

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN
TWENTIETH REGULAR COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 19, 2026

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Alderspersons present: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of Minutes

Nineteenth Regular Council Meeting held on January 5, 2026

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

5. Resignation

Jim Hollister from the Mead Public Library Board of Trustees effective immediately.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

6. Confirmation of Mayoral Appointment

Fern Lomibao to the Historic Preservation Commission

MOTION TO CONFIRM

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

7. Public Forum

Limit of five people having five minutes each with comments limited to items on this agenda. Michael Brunette, Lisa Salgado, Rebecca Clarke and Peter Jacobs all spoke.

8. Mayor's Announcements

Upcoming Community Events, Proclamations, Employee Recognitions

CONSENT

9. Report 38-25-26 by Director of Planning and Development submitting the 2024 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER).

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

10. Report 39-25-26 by City Attorney Department submitting list of claims from Quarter 4 of 2025.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

11. Report 40-25-26 by City Clerk submitting various license applications

MOTION TO GRANT ALL APPLICATIONS SUBJECT TO APPROVALS,
INSPECTIONS, INSURANCE, PAYMENT OF LICENSE FEES AND MEETING
STATE STATUTE REQUIREMENTS AND SHEBOYGAN MUNICIPAL CODE

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

12. Res. No. 153-25-26 by Alderpersons Mitchell and Perrella authorizing the City to implement an incentive program for Workers Compensation claim medical appointments in conjunction with the transition to the Holista Network Rewards Program.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

13. Res. No. 149-25-26 by Alderpersons Mitchell and Perrella authorizing the appropriate City officials to execute an Addendum to the Contract for the Revaluation of All Real and Personal Property and Contract Extension for Annual Assessment Services City of Sheboygan 2021-2026 relating to the term of the contract.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

14. Res. No. 148-25-26 by Alderpersons Mitchell and Perrella amending the residential Recycling Fee and residential Garbage Collection Fee for services provided by the City.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

15. Res. No. 150-25-26 by Alderpersons Rust and Boorse authorizing the appropriate City officials to execute the documents necessary to purchase an ambulance from American Response Vehicles for the Sheboygan Fire Department and to make other purchases necessary to equip the new ambulance.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

RESOLUTIONS

16. Res. No. 147-25-26 by Alderpersons Mitchell and Perrella authorizing retaining outside legal counsel to represent the City in the matter of Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. City of Sheboygan, and authorizing payment for said services.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION

Motion made by Mitchell, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

17. Res. No. 151-25-26 by Alderpersons Mitchell and Perrella authorizing entering into a Purchase and Sale Contract with Amazon.com Services LLC regarding the sale of 58.1 acres of land located at the intersection of Stahl Road and South Taylor Drive for the purpose of a Class A logistics facility.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION

Motion made by Mitchell, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Rust – 7.

Voting Nay: Boorse, Close, Perrella – 3.

GENERAL ORDINANCES

18. Gen. Ord. No. 37-25-26 by Alderperson Close repealing and replacing Chapter 105 of the Sheboygan Municipal Code entitled "General Zoning" and referred to as the City of Sheboygan Zoning Ordinance. REFER TO CITY PLAN COMMISSION

VETO

19. Memorandum filed with the City Clerk from Mayor Ryan Sorenson formally exercising his authority under Section 2-124 of the Sheboygan Municipal Code to veto General Ordinance No. 35-25-26.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

CLOSED SESSION

20. Motion to convene in closed session under the exemption contained in Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(g) for the purpose of 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 involved, to wit: Chad Pelishek v. City of Sheboygan, et. al. AND motion to convene in closed session under the exemption provided by Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e) for deliberation or negotiation of the investment of public funds, where competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, to wit: receive an update from the City Administrator on development projects which may require negotiation related to the investment of public funds.

MOTION MADE AT 7:23 PM

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

OPEN SESSION

21. Motion to reconvene in open session for possible action relating to the matters discussed in closed session.

MOTION MADE AT 8:53 PM

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

22. Res. No. 152-25-26 by Alderpersons Mitchell and Perrella authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the matter of Chad Pelishek v. City of Sheboygan, et al., United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin Case No. 23-CV-1048.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

Motion to authorize staff to proceed as discussed in closed session with respect to development projects in the City of Sheboygan.

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.

TENTATIVE DATE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING

23. Next Regular Meeting Date: February 2, 2026

ADJOURN MEETING

24. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:55 PM

Motion made by Dekker, Seconded by Perrella.

Voting Yea: Belanger, Boorse, Close, Dekker, Grawien, Heidemann, Menzer, Mitchell, Perrella, Rust – 10.