



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 27, 2025 at 6:30 PM

303 Mansion Street Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Mauston Common Council was called to order on May 27, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. by Rick Noe. Present were Barb Hoilien, Jim Allaby, Rick Noe, Courtney Ray, Kayla Thomas, Mary Bender, and Leanna Hagen. Mayor Darryl Teske arrived at 6:50 p.m. Also present were City Administrator Daron Haugh, Rob Nelson Director of Public Works, Police Chief Michael Zilisch and Municipal Court Clerk Carole Wolff.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Council President Noe led the pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Thomas, seconded by Hagen, to approve the minutes of May 13, 2025. Motion carried.
4. **Joint Meeting with Mauston-Lemonweir Joint Extraterritorial Zoning Committee:** Motion made by Thomas, seconded by Hagen, to convene the joint meeting. Motion carried.
5. **Public Hearing:** A public hearing was held regarding the rezoning request for the Owen property located at W4934 State Rd. 82 E (tax parcel #29-018-0398) from Agriculture (AG) to Neighborhood Business (NB) District, for operation of a bear bait business at the residence.
6. **Close Public Hearing**
7. **Adjourn Joint Meeting:** Motion made by Hagen, seconded by Bender, to adjourn the joint meeting. Motion carried at 6:50 p.m.
8. **Citizens Address to the Council:** No one appeared
9. **Audit Presentation - Johnson Block:** The City of Mauston received an unmodified opinion on its 2024 financial statements – the highest level of assurance by auditors. The audit included a full review of the financial operations and compliance, with all required state filings completed.
10. **Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions:** No reports presented.
11. **Personnel and Negotiation Committee Report:** Motion made by Hagen, seconded by Noe, to approve the hiring of a part-time Administrative Assistant. Motion carried.
12. **Public Works Committee Report:**
 - a. Motion made by Noe, seconded by Hoilien, to approve the Pay App #12 vouchers in the amount of \$327,220.47. Motion carried.
 - a. Motion made by Noe, seconded by Hoilien, to approve the Pay App #13 vouchers in the amount of \$577,439.45. Motion carried.

- b. Motion made by Noe, seconded by Bender, to approve the Columbarium Pricing increase. Motion carried.
- c. Director of Public Works gave update on the waste water treatment project. Jones Park project on hold, waiting for storm water permit from the DNR.

13. Finance and Purchasing Committee Report

- a. Motion made by Ray, seconded by Noe, to approve vouchers in the amount of \$244,907.26. Motion carried.
- b. **Ford F-250 Truck:** Motion made by Ray, seconded by Holien, to approve the purchase of a Ford F-250 Truck for the Fire Department from Rudig-Jensen Ford for \$52,419 (plus applicable fees). Motion carried.
- c. **Hatch Public Library Renovation Project:** Motion made by Ray, seconded by Holien to award the Hatch Public Library Renovation Project to Market & Johnson for the amount of \$2,429,500. Motion carried.

14. Mauston-Lemonweir Extraterritorial Zoning Committee Report: The committee met in a joint session with the Council to review a rezoning request of the Owen property at W4934 State Road 82 E (tax parcel #29-018-0398) from Agricultural (AG) to Neighborhood Business (NB) District.

15. First Reading of Ordinance 2025-2077: The Council conducted the first reading of Ordinance 2025-2077, proposing an amendment to the Extraterritorial Zoning Map to rezone the Owen property from AG to NB. No objections were recorded during the public hearing. A second reading is scheduled for the June 10, 2025 Common Council meeting.

16. Police Chief's Report: The Council reviewed the Police Chief's April 2025 report.

17. City Council Report: The City will host its Fourth of July Parade on Saturday, July 5, 2025. This year's theme is "**We the People: Living together, Working Together.**" The parade route will follow Division Street south to the roundabout. Parade registration is open, forms are available on the City's Facebook page and at City Hall. A \$25 entry fee is suggested with all proceeds benefiting the City Parks Project.

18. Mayor's Report: Mayor Teske acknowledged strong community involvement in mental health awareness events during May. He highlighted the "**Cops on a Rooftop**" event on May 16, held at Dunkin' Donuts supported Special Olympics Wisconsin as part of a statewide fundraising initiative by law enforcement agencies.

19. City Administrator's Report: City Administrator Daron Haugh presented Resolution No. 2025-07-A, certifying the official legal description of the City of Mauston's municipal boundaries as they existed on December 1, 2024. The resolution updates and corrects the date of the corporate boundary description to ensure consistency with filings submitted to the Wisconsin Department of

Administration (DOA). The Council reviewed the description prepared by MSA and confirmed its accuracy. Motion to adopt the resolution made by Noe, seconded by Ray. Motion carried.

20. Adjourn: Motion made by Holien, seconded by Hagen to adjourn. Motion carried at 7:14 pm.

Administrator

Date