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2025 has been a year of meaningful progress for the City of Mauston. Our community continued to build on its foundation of growth, engagement, and service, with notable accomplishments across economic development, infrastructure, public safety, civic culture, and financial stewardship.

Accomplishments

Mauston's progress this year was evident in every corner of the city. The transformation of a long-abandoned downtown building became a symbol of what persistence and planning can achieve. New construction also made its mark, from homes and townhomes to new businesses. The opening of Jay's of Mauston in January 2025 and Tractor Supply in November were clear signs that local growth continues to accelerate.

None of this happened by accident. City administration and department heads worked closely, tackling infrastructure upgrades, everything from roads and utilities to parks. They also kept ongoing programs moving, such as affordable housing and façade improvements. These combined efforts are raising property values and strengthening neighborhoods, continuing to make day-to-day life better for everyone.

Public safety remained a top priority, thanks to close coordination with the Public Works crew, whose dedication made everything run smoother — from keeping roads clear to making sure events went off without a hitch. Beloved traditions kept their spark, too: The Holiday Lights Parade, the CPKC Holiday Train, and the first-ever Spruce Up Mauston event all brought neighbors together and lit up Riverside Park with creativity and community pride.

Renovations at the Hatch Public Library advanced, thanks to the Flexible Facilities Planning grant, with completion expected by mid-2026. Mauston's progress this year is proof of what happens when dedicated people work together for their community.

Personnel Highlights

The City welcomed several new staff in crucial roles across Public Works, Law Enforcement, and Administration, reinforcing our capacity to serve a growing community. Tina Schroeder, Administrative Assistant, Carole Wolff, Deputy Clerk, Courtney Ray, Municipal Court Clerk, Jonathan Fowler, Streets Operator, and Taylor Rakes, Patrol Officer. At the same time, we honored retiring employee John Flint, recognizing his years of dedicated service. These transitions were handled thoughtfully to ensure continuous operations and preserve valuable institutional knowledge. Recognitions during council meetings celebrated the

contributions of long-serving personnel and council members, underscoring the collaborative spirit that drives Mauston's success.

Financial Highlights

Mauston's finances remain strong due to disciplined budgeting and careful management. Revenues and expenditures were aligned to maintain fiscal responsibility while continuing to fund key initiatives and services. The budget processes ensured that city priorities continued to receive appropriate resources amid evolving community needs.

Community Engagement and Governance

While we did not see a lot public participation at council meetings in 2025, the City maintained its commitment to transparency. The City Administrator consistently provided Council members with clear information and context to support informed decision-making. Meeting agendas, minutes, and other important updates also remained easily accessible, ensuring residents could stay informed about Mauston's decisions and progress.

2025 reflects Mauston's steady march forward—building on its history while embracing the needs of the present and planning responsibly for the future. The City Administrator commits to leading with openness, responsiveness, and partnership, as Mauston continues to grow as a welcoming and prosperous community for all its residents.

This report reflects our ongoing commitment to operational excellence and strategic growth across all municipal departments. Through collaborative leadership and dedicated staff, we continue to enhance service delivery and community development in the City of Mauston.