



Common Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, February 03, 2026 - 6:00 PM

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council President Patrick Singer
Councilmember Greg Majkrzak
Councilmember Michael M.Smith
Councilmember Orin O.Smith
Councilmember Steven Sahyun
Councilmember Brian Schanen
Councilmember Neil Hicks via online

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 made to approve the Agenda by Councilmember Majkrzak, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks.

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 made to approve the Consent Agenda but to remove items 15 and 16, by Councilmember Majkrzak, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks

1. Approval of Common Council Meeting Minutes from January 20, 2026.
2. Library Board of Trustee minutes from December 15, 2025.
3. Alcohol Licensing Committee meeting minutes from November 18, 2025.
4. Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes from December 17, 2025.
5. Finance Committee meeting minutes from November 25, 2025.
6. February 17, 2026 Common Council meeting will be held in the LMC at Whitewater High School, 2nd Floor, 534 S Elizabeth St, Whitewater, WI.
7. Resignation of Elvira Kau from the Lakes Advisory Committee.
8. Recommendation of Bridget Lee to Aquatic Center Committee.
9. Recommendation of Krystal deLeon to Aquatic Center Committee.
10. Recommendation of Sue Scherer to Aquatic Center Committee.
11. Recommendation of Chuck Mills to Aquatic Center Committee.
12. Fourth of July Parade memo.
13. Liquidation of Fire/EMS equipment.

14. Resignation from Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee.
15. Memo on Innovation Center and ECEC
Mason Becker the Community Development Director, explained the memo that was in the packet regarding the Innovation Center and Early Childhood Education Center.
16. EDA Memo and EDA Letter
17. Vendor Remote Access Policy.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

18. City Manager Report.
19. Proclamation for James Athas- **City Manager**
City Manager Weidl read the Proclamation for James Athas.
20. Proclamation for Black History Month. - **City Manager**
City Manager Weidl read the Proclamation for Black History Month.

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.

Jeff Knight (405 Panther Ct.) Commented on the EDA and the Innovation Center.

Aubrey Thompson (318 W North St) Commented on contracts and record keeping.

Paul McGraw (7769 Island Dr, Delavan) Announced he was running for State Assembly.

Larry Kachel (457 S Buckingham Blvd) Commented on the Innovation Center leases.

John (1004 E Main St) Spoke on location of the Habitat for Humanity Homes.

RESOLUTION

21. 2026-R-003 Resolution declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of borrowing.- **Finance**
Motion made to approve the Resolution declaring official intent to reimburse expenditures from proceeds of borrowing by Councilmember Majkrzak, Seconded by

Councilmember O.Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks

ORDINANCES

First Reading

- 22. Ordinance 2026-O-03** an ordinance regarding amendment of the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map-**Community Development**

Motion made to approve the first reading of ordinance 2026-O-03 regarding amendment of the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map by Councilmember Majkrzak, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks

- 23. Ordinance 2026-O-04** and ordinance amending the zoning map the zoning classification in regards to certain properties in the City of Whitewater Tax Parcel #'s /A410100001, /A410100002, /A410100003, /A503200001 and /A503200002 on Bluff Road.- **Community Development**

Motion made to approve the first reading of ordinance 2026-O-04 amending the zoning map the zoning classification in regards to certain properties in the City of Whitewater Tax Parcel #'s /A410100001, /A410100002, /A410100003, /A503200001 and /A503200002 on Bluff Road by Councilmember Majkrzak, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks.

Andrea Svec (W7679 Shereda Rd) Commented on the railroad near these properties.

Brad Ceranske - Commented on the Stonehaven project.

- 24. Ordinance 2026-O-05** an ordinance created Section 14.04.070 Permit Expiration.- **Community Development**

Motion made postpone the first reading of this ordinance to the March 3, 2026 Common Council Meeting, by Councilmember O.Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks.

Aubrey Thompson (318 W North St) Commented about the permit expiration ordinance.

- 25. Ordinance 2026-O-06** an ordinance amending Sections 19.54.03(1)(B) and 19.54.080(B)(1) of the Sign Zoning Code. -**Community Development**

Motion made to approve Ordinance 2026-O-06 an ordinance amending Sections 19.54.03(1)(B) and 19.54.080(B)(1) of the Sign Zoning Code by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks.

Motion made to waive the second reading of the above ordinance, by Councilmember Majkrzak, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks

CONSIDERATIONS

26. Councilmember Requests for Future Agenda Items or Committee items. Questions
Councilmember Schanen requested the Finance Committee take up the status of the Innovation Center and the Early Childhood Education and Childcare Center project at their next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

27. Update on the Community Service Program- **O. Smith Q1**
28. Update on Starin Park Water Tower plans- **O. Smith Q1 2026**
29. Update on MOU between the City of Whitewater and Downtown Whitewater, Inc.- **Q1 2026**

CLOSED SESSION Adjourn to Closed Session, TO RECONVENE to OPEN SESSION, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Item to be discussed:

Motion made to go into Closed session at 7:02 pm by Council President Singer, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks.

Present- City Attorney Chesebro and HR Director Marquardt. City Manager Weidl will be asked in later.

Motion made to come out of Closed session at 7:53 pm by Councilmember Majkrzak, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.

Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks

- CS-30. City Manager's Performance Evaluation and Employment Agreement-**HR**

CONSIDERATIONS

31. Discussion and Possible Action regarding City Manager's Performance Evaluation and Employment Agreement- **HR**
No Action Taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made to adjourn at 7:55 pm by Councilmember O.Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen. Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks.

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.

2023-2025 City of Whitewater's 5 strategic goals: Build single-family homes, Communicate with the community without the newspaper, Support a thriving business community, Recruitment and retention efforts with a focus on diversity, and Prioritization of expenditures with available resources.