



Common Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, June 02, 2026 - 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Singer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council President Patrick Singer
Councilmember Michael M. Smith
Councilmember Orin Artsmith
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

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 striking item #17 and moving items #18, #19, #20, #23 and #26 to the Consent Agenda and moving #9 to Staff Reports made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, 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 with item #9 moving to Staff Reports and including items #18, #19, #20, #23 and #26 made by Councilmember Artsmith, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

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

1. Approval of Common Council meeting minutes from May 19, 2026.
2. Police and Fire Commission meeting minutes from April 6, 2026.
3. Library Board of Trustee meeting minutes from April 20, 2026.
4. Parks and Recreation meeting minutes from April 15, 2026.
5. Pedestrian and Bicycle Commission meeting minutes from March 12, 2026.
6. Recommendation to appoint Kristine Zaballos to the Board of Zoning Appeals.
7. Appointment of Chuck Mills from Alternate to Regular Member of the Aquatic Center Committee.
8. Recommendation to remove Sue Scherer from the Aquatic Center Committee.
9. Update on Food Pantry Lease.
This item was moved to Staff Reports.
Comeback the last Council meeting in October.
10. Memo regarding Barista Cat Cafe LLC and Wind Up Program

11. Axon Body Camera Contract Recommendation.
12. Memo regarding proposed agreement with Downtown Whitewater, Inc
13. December 2025 Financials

CITY MANAGER REPORT

14. 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, Media Services and around Whitewater
15. National Gun Violence Awareness Day Proclamation.
City Manager John Weidl gave a Proclamation on National Gun Violence Awareness Day.

STAFF REPORTS

16. Update on Jakes Way extension to Howard Road. - **Public Works**
Public Works Director Brad Marquardt gave an update on Jakes Way.
17. Update on agreement between the City of Whitewater and Downtown Whitewater, Inc.- **Community Development**
This item was moved to the Consent Agenda. Will be brought back to Council in late August.
18. Police Evidence Garage Change Order #1.- **Public Works**
This 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.

Jerry Coulter (W7977 Bluff Rd) spoke about Howard Rd.

Nancy Boyer (1270 E Jake's Way) spoke about Jakes Way/Howard Rd and Little Miss Whitewater Pageant.

Brad Ceranski (Woodward Rd) Ethics Complaint no further action on his complaint.

Kevin Green (365 W Ann St) Why he's not on a Committee, no one to represent the people. Listen to the people in the community.

Larry Kachel (457 S Buckingham Blvd) spoke about talks about the Ethics complaint by Brad Ceranski.

Donna Kowalter (W7977 Bluff Rd) spoke about Jake's Way and Howard Rd.

Jill Gerber (234 S Pleasant St) spoke about the ethics complaint.

Kristine Zaballos (1143 W Walworth Ave) spoke about the daycare.

Chuck Mills (336 S Whiton St) spoke about the Little Miss Pageant and 4th of July Committee.

RESOLUTION

19. **2026-R-17** Resolution Approving Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Compliance Maintenance Annual Report.- **Public Works**

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

20. **2026-R-18** Resolution Approving the Dedication of Right-of-Way.- **Community Development**

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

21. **2026-R-19** Resolution Approving the Amendment to Development Agreement with Becker & Bolton LLC.- **Community Development**

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-R-19 made by Councilmember M.Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.

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

22. **2026-R-20** Resolution Approving the Development Agreement for Lifetime Manufacturing LLC.- **Community Development**

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-R-20 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.

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

Larry Kachel (457 S Buckingham Blvd) Kudos to Mason on this project.

CONSIDERATIONS

23. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Cancellation of the July 7, 2026 Common Council Meeting.- **City Clerk**

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

24. Discussion and Possible Action regarding holding Common Council meetings in each of the 5 Aldermanic Districts.- **City Clerk**
- District 1 = Innovation Center - Even years
District 2 = UWW - Odd years
District 3 = Fairhaven or Starin Park Community Center - Even years
District 4 = WUSD - Odd years
District 5 = Prairie Village - Even years
- Larry Kachel (457 S Buckingham Blvd) Public Library as another option for a meeting or Blackhawk Manor.
- Motion made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher
25. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Review of Draft Immigration Liaison Grant Submission.- **PD**
- Police Chief Meyer gave an update on the Immigration Liaison Project.
26. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Purchasing of Shelving for PD Evidence Garage.- **PD**
- This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.
27. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Ex Parte Communication and Council/Board/Commission members.- **City Attorney**
- City Attorney Steven Chesebro gave an update on Ex Parte Communication.
Kristine Zaballos (1143 W Walworth Ave) spoke on Ex Parte Communication.
28. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Community Survey Draft.- **City Manager**
- John Weidl gave an update on the Community Survey Draft.
Bring this back to a future Council meeting.
- Jill Gerber (234 S Pleasant St) spoke about the survey.
29. Discussion and Possible Action to approve 2026 Capital Improvement Program Borrowing.- **Finance**
- Motion to approve option #3 made by Council President Singer, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher
Voting Abstaining: Councilmember M.Smith
30. Councilmember Requests for Future Agenda Items or Committee items. Questions

Councilmember Kelleher - Immigrant Liaison position check ins or updates, follow up on marketing for Council meetings in the other Districts.

Councilmember Smith - Mr. Ceranski's Ethic's Complaint.

Councilmember Hicks - Mr. Ceranski's Ethics Complaint. Review Ethics Committee ordinance or process.

Council President Singer - Follow up on the Pageant, PW Committee have an Agenda item for Jake's Way.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

31. Whitewater Comparative Analysis. - **Finance August**
32. Discussion on Flock Cameras- **Police Department Q3**
33. Squirrel Trapping in the City of Whitewater- *Urban Forestry*-**Schanen Q3**
34. Helmets for Scooters and E-Bikes- *Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee*- **M. Smith Q2**
35. Update on Food Pantry Lease- *Parks & Rec.* -**O. Smith Q3**
36. 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)(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:

Council agreed to stay in open session and move right into Considerations - FD Contract.

- CS-37. Contract agreement between the City of Whitewater and the International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO Local 580.

CONSIDERATIONS

38. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the contract agreement between the City of Whitewater and the International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO Local 580.

Motion to approve the contract agreement between the City of Whitewater and IAFF Local 580 made by Councilmember Artsmith, Seconded by Councilmember M.Smith.

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

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Hicks

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:32pm made by Councilmember Artsmith, Seconded by Councilmember Sahyun.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember Artsmith,

Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

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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.