



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 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 Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Darryl Teske. Members present were Barb Hoilien, Jim Allaby, Rick Noe, Kayla Thomas, Mary Bender, and Leanna Hagen. Also present were City Administrator Daron Haugh, Director of Public Works Rob Nelson, Police Chief Mike Zilisch, Fire Chief Brent Lenorud, and Municipal Court Clerk Carole Wolff.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Teske led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Minutes:** Motion by Noe, seconded by Hagen, to approve the minutes of June 10, 2025. Motion carried.
4. **Citizens Address to the Council:** None
5. **Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions**

The Mauston Area Veterans Organization presented plans for a new Veterans Memorial designed to honor area veterans – Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. The memorial will recognize all veterans, families who have experienced war loss, and local wartime employers. Key features include a two-piece black granite centerpiece etched with military branch insignias and a central flagpole. Additional granite stones and benches will honor aspects of wartime history, including a Dedication Stone, Reserve Component Stone, Medal of Honor Recipient Stone, 32nd “Red Arrow” Division History Stone, POW/KIA Stone, List of U.S. Wars, Ho-Chunk Warriors Stone, and Cold War Veterans Stone. A 4-foot bench will honor Rosie the Riveter, Gold Star Families, Merchant Marines, and others. The project will be fully funded through private donations. Persons interested in sponsoring or making a donation should contact the Legion. When the project is completed, ownership will stay with the City of Mauston.
6. **Fire Chief's Report:** Chief Lenorud reported on May activity, noting that the pancake fundraiser was successful and well attended. He also confirmed that the new command truck has been ordered. Dylan Huettl completed the entry-level firefighting course. Arron Nelson, Derek Pesik, and Brandon Goyette completed the Fire Officer One course.
7. **City Council Report:** Nothing to report
8. **Mayor's Report:** The Mayor recognized John Flint and Mike Duffy for five years of employment with the City of Mauston.
9. **City Administrator's Report**

- a. Motion by Thomas, seconded by Bender, to approve Resolution 2025-11 authorizing the purchase of the utility mains from JCAIRS in the amount of \$117,685.00. Motion carried by roll call vote of 5 yes, 1 abstain (Noe).
 - b. Motion by Allaby, seconded by Thomas, to approve the Purchase Agreement between the City of Mauston and JCAIRS. Noe abstained. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - c. CodeRED Update – Haugh turned the floor over to Chief Zilisch, who provided an update on Juneau County’s emergency notification system, CodeRED. This system sends urgent alerts – such as evacuation orders, boil water advisories, tornado and severe weather warnings, missing person notices, and more – directly to residents’ phones. There is no cost to participate, and this service offers residents an additional way to stay informed.
 - d. Motion by Noe, seconded by Hoilien, to approve the resolution petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for the Airport Improvement Aid. Dave Seitz, a committee member, briefly explained the resolution as a requirement for federal grant money. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - e. Motion by Noe, seconded by Hagen, to approve the Agency Agreement and Federal Block Grant Owner Assurances. Motion carried by voice vote.
 - f. Motion by Noe, seconded by Hagen, to approve the Agency Agreement for the Department of Transportation Bureau of Aeronautics. Motion carried by voice vote. Seitz reported that Don Schwartz will retire from the committee on August 4, 2025, after 21 years of service. Steve Dishler will complete his term.
 - g. The following firefighters were sworn in by City Administrator Daron Haugh and Fire Chief Lenorud: Corbin Czynscon, Dylan Huettl, and Todd Lehr.
 - h. City Administrator Daron Haugh provided an update from the Local Government Summit held on June 19, 2025, in Appleton, WI. Sessions included discussions on improving transportation infrastructure in small municipalities, advancements in artificial intelligence (AI), and the growing importance of having cybersecurity protection for city operations.
- 10. Closed Session:** Motion by Noe, seconded by Hoilien, to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(e)(c). Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Council went into closed session at 7:10 p.m.
- 11. Reconvene in Open Session:** Motion by Noe, seconded by Hoilien, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried by voice vote. Meeting returned to open session at 8:32 p.m.
- 12. Results of Closed Session Matters:** The Council requested additional information regarding the Oh! Arts grounds and building improvements.

Municipal Court Clerk Appointment and Compensation: Motion by Thomas, seconded by Hagen, to hire Courtney Ray as the Mauston Area Municipal Court Clerk effective July 14, 2025, starting wages of \$24.53 per hour, with a one-step increase after six months. The hiring includes 40 hours of vacation and 40 hours of sick leave benefits up front. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Deputy Clerk Appointment and Compensation: Motion by Noe, seconded by Bender, to hire Carole Wolff as the Deputy Clerk effective July 7, 2025, starting wages of \$58,642. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

- 13. Adjourn:** Motion by Hagen, seconded by Hoilien, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Administrator

Date