



Common Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, October 07, 2025 - 6:00 PM

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MINUTES

Amended as of October 6, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. to add: 1) Waiver of 72- Hour Transparency Ordinance and
2) Discussion and Possible Action regarding Police Department Vehicle Purchase.

CALL TO ORDER

Request for authorization to waive the 72-hour notice required by the City of Whitewater Transparency Ordinance to amend the Agenda to

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

Motion made to approve the 72hr waiver for item #16 by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember M.Smith.

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

ROLL CALL

Request for authorization to waive the 72-hour notice required by the City of Whitewater Transparency Ordinance to amend the Agenda to

1. Add item number 16, Discussion and Possible Action to approve Police Department Vehicle Purchases-Finance

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

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 with item #6 moving to Considerations after item #16 and items #11 and #13 moving to the Consent Agenda made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Sahyun.

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 with #6 moving to Considerations after item #16 and items #11 and #13 included in the Consent Agenda by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember M.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 September 16, 2025.
2. Library Board of Trustees Minutes from August 18, 2025.
3. Community Development Authority Meeting minutes from July 17, 2025 and August 21, 2025.
4. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from August 26, 2025

5. Approval to auction fire apparatus and surplus equipment.
6. MOU with UWW for Parking
7. Appointment of Sherry Stanek to the Plan & Architectural Review Committee.

PROCLAMATIONS

8. Spanish Heritage Month Proclamation.- **City Manager**
City Manager John Weidl gave a proclamation on Spanish Heritage.
WUSD Superintendent Samuel Karns spoke about Spanish Heritage month.
9. Pedestrian Safety Proclamation.
City Manager John Weidl gave a proclamation on Pedestrian Safety.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

10. City Manager Report.
City Manager John Weidl gave his bi-monthly update of City events and accomplishments, including reports from the following departments: Public Works, Police Department, Fire Department, Library, Parks & Rec, Human Resources, and Media Services

STAFF REPORTS

11. November 4, 2025 Common Council Meeting at UW Whitewater. - **City Clerk**
This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.
12. Social Media Update
Chief of Staff Becky Magestro gave a Social Media Update.

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.

Alan Wood (W3224 State Rd 59) spoke on the Solar Farm Project.

Yvette Lasell (W2861 State Rd 59) spoke on the Solar Farm Project.

Ann Tillett (W7695 Bluff Rd) spoke on the Solar Farm Project.

RESOLUTION

13. Library Exception Resolution- **Finance**

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

CONSIDERATIONS

14. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Approval of Rate Increase for the Stormwater Utility- **Finance**

Brian Ramer Senoir Municipal Adisor from Ehler's gave a presentation about the stormwater utility rates.

Jeff Knight (405 Panther Ct) spoke on the stormwater utility rates.

Larry Kachel (457 S Buckingham Blvd) spoke on the stormwater utility rates.

Council President Singer asking for a rate utility comparison with the surrounding communities.

Councilmember M. Smith asked for get a break down of the need and opportunity cost to help the public understand better of why now.

Councilmember Sahyun mentioned that because rates haven't changed in awhile, the large jumps are due to the fact they should have been changed in the past.

Council President Singer mentioned reaching out to the top 10 rate payers to explain the need and impact on their entity would be.

Councilmember Majkrzak said he is fine with the original propose plan it explains why it's needed.

Councilmember O. Smith agrees with Councilmember Majkrzak and thinks the lack of action is why we need to take action now, but more in favor of the presentation tonight than last meeting.

Councilmember Hicks believes we need to get back to where we need to be, but it's nice to get that information out to the public.

Council President Singer said we should ad this to the November 4th meeting to get updated information that was asked. Add this to the November 18th meeting with the budget so it can be have a final decision then.

Councilmember Schanen asked to look into liability in reference to the University.

15. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Approval of Proposed Scope of Services for the development of an updated Comprehensive Plan with RDG Planning & Design- **Community Development Department**

Economic Development Director Mason Becker spoke about the Comp Plan.

Charlie Cowell from RDG spoke about the Comp Plan.

Jeff Knight (405 Panther Ct) spoke about the Comp Plan.

Brienne Brown (156 N Fremont St) spoke about the Comp Plan.

Motion made to approve RDG Planning and Design Services in the amount of \$85,400 by Councilmember Majkrzak, Seconded by Councilmember M.Smith.

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

16. Discussion and Possible Action to approve Police Department Vehicle Purchases-**Finance**
City Manager John Weidl spoke about the PD Vehicle Purchase.

Finance Director Rachelle Blitch spoke about the PD Vehicle Purchase.

Motion made by Councilmember M.Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

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

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

18. Staff report on rental housing list.- **Q4**
19. Fire Department Training Facility.- **Q4**
20. Update on Starin Park Water Tower plans- **O. Smith Q1 2026**
21. Class Action re: Firetruck Purchases- **2026**
22. Changing one of the twice a year Council meetings held on UW Campus to One on UW Campus and One at WUSD- **Hicks Q4**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made at 7:26pm to Adjourn 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.