

**SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING FOR THE CITY OF WHITEWATER AND
WHITEWATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA**

Joint Meeting with City of Whitewater common Council and Whitewater Unified School District

City of Whitewater Municipal Building—Community Room

312 W Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI 53190

Monday, August 21, 2023 – 6:00pm

The meeting of the Special Common Council meeting of the city of Whitewater and Whitewater Unified School District was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Common Council President Jim Allen. MEMBERS PRESENT: Neil Hicks, Jim Allen, David Stone, Brienne Brown, Jill Gerber, Lisa Dawsey Smith. MEMBERS ABSENT: Lukas Schreiber. STAFF PRESENT: John Weidl (City Manager), Hunter Karnitz (Athletic Program Coordinator), Jeremiah Thomas (City Accountant).

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Councilmember Stone and seconded by Councilmember Dawsey-Smith to approve previous minutes AYES: Allen, Hicks, Gerber, Brown, Dawsey-Smith, Stone. ABSENT: Schreiber. Motion Passed.

Hearing of Citizen Comments: Council President Allen asked the audience for any citizen comments. No citizen comments were made during this meeting.

Considerations:

C1 – City Accountant Jeremiah Thomas gave his finance presentation discussing the three, 6-Year WAFC Agreement options for the WAFC Proposal – City of Whitewater.

Option A: WWUSD would contribute \$178,000 Operational Costs and \$100,000 Capital. The City of Whitewater would contribute \$250,000 Operational and \$200,000 Capital. Jeremiah Thomas stated the comparison of budgets between the City of Whitewater and the WWUSD. Option A would be 1.56% of the total budget for the City and 0.36% of the total budget for the WWUSD. WWUSD Board President Larry Kachel made the comment that comparing budgets was “irrelevant” as the WWUSD has many more people employed than the City does.

Option B: WWUSD would contribute \$178,000 Operational and \$100,000 Capital. The City of Whitewater would contribute \$250,000 Operational and \$100,000 Capital. Budget comparisons showed Option B would be 1.00% of the City’s budget and 0.36% of the WWUSD total budget.

Option C: Option C would be a 50/50 split. Both the City of Whitewater and the WWUSD would contribute \$219,000 in Operational and \$70,000 in Capital costs.

Outstanding Deficit: The financial breakdown packet from Jeremiah Thomas showed that the WWUSD still owes the City of Whitewater \$133,836.30 from the years 2021 and

2022. The WWUSD did not think they owed this much and wanted to look into this more as they were under the assumption they only owed for the year 2022.

C2 – The WWUSD wants to agree with proposed Option B with a few proposals of their own. They requested a Supervisory Board be created to oversee the Whitewater Aquatic and Fitness Center, no longer by the Parks and Rec Board. The new Board would be members of the City, WWUSD, and community members. The WWUSD also would like to see a cleaning crew at the Aquatic Center more often. They also requested no 3% inflation increase for Capital contributions for 3 years. After 3 years, the costs will be revisited by the City of Whitewater and WWUSD to see if the inflation free will continue for the next three years. Any overages of income would be set aside for future costs or what the WWUSD President Larry Kachel described as “A Rainy Day Fund”. The net income would be split based on percentages of contributions: WWUSD 47% and the City of Whitewater 53%, respectfully.

The WWUSD said they would need to look more into the \$133,836.30 they owed before coming to a final decision. The WWUSD School Board meets on Monday, August 28th, 2023.

C3 – Councilmember Stone motioned for the approval of Option B with the WWUSD’s added proposals and was seconded by councilmember Hicks. AYES: Stone, Hicks, Brown, Gerber, Allen, Dawsey-Smith. ABSENT: Schreiber. Motion passed.

C4 – Future Meetings: The next joint meeting will be September 11th, 2023 at 7pm at the City Municipal Building – Community Building; 312 W Whitewater St. Whitewater, WI 53190.

Public Comments:

Scott Bale said he likes the idea of having a Board oversee the WAFC and seeing where costs go.

Chuck Mills shares his opinion that he just wants to vote and be done with all of this

Adjournment: Councilmember Dawsey-Smith called to motion for adjournment and seconded by councilmember Hicks. Upon unanimous roll call vote, the meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hunter Karnitz, Athletic Program Coordinator