29. More information on the survey capabilities- **Smith Q2**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:57pm made by Councilmember Dawsey Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Brown, Councilmember Dawsey Smith, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember Smith, 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.