



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 08, 2026 at 6:30 PM
303 Mansion Street Mauston, WI

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** The Common Council meeting was called to order on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 6:33 p.m. by Mayor Darryl Teske. Members present were Jim Allaby, Mary Bender, Leanna Hagen, Barb Hoilien, Tim Ponshock, Casey Radcliff, and Kayla Thomas. Also present were City Administrator Daron Haugh, Public Works Director Rob Nelson, and Deputy Clerk Carole Wolff.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Teske led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Minutes:** Motion by Thomas, seconded by Radcliff, to approve the August 25, 2026, minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.
4. **Citizens Address to the Council:** Resident Bob Bollig expressed concerns regarding e-bikes being operated unsafely on City streets. Mayor Teske noted that the new e-bike ordinance became effective September 3, 2026, and that the Police Department is focusing on rider education.
5. **Open Public Hearing Regarding Conditional Use Permit:** Mayor Teske opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. No members of the public spoke. It was noted that the posted agenda incorrectly described the conditional use request; however, the public hearing notice, plans, and Conditional Use Resolution 2026-P-06 correctly identified the request. The matter was not discussed.
6. **Close Public Hearing:** Mayor Teske closed the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.
7. **Discussion and Action Regarding Conditional Use Resolution 2026-P-06:** Motion by Hagen, seconded by Radcliff, to table Conditional Use Resolution 2026-P-06 due to the incorrect agenda description and place the matter on a future agenda with correct wording. Motion carried by voice vote.
8. **Reports from Committees, Boards, and Commissions**
 - a. Hatch Library Summer Recap: Library Director Bridget Christenson reported on successful summer reading programs and Monday concerts in the park, noting program growth despite the ongoing library construction. Library Board President, Tim Benson introduced himself and thanked the Council for its support of the construction project.
9. **Judge Taake Municipal Court Report:** Judge Taake provided a report on the first half of the year and highlighted continued efforts to improve youth emotional health and school attendance.
10. **Health, Welfare, and Sustainability Committee:**
 - a. Petition to Leave Native Wildflowers Within the City Right of Way: The Council discussed the petition and the need for clearer ordinance standards regarding vegetation within the City right-of-way, including permitted plantings and height requirements. Motion by Hagen, seconded by

Ponshock, to approve the petition authorizing the existing native wildflowers to remain within the City right-of-way. Motion carried by roll call vote, 6-1, with six voting in favor and one opposed.

11. Public Works Committee

- a. Director of Public Works: Nelson reported that leaf collection will begin near the end of the month, brush collection will continue through the end of October, and the City Hall generator has been installed but is not yet connected. He also reported that stop signs have been installed at the intersection of Grove Street and Tremont Street.

12. Finance and Purchasing Committee Report

- a. Vouchers: Motion by Radcliff, seconded by Hoilien, to approve vouchers in the amount of \$883,454.25. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 13. Fire Chief's Report:** Nelson reported on Fire Department activities, including approximately 100 sponsors for the annual golf outing. He mentioned that the Membership Recognition Banquet and tree dedication are scheduled for September 28, 2026, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Nelson highlighted the Department's response to a structure fire on Highway 82 caused by a lightning strike and reported that four firefighters had left or retired during the past month.

- 14. City Council Report:** Nothing to report.

- 15. Mayor's Report:** Nothing to report.

16. City Administrator's Report

- a. Mauston Fire Station as the Polling Place for November 3, 2026, Election: Motion by Hoilien, seconded by Ponshock, to approve the Mauston Fire Station as the official polling place for the November 3, 2026, Election. Motion carried by voice vote.
- b. Police Department Staffing: Haugh noted that the new Police Officer is scheduled to begin September 28, 2026, pending onboarding clearance.

- 17. Adjournment:** Motion by Hoilien, seconded by Thomas, to adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Chair

Date