



Agenda Item Report

Meeting Type: Committee of the Whole & Council

Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

Item Title: Ordinance 817-26 Ethics Committee

Submitted By: Matt Amundson, City Administrator

Detailed Description of Subject Matter:

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities has recently advised that it is not a best practice for the Common Council to also serve as the Ethics Committee. In response, I asked Attorney Johnson to draft the attached ordinance establishing an Ethics Committee composed of the chairs of the Utility Commission, Plan Commission, Public Spaces Committee, and Recreation Committee, along with the Council President, for a total of five members.

Because the Ethics Committee meets infrequently and only on an as-needed basis, utilizing members from existing committees eliminates the need to create and staff an additional committee. The ordinance also establishes a process for replacing committee members who have a conflict of interest or are otherwise unable to serve on a particular matter.

List all Supporting Documentation Attached:

Draft Ordinance

Action Requested of Council:

Consider and take action on Ordinance 817-26