



Common Council Meeting

Whitewater Municipal Building Community Room,
312 West Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI 53190
*In Person and Virtual

Tuesday, July 21, 2026 - 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Singer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council President Patrick Singer
Councilmember Michael Smith
Councilmember Orin Artsmith
Councilmember Steven Sahyun
Councilmember Brian Schanen
Councilmember Neil Hicks
Councilmember Gavin Kelleher

City Manager John Weidl
City Attorney Steven Chesebro
Public Works Director Brad Marquardt
City Clerk Heather Boehm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A councilmember can choose to remove an item from the agenda or rearrange its order; however, introducing new items to the agenda is not allowed. Any proposed changes require a motion, a second, and approval from the Council to be implemented. The agenda shall be approved at each meeting even if no changes are being made at that meeting.

Motion to Approve the Agenda made by Councilmember Artsmith, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the Consent Agenda will be approved together unless any council members requests that an item be removed for individual consideration.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda moving item #7 to Considerations and adding #27 to the Consent Agenda made by Councilmember Artsmith, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

1. Approval of Common Council meeting minutes from May 14, 2026 and June 16, 2026.
2. Plan & Architectural Review Commission Minutes of May 11, 2026, June 1, 2026 and June 8, 2026.
3. Landmarks Minutes of May 6, 2026 and June 3, 2026.
4. Library Board of Trustees meeting minutes from May 18, 2026.
5. Public Works meeting minutes from May 12, 2026.
6. Reminder that the August 4, 2026, Common Council meeting will be held at the Innovation Center, 1221 Innovation Dr., Whitewater, WI 53190 at 6:00 pm.
7. Memo on ethics complaint by Brad Ceranske.
Councilmember Smith requests this item be on a Council meeting. Council agrees to a Special meeting.
8. **Approving Purchase: Resolution 2026-R-24** Resolution approving the purchase of a 2026 Cargo Trailer with The Corral Trailer Sales for the replacement of the current 2009 Cargo Trailer.
9. **Approving Purchase: 2026-R-25** Resolution approving the purchase of a 2027 F-350 pickup truck with Ketterhagen Motors for the replacement of the current 2004 F-250 pickup truck.
10. **Approving Sale of Equipment: Resolution 2026-R-26** approving the sale of Department of Public Works and Wastewater Utility equipment.

11. **Approving Contracts: Resolution 2026-R-27** approving Contract 6-2026 with Payne & Dolan for 2026 Street Paving.
12. **Approving Contract Amendment: Resolution 2026-R-28** approving Strand Associates Amendment No. 2 to Task Order 24-10 for Starin Park Underground Wet Detention Basin Clean Water Fund application.
13. **Approving Purchase: 2026-R-30** Resolution approving purchase of 2025 Chevy 3500/Dump Body from Holz Fleet for Wastewater Utility.
14. **Approving Agreement: 2026-R-32** to approve the agreement between the City of Whitewater and the International Association of Fire Fighters, AFL-CIO local 580.
15. Approve Funding and Consultant Selection for a Comprehensive Whitewater Aquatic and Fitness Center Facility Assessment.
16. Approval of the use of Building Repair Funds for White Memorial Building Fascia and Soffit Repairs.
17. Memo regarding UW-Whitewater Business Park Study and Request for Proposals issued for City-owned property, Lot 1B /WUP 00322, N9601 Howard Rd, Whitewater, WI.
18. Memo regarding application for Opportunity Zone 2.0 designations for qualified tracts.
19. Tenant Rights and Responsibilities Educational Material.
20. Review of Resignations from Boards and Commissions.
21. Memo on quorum requirements and effect of abstaining from voting.
22. Memo on addressing citizen complaints made to council members.
23. June 2026 Financials

CITY MANAGER REPORT

24. City Manager Report.
City Manager Weidl gave his bi-monthly update of City events and accomplishments, including reports from the following departments: Public Works, IT, Police, Fire & EMS, Library, Community Development, Parks & Recreation, Human Resources and Media Services.
25. Proclamation requested by Orin Artsmith for Disability Pride Month.
City Manager John Weidl gave a proclamation for Disability Pride Month.
26. Proclamation for Muslim American Heritage Month from WI Muslim Foundation.
City Manager John Weidl gave a proclamation for Muslim American Heritage Month.

STAFF REPORTS

27. Review and Discuss the recent Utility Credit Rating Upgrade and Financial Impact.-
Finance
This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS

No formal Council action will be taken during this meeting although issues raised may become a part of a future agenda. Participants are allotted a three minute speaking period. Specific items listed on the agenda may not be discussed at this time; however, citizens are invited to speak to those specific issues at the time the Council discusses that particular item.

To make a comment during this period, or during any agenda item: On a computer or handheld device, locate the controls on your computer to raise your hand. You may need to move your mouse to see these controls. On a traditional telephone, dial *6 to unmute your phone and dial *9 to raise your hand.

Larry Kachel (457 S Buckingham Blvd) gave thank you's to Kevin Boehm and Michelle Dujardin from Parks & Rec, Karin Silvius from the Chamber for helping with the 4th of July parade and making it a success. To Neil and Stephanie Hicks for helping with the beer tent and being in charge of the Booster Club auction. To Coburn Company for being the lead sponsor for the fireworks.

RESOLUTION

- 28. Approving Road Extension: Resolution 2026-R-29** approving the extension of Jakes Way to Howard Road as part of the Town of Whitewater's 2027 Howard Road Improvement Project.- **Public Works**

Christy Legerski (1365 E Jakes Way) spoke about the resolution.

Annika Welter (W7977 Bluff Rd) spoke about the resolution.

Motion to approve resolution 2026-R-29 made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Sahyun.

Voting Nay: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

The motion failed.

- 29. Approving Alley Way Discontinuation: 2026-R-31** Final Resolution to discontinue public alley way bounded by Jefferson St., E North St., E Main St., and the Whitewater Creek.- **Public Works**

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-R-31 made by Councilmember Sahyun, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

ORDINANCES**First Reading**

- 30. Zoning Ordinance: 2026-O-18** Zoning Ordinance regarding Group Child Care Centers & Adult Day Care Centers.-**Community Development**

Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-O-18 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

Motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2026-O-18 made by Councilmember Artsmith, Seconded by Councilmember Kelleher.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

CONSIDERATIONS

31. Review, discuss, and direct staff regarding Police Department Evidence/Training Garage Fiber Run - **Police Department**

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

32. Review, discuss, and direct staff regarding final approval of Capital Improvement Program approved project to replace the Digital Video Recording (DVR) equipment.- **IT Department**

Motion to approve Heartland Business Systems made by Councilmember Kelleher, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

33. Review, discuss and direct staff regarding Flock Safety Contract.- **Police Department**

Police Meyer gave an update on Flock.

Calvin Fisnik (414 Maple St, Fort Atkinson) spoke against flock.

Lane Wagner (148 Hyer Ln) spoke against Flock.

Brad Ceranske (Woodward Rd) spoke against Flock.

Larry Kachel (457 S Buckingham Blvd) spoke for Flock.

Jeff Knight (405 Panther Ct) spoke for Flock.

Nick Petreikis (747 W Main St) spoke against Flock.

Brad Marquardt (1346 Tower Hill Pass) spoke for Flock.

Chuck Mills (336 S Whiton) spoke for Flock.

Sadie West (1007 W Starin Rd) spoke against Flock.

Motion to direct staff to suspend the contract with Flock made by Councilmember Kelleher, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Kelleher

Voting Nay: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks

This motion failed.

Motion to amend to June 2027 made by Councilmember Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks

Voting Nay: Council President Singer, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Kelleher

The amended motion failed.

Motion to bring back to first meeting in September for consideration.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Kelleher

Voting Nay: Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks

This motion passes.

34. Councilmember Requests for Future Agenda Items or Committee items. Questions
Councilmember Hicks - Staff report what local committees do for ethics complaints.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

35. Whitewater Comparative Analysis. - **Finance August**
36. Helmets for Scooters and E-Bikes- *Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee*- **M. Smith Q2**
37. Update on Food Pantry Lease- *Parks & Rec.* -**O. Artsmith October**
38. Potential of Consolidating Polling Locations for Low Turnout Elections- **Hicks August 4, 2026**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made at 8:34pm made by Councilmember Artsmith, Seconded by Councilmember Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

Anyone requiring special arrangements is asked to call the Office of the City Manager / City Clerk (262-473-0102) at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

The City of Whitewater's strategic goals for 2026–2028 are: Expand Housing Opportunities and Support Responsible Community Growth; Enhance Communication, Transparency, and Community Engagement; Support Economic and Downtown Development, Business Growth, and Tax Base Expansion; Foster a Vibrant, Engaged, and Welcoming Community; Ensure Long-Term Financial Stability and Strategic Investment.

This agenda may include quasi-judicial items addressing the specific outcome for an individual or property, such as zoning appeals, conditional use permits, land use decisions, licensing, or ethics

decisions. For quasi-judicial items, Council Members are only able to consider information presented by interested parties or the public on the record during this meeting. Council Members should not conduct their own investigation but may request additional information from the interested parties.