



## Finance Committee Meeting

Cravath Lakefront room 2nd floor 312 West  
Whitewater Str, Whitewater, WI, 53190 \*In Person  
and Virtual

**Tuesday, March 25, 2025 - 5:00 PM**

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## **AGENDA**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Brian Schanen.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Brian Schanen and Patrick Singer

Absent: Lisa Dawsey-Smith

Additional Attendees: Rachelle Blich, Director of Finance; Sara Marquardt, HR Manager; Taylor Zeinert, Director of Economic Development; Kevin Boehm, Director of Parks and Recreation.

A motion was made to move item 10, Discussion and presentation on how property taxes are determined in communities with tax increment districts, after item 3, Discussion with Greg Johnson from Ehler's regarding TIF and developer's agreements, by Brian Schanen, Seconded by Patrick Singer.

Voting Yes: Brian Schanen and Patrick Singer. Voting No: None.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. February 17, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Patrick Singer, Seconded by Brian Schanen.

Voting Yes: Brian Schanen and Patrick Singer. Voting No: None.

**HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*No formal Committee 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 Committee discusses that particular item.*

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Jeff Knight spoke about his concern for the high level of TIF assistance.

**CONSIDERATIONS / DISCUSSIONS / REPORTS**

2. Discussion and possible action to recommend award of contract to Lepak Wall and Ceiling for construction of two offices at the Whitewater Municipal Building for \$12,900

Motion to recommend to Common Council the award of contract to Lepak Wall and Ceiling made by Patrick Singer, Seconded by Brian Schanen.

Voting Yes: Brian Schanen and Patrick Singer. Voting No: None.

3. Discussion with Greg Johnson from Ehler's regarding TIF and Developer's Agreements

Larry Kachel asked questions about the tax increment financing impact on the community.

Jeff Knight asked questions about the percentage of tax increment financing incentives within other communities and TID amendments.

Brad Stranski asked questions about the developer's ability to go back to the city and ask for more increment and what the total impact would be on the community if all of the planned developments happen.

4. Discussion and possible recommendation to increase cell tower permit fee
5. Information on City Attorney Contract
6. January 2025 Financials
7. February 2025 Financials
8. Discussion and possible recommendation of EMS Employee Benefit Policy

A motion to recommend to Common Council the approval of the EMS Employee Benefit Policy was made by Patrick Singer, Seconded by Brian Schanen.

Voting Yes: Brian Schanen and Patrick Singer. Voting No: None.

9. Discussion and possible recommendation to approve a stipend for Economic Development Director Responsibilities

A motion to recommend to Common Council the approval of a stipend for Economic Development Director responsibilities was made by Patrick Singer, Seconded by Brian Schanen.

Voting Yes: Brian Schanen and Patrick Singer. Voting No: None.

10. Discussion and presentation on how property taxes are determined in communities with tax increment districts

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn was made by Patrick Singer, Seconded by Brian Schanen.

Voting Yes: Brian Schanen and Patrick Singer. Voting No: None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

A quorum of the Common Council may be present. This notice is given to inform the public that no formal action will be taken at this meeting.

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