



Common Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, March 17, 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 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
Director of Public Works 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 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 to approve the Consent Agenda made by Councilmember O.Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Majkrzak.

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 February 17, 2026.
2. Pubic Works Committee Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2026.
3. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from January 27, 2026.
4. Alcohol Licensing Committee Meeting minutes from January 20, 2026.
5. Landmarks Minutes of February 4, 2026.
6. Plan & Architectural Review Commission Minutes from February 9, 2026.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

7. City Manager Report.

City Manager Weidl gave his bi-monthly update of City events and accomplishments, including reports from the following departments: Public Works, Police, Fire & EMS, Library, Community Development, Parks & Recreation, Facilities, Human Resources and Media Services.

STAFF REPORTS

8. Community Survey Proposals.- **Chief of Staff**

Chief of Staff Becky Magestro gave an update on the Community Survey Results.

Motion to approve moving forward with ETC with the cost not to exceed \$22,500 made 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

9. Keeping the Pace.- **City Manager**

City Manager John Weidl gave an update on Keeping the Pace.

10. Memo on Potential Joint Post-Election Training Opportunities for City Council, School Board, and Boards and Commissions. - **HR**

HR Director Sara Marquardt gave an update on Post Election Training.

11. City of Whitewater named Family Friendly Workplace.- **HR**

HR Director Sara Marquardt gave an update on Family Workplace.

12. Update on Starin Road traffic and pedestrians between Prince Street and Prairie Street.- **Public Works**

Director of Public Works Brad Marquardt gave an update on the Starin Road traffic.

13. Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Report. - **Public Works**

Director of Public Works Brad Marquardt gave an update on the MS4 Annual Report.

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.

Kevin Green (365 W Ann St) spoke about taxes.

ORDINANCES

First Reading

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

Motion made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-O-05 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Majkrzak.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks

Motion to amend the Ordinance to change item K to a 6-month extension opposed to 3 months made by Councilmember Sahyun, Seconded by Councilmember O.Smith.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks

15. 2026-O-08 an Ordinance regarding additions to Municipal Code 11.12.011, Stop Signs.- **Public Works**

Motion made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-O-08 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.
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 Ordinance 2026-O-08 by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks

16. 2026-O-09 an Ordinance regarding additions to Municipal Code 11.16.150, Street Index of Parking Restriction, Dann Street.- **Public Works**

Motion made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-O-09 made by Councilmember M.Smith, 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 Ordinance 2026-O-09 made 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

CONSIDERATIONS

17. Discussion and Possible Action regarding potential policy concepts related to fiscal management and budget practices. - City Manager

Motion to refer this item to Finance Committee made by Councilmember O.Smith, Seconded by Councilmember M.Smith.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Majkrzak, Councilmember M.Smith,

- Councilmember O.Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks
18. Discussion and Possible Action regarding award of Contract 4-2026, Main Street/Franklin Street Intersection Improvements. - **Public Works**

Motion to approve the low bid made by Councilmember M.Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Majkrzak.

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 award of Police Evidence Garage Contract. - **Public Works**

Motion to approve Gilbank Construction made by Councilmember O.Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Majkrzak.

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

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

21. Update on MOU between the City of Whitewater and Downtown Whitewater, Inc.- **Q1 Finance, Q2 Council**
22. Update on Flock Cameras- **April 9, 2026**

CLOSED SESSION Adjourn to Closed Session, TO RECONVENE to **OPEN SESSION**, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes **Chapter 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.**

(d): Except as provided in s. 304.06(1)(eg) and by rule promulgated under s. 304.06(1)(em), considering specific applications of probation, extended supervision or parole, or considering strategy for crime detection or prevention.

Items to be discussed:

Motion made to go into Closed Session at 7:02pm made by Council President Singer, Seconded by Councilmember Majkrzak.

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

Motion made to come out of Closed Session at 8:30pm 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

CS-23. Request for Tax Increment Financing Assistance for Potential Business Project in Tech Park.- **Community Development**

CS-24. Detective Bureau Presentation- **PD**

CONSIDERATIONS

25. Review and possible action: Request for Tax Increment Financing Assistance for Potential Business Project in Tech Park. - **Community Development**

No action was taken on this item.

26. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Detective Bureau Presentation. - **PD**

No action was taken on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:32pm made 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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The City of Whitewater's strategic goals for 2026–2028 are: expanding single-family home development, strengthening community communication, supporting a thriving business community, increasing access to healthcare resources, improving staff recruitment and retention efforts, advancing transportation options, and prioritizing expenditures based on available resources.