



Common Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 - 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Interim Economic Development Director, Emily McFarland
City Attorney, Steven Chesebro
Public Works Director, Brad Marquardt
Deputy Clerk, Tiffany Albright

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 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

GUEST SPEAKER

Kim Adams gave a presentation about the Whitewater Arts Alliance.

Lesley Mollner spoke about the Whitewater Arts Alliance.

1. Kim Adams from the Whitewater Arts Alliance.

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 made 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

2. Approval of Common Council Meeting Minutes from August 5, 2025.
3. Alcohol Licensing Committee meeting minutes from July 10, 2025.
4. Plan and Architectural Review Commission Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2025.
5. Landmarks Commission meeting minutes from July 2, 2025.
6. Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes from July 8, 2025.
7. Public Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2025 and June 5, 2025.
8. Amendment No. 1 to Strand Task Order 24-08, Jefferson Street Reconstruction.
9. Listing Wastewater Department portable generator on Wisconsin Surplus Auction site.
10. State/Municipal Financial Agreement for curb ramp improvements along State Highway 59 (Newcomb Street).
11. Strand Task Order 25-08, Water Supply Service Area Plan.
12. TDS update on Government Channel.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Interim Economic Development Director, Emily McFarland gave the bi-monthly update of City events and accomplishments, including reports from the following departments: Public Works, Police

Department, Fire Department, Economic Development, Library, Parks & Rec, Human Resources and Media Services.

Emily also gave a congratulations to City Manager, John Weidl for completing two outstanding accomplishments. John received a Certified Economic Developer and also graduated from his Certified Public Manager class.

13. City Manager Report.

STAFF REPORTS

Interim Economic Development Director, Emily McFarland gave an update on housing.

14. Update on Housing and Strategy- **Economic Development Director**

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.

Nancy Boyer (1270 E Jakes Way #9) spoke on TIF.

Doug Luttrell (400 S Rice St #29) spoke on TIF and the lakes.

Dave Stone (303 Ann St) spoke on housing and TID.

Andrea Speck (W7679 Shereda Rd) spoke on housing.

Laura Feit (Indian Mound Parkway) spoke on housing.

Henri Kinson (W7248 Territorial Rd) spoke on TIF.

Joy Hutchinson (414 S Douglas Ct) spoke on housing.

Jeff Knight (405 Panther Ct) spoke on Subsidized Apartments.

Brad Ceranski (N9503 Woodward Rd) spoke on housing.

Larry Kachel (457 S Buckingham Blvd) spoke on housing, taxes and TID.

Aubrey Thomas (318 W North St) spoke on housing.

Chuck Mills spoke on housing.

Jill Gerber (234 S Pleasant St) spoke on housing.

RESOLUTION

15. A Resolution deeding land (lots /A503200001 and A/503200002) at 1222 & 1242 E Bluff Rd, to the CDA - **Economic Development Director**

Motion made approve the Resolution deeding land (lots /A503200001 and A/503200002) at 1222 & 1242 E Bluff Rd, to the CDA, by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by

Councilmember O. Smith.

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

16. Resolution to accept offer to purchase /A503200001 and A/503200002 at 1222 & 1242 E Bluff Rd- **Economic Development Director**

Motion made to approve Resolution to accept offer to purchase /A503200001 and A/503200002 at 1222 & 1242 E Bluff Rd., by Councilmember O. Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Majkrzak.

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

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember M.Smith

CONSIDERATIONS

17. Discussion and Possible Action regarding a possible Referendum question to form a Lakes District. -**City Manager**

Doug Luttrell (400 S Rice St #29) spoke on the Lakes District Referendum.

Brad Ceranski (N9503 Woodward Rd) spoke on the Lakes District Referendum.

No action taken.

18. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Accurate Assessor Contract- **Finance**

Motion made approve Accurate Assessor the Contract for City Assessor by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember O. Smith.

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

19. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Community Involvement & Cable TV Commission dissolution & transfer duties to EOC- **Chief of Staff**

Motion made to approve the Community Involvement & Cable TV Commission dissolution & transfer duties to EOC by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember O. Smith.

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

20. Discussion and possible action regarding the recommendation from Landmarks Commission regarding the Starin Park Water Tower. - **Landmarks**

Motion made to approve recommendation from Landmarks Commission regarding the Starin Park Water Tower.by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Sahyun.

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

Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Majkrzak

21. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Request for Proposal for City Engineering Services.- **Public Works**

Motion made by to approve Request for Proposal for City Engineering Services.

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

22. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Netwurx Water Tower Space/Lease Agreement.- **Public Works**

No Action Taken.

23. Councilmember Requests for Future Agenda Items or Committee items. Questions

Councilmember Majkrzak requested info on limiting single family homes being turned into multi family homes.

Councilmember O. Smith requested Starin Water Tower and Lakes District Plans by Q1 of 2026.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

24. Fire Department Presentation.- **Q3**
25. Survey Updates - **Q3**
26. Rezone of Lincoln, Washington, and Whitewater High schools- **Q3**
27. Cigarette, Tobacco, Electronic Vape license hearings held at ALC- **Schanen Q3**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made at 8:31pm 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

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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.

