



Police & Fire Commission Meeting

Whitewater Municipal Building Community Room,
312 West Whitewater St., Whitewater, WI 53190

*In Person and Virtual

Monday, February 23, 2026 - 6:00 PM

Citizens are welcome (and encouraged) to join our webinar via computer, smart phone, or telephone.
Citizen participation is welcome during topic discussion periods.

Police and Fire Commission Meeting

February 23rd, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Commissioner Chair Binagi.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Kathryn Boyd
Commissioner Beverly Stone
Commissioner Mwita Binagi
Commissioner Marissa Aranda
Commissioner Tom Miller
Assistant Fire Chief Ryan Dion
Support Services Manager Sabrina Ojibway

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A commission member 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 Commission to be implemented. The agenda shall be approved at each meeting even if no changes are being made at that meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Boyd, Seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve agenda.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Binagi, Commissioner Aranda and Commissioner Miller. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of Minutes for December 15th, 2025

Motion was made by Commissioner Boyd, Seconded by Commissioner Stone to approve the consent agenda.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Binagi, Commissioner Aranda and Commission Miller. Motion passed.

HEARING OF CITIZEN COMMENTS

No formal Commission 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 Commission 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.

There were no citizen comments.

REPORTS

2. Fire Chief's Report

a. Personnel Update

Theron Spiegelberg, Anthony Vilavong, Jordan Wedig and Miranda Jaspersen were selected from the eligibility list for the 2025 hiring process. They have all completed recruit training and are assigned to 24-hour shifts.

Alex Rohde submitted a letter of resignation effective March 17th, 2026.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Adjourn to Closed Session, TO RECONVENE, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(c) "Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility." Items to be discussed:

2. Interview of FTE EMT/Firefighter Candidates

Motion made by Commissioner Stone, Seconded by Commissioner Miller to go into closed session.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Binagi, Commissioner Aranda and Commissioner Miller. Motion passed.

The Police & Fire Commission went into closed session at 6:07 PM

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

Motion made by Commissioner Boyd, Seconded by Commissioner Miller to go into open session.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Binagi, Commissioner Aranda and Commissioner Miller. Motion passed.

The Police & Fire Commission went into open session at 6:47 PM

3. Announcement of Recommendation Concerning Whitewater Fire Department Hiring Process

Motion made by Commissioner Miller, Seconded by Commissioner Boyd to approve the candidate, Caden Smith, for placement on the eligibility list for a Firefighter/EMT position, effective February 23rd, 2025. The position is subject to the staffing needs of the department, medical screening, psychological evaluation and a 12-month probationary period. This eligibility list will remain in effect for 12 months.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Binagi, Commissioner Aranda and Commissioner Miller. Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Stone, Seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the candidate, Liam Griffin, for placement on the eligibility list for a Firefighter/EMT position, effective February 23rd, 2025. The position is subject to the staffing needs of the department, medical screening, psychological evaluation and a 12-month probationary period. This eligibility list will remain in effect for 12 months.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Binagi, Commissioner Aranda and Commissioner Miller. Motion passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Boyd, Seconded by Commissioner Miller to approve the candidate, Noah Boers, for placement on the eligibility list for a Firefighter/EMT position, effective February 23rd, 2025. The position is subject to the staffing needs of the department, medical screening, psychological evaluation and a 12-month probationary period. This eligibility list will remain in effect for 12 months.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Binagi, Commissioner Aranda and Commissioner Miller. Motion passed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Commissioner Stone, Seconded by Commissioner Miller to adjourn.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Stone, Commissioner Binagi, Commissioner Aranda and Commissioner Miller. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 PM

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.

Anyone requiring special arrangements is asked to call the Office of the City Manager / City Clerk (262-473-0102) at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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