



Common Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, May 05, 2026 - 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Council President Patrick Singer
Councilmember Michael M. Smith
Councilmember Orin Artsmith
Councilmember Steven Sahyun
Councilmember Brian Schanen
Councilmember Neil Hicks
Councilmember Gavin Kelleher

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 move item numbers #14, #15, #17 and #21 to the Consent Agenda made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.

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

Motion to Approve the Agenda with those modifications made by Councilmember Artsmith, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

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

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 removing item #6 and adding items #14, #15, #17 and #21 made by Councilmember Artsmith, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

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

1. Approval of Common Council Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2026.
2. Approval of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes from March 24, 2026.
3. Library Board of Trustees Minutes from March 30, 2026.
4. Approval of the Fire/EMS Down Payment Assistance Program
5. Approval of the Fire/EMS Department Recruitment & Advancement Incentive Program
6. Our Rescue Grant Opportunity - GrayKey
Police Chief Meyer gave an update on GreyKey.
7. Update on Population Trends from RDG-Community Development
8. 2026-R-13 amendment number 3 of the 2026 Salary Resolution.- **Finance**
9. Update regarding review of City's primary GIS application and accessibility. **IT**
10. Memo regarding UW-Whitewater CEO Warhawk Business Pitch Competition
11. Memo regarding aggregate storage and dredging spoils removal for Lifetime Manufacturing LLC project in Technology Park

CITY MANAGER REPORT

12. 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, Human Resources and Media Services.

13. Historic Preservation Month Proclamation.

City Manager John Weidl gave a proclamation on Historic Preservation Month.

STAFF REPORTS

14. Review of Recommendation to Dissolve the Equal Opportunities Commission. - **Chief of Staff**

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

15. Update on Proactive Scam Education.- **PD**

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

16. Update on proposed financing for Lifetime Manufacturing LLC project in Technology Park.-**Community Development**

Community Development Director Mason Becker gave an update on financing for Lifetime Manufacturing LLC.

17. Interfund Loan between the Sewer Utility and TID 11- **Finance**

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

18. Update to the Capital Improvement Project List and Borrowing Recommendations - **Finance**

Finance Director Rachelle Blich gave an update on the Capital Improvement Project List and Borrowing Recommendations.

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.

Calvin Fisnek (Fort Atkinson) spoke on Flock cameras.

RESOLUTION

19. **2026-R-12** Resolution to discontinue public alley way bounded by Jefferson St, E. North St., E. Main St., and the Whitewater Creek.- **Public Works**

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-R-12 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.

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

ORDINANCES

First Reading

20. **2026-O-10** an ordinance creating Section 14.17 Razing of Buildings.-**Community Development**

Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2026-O-10 made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.

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

Motion to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2026-O-10 made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.

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

Second Reading

CONSIDERATIONS

21. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the appeal of Beverage Operator's License for Olivia Jost.- **City Clerk**
- This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.
22. Discussion and Possible Action regarding incorporating public safety on Boards and Committee structures. - **City Manager**
- Council instructed staff to come back to council with an ordinance.
23. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the Purchase of Police Department Vehicle.- **PD**
- Motion to approve the purchase of the Police Department Vehicle from Carl Emergency Vehicles and Apparel made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Kelleher.
- Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher
24. Councilmember Requests for Future Agenda Items or Committee items. Questions

Councilmember Sahyun - Greenery Park for the Alley Way

Councilmember Artsmith - Staff Report for process of submissions for the Iron Park sign

Councilmember Hicks - Staff Report on Spring Splash

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

25. Update on MOU between the City of Whitewater and Downtown Whitewater, Inc.- **Q1 Finance, Q2 Council**
26. Whitewater Comparative Analysis. - **Finance**
27. Discussion on Flock Cameras- **Police Department**
28. Squirrel Trapping in the City of Whitewater- *Urban Forestry*-**Schanen Q3**
29. Helmets for Scooters and E-Bikes- *Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee*- **M. Smith Q2**
30. Storm After Action Report-**Q2**
31. Options for Common Council meetings to be held in the Community- **O. Smith Q2**
32. Update on Food Pantry Lease- *Parks & Rec.* -**O. Smith Q2**
33. Potential of Consolidating Polling Locations for Low Turnout Elections- **Hicks Q3**

CLOSED SESSION

CONSIDERATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:50pm made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith. Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember M.Smith, Councilmember Artsmith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher

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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.