



COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS - COUNCIL CHAMBERS – KAUKAUNA, WISCONSIN – MARCH 17, 2026

Pursuant to adjournment on March 3, 2026, a meeting of the Common Council of the City of Kaukauna was called to order by Mayor Penterman at 7:20 P.M. on Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

Roll call present: Antoine, DeCoster, Eggleston, Kilgas, Moore, Schell, Schumacher, and Thiele.

Also present: Mayor Penterman, Attorney Greenwood, DPW/Eng. Neumeier, Senior Accountant Roehl, Fire Chief Carrel, Library Director Thiem-Menning (Zoom), HR Director Hodge (Zoom), Associate Planner Nelson (Zoom), and interested citizens.

One minute of silent prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag observed by the assembly.

PRESENTATION OF LETTERS, PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, MEMORIALS, AND ACCOUNTS

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Penterman expressed his sympathies for Sue Gertz who recently passed away. She was the first woman to serve on the Kaukauna Common Council and was a prominent member of the Kaukauna Area School District Board of Education.

Presentation by Jeff Belongia, from HSE, of the 2026 Kaukauna General Obligation and Revenue Bonding Results and Ratings.

Jeff Belongia, from HSE, presented on the 2026 Kaukauna General Obligation and Revenue Bonding Results and Ratings. Belongia commended the City of Kaukauna for their financial efforts and pointed out the leadership of Mayor Penterman and Common Council members for their work on balanced budgets and adhering to the city's financial goals. Belongia also commended Senior Accountant and Deputy Treasurer, Ashley Roehl, for her preparations on the recent bond rating calls.

Two resolutions were presented to the Common Council, including the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,300,000 Storm Water System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN), Series 2026B, and the Resolution 2026-5502 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$10,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A.

Bowmar Appraisal - Explanation on the 2025 Market Update Revaluation.

Nick Marks, from Bowmar Appraisal, presented on the 2025 market update revaluation. The last revaluation prior to 2025 was in 2021. During that time, there was about a 45% increase in the city. The 2025 revaluation did not come as a result of city budgeting practices. Marks explained that the purpose of a revaluation is to react to whatever the market is doing. The buyers and the sellers are the ones who set the market and assessors respond to those market changes by applying the appropriate values. The 2025 revaluation caused housing prices to go up in value due to the current buying and selling market.

Reappointment of John Sundelius to the Industrial and Commercial Development Commission (3-year term).

Motion by Moore, seconded by Antoine to reappoint John Sundelius to the Industrial and Commercial Development Commission (3-year term).

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

Reappointment of Mike VandeBerg to the Industrial and Commercial Development Commission (3-year term).

Motion by Eggleston, seconded by Kilgas to reappoint Mike VandeBerg to the Industrial and Commercial Development Commission (3-year term).

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

Proclamation declaring April School Library Month in the City of Kaukauna.

Mayor Penterman read the Proclamation declaring April School Library Month in the City of Kaukauna.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schell to receive and place on file the Proclamation declaring April School Library Month in the City of Kaukauna.

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

Proclamation by the Kaukauna Mayor declaring a Class III Snow Emergency pursuant to 7.125 Traffic Regulations during Snow Emergencies.

Mayor Penterman read the Proclamation by the Kaukauna Mayor declaring a Class III Snow Emergency pursuant to 7.125 Traffic Regulations during Snow Emergencies.

Motion by Thiele, seconded by Kilgas to receive and place on file the Proclamation by the Kaukauna Mayor declaring a Class III Snow Emergency pursuant to 7.125 Traffic Regulations during Snow Emergencies.

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2026.

Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2026.

Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2026.

Industrial Park Commission Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2026.

Common Council Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2026.

E-Bike Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2026.

Heart of the Valley Metropolitan Sewerage District Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2026.

Redevelopment Authority Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2026.

Industrial Park Commission Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2025.

Fire Report for January 2026.

Fire Report for February 2026.

Ambulance Report for February 2026.

Police Report for February 2026.

Code Enforcement Report for February 2026.

Court Report for February 2026.

Clerk-Treasurer’s Daily Deposit Report for February 2026.

Building Inspection Report for February 2026.

Bills Payable.

Motion by Moore, seconded by DeCoster, to approve the remainder of the consent agenda.
All Ald. Voted aye.
Motion carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Operator (Bartender) Licenses.

The following applicants have applied for an operator’s license for the license year 2024-2026 and have been recommended for approval based on their record check by the police department:

Mackey	R.	Mckenzie	Appleton
Lamsal		Om Narayan	Manitowoc

Motion by DeCoster, seconded by Schell, to approve the operator/bartender licenses as listed.
All Ald. Voted aye.
Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

12.17 Chicken Keeping Permit Discussion.

Per the request received from Alder Eggleston, staff has looked into the following related to section 12.17 of the Municipal Code regarding chicken keeping: the number of chickens currently allowed within the City of Kaukauna, how that number is determined, and what number of chickens would be appropriate.

Chicken keeping was first approved in the City of Kaukauna by the Common Council back in 2017. Initially, four chickens were allowed per property, and the number of permits allowing for chicken keeping was capped at ten. At that time, the intention was to limit the quantity of chickens due to noise and health concerns. In 2021, the number of chickens allowed per property increased to six at the request of a resident who argued the following: that increasing the number of chickens from

four to six would allow for more egg layers at a given time, that chickens are flock orientated and that larger flocks thrive and produce more eggs, and that typical coop and run sizes are created for at least six chickens.

Most recently, in 2025, the cap of ten chicken permits was removed to allow any resident who met the requirement as laid out in section 12.17 to obtain a chicken permit. Despite the removal of the cap on the number of permits distributed, only sixteen residents currently hold chicken keeping permits.

Alder Eggleston thanked Associate Planner Nelson for looking into the chicken permits further. Eggleston expressed a concern that most people seem to think the chicken permits are still capped at 10 even though that cap was lifted in 2010. Eggleston mentioned a social post could be helpful to point residents to the Municipal Code, which contains accurate information on chicken permits.

Fire Engine Purchase.

The Fire Department requests approval to purchase a new fire engine through the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program. The apparatus will be manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing of Appleton, Wisconsin, and will replace our 2003 Pierce fire engine. Upon delivery of the new engine, our current 2014 Seagrave fire engine would then be moved to our backup engine for the next 10-15 years. The budgeted cost for this fire engine is \$1,250,000, included in the City's approved Capital Budget and funded through borrowing.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Thiele, to approve the purchase of a fire engine from Pierce Manufacturing through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Program at a cost not to exceed \$1,250,000, and to authorize the Fire Chief to execute the purchase agreement and related documents.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2026-5502 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$10,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Thiele to suspend the rules and waive the reading of Resolution 2026-5502 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$10,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schumacher to adopt Resolution 2026-5502 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$10,000,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2026A.

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-5503 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,300,000 Storm Water System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN), Series 2026B.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Antoine to suspend the rules and waive the reading of Resolution 2026-5503 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,300,000 Storm Water System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN), Series 2026B.

All Ald. Voted aye.

Motion carried.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schell to adopt Resolution 2026-5503 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$2,300,000 Storm Water System Revenue Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN), Series 2026B.
All Ald. Voted aye.
Motion carried.

ALDER REQUESTS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

CLOSED SESSION

Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to State Statute 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 – Speedway Lane.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schumacher to adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to State Statute 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 – Speedway Lane.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

Adjourned to closed session at 8:46 PM.

Return to Open Session for possible action.

Motion by Antoine, seconded by Eggleston to return to open session.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

Returned to open session at 9:10 PM.

Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to 19.85(1)(g)- Conferring 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. – Fox Shores.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Kilgas to adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to 19.85(1)(g)-

Conferring 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. – Fox Shores.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

Adjourned to closed session at 9:11 PM.

Return to Open Session for possible action.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schell to return to open session.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

Returned to open session at 9:17 PM.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Thiele to authorize the City Attorney to extend the tolling agreement to June 15, 2026.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

Adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)€ for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session – Commerce Crossing Business Park Parcel 322095604.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Kilgas to adjourn to Closed Session Pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)€ for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session – Commerce Crossing Business Park Parcel 322095604.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

Adjourned to closed session at 9:18 PM.

Return to Open Session for possible action.

Motion by Antoine, seconded by Moore to return to open session.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

Returned to open session at 9:33 PM.

Motion by Moore, seconded by Schell to (item 3, page 111)

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

ADJOURN

Motion by Antoine, seconded by DeCoster to adjourn.

All Ald. voted aye.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

Kayla Nessmann, Clerk

