Common Council Meeting

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

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 - 6:00 PM

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AGENDA

Amended as of September 14, 2026 at 4:05 pm to add: 1) Waiver of 72 hour notice required by the City of Whitewater Transparency Ordinance and 2) Starin Park Recreational Center Fiber extension.

MINUTES

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

1. Add Item number 15, Starin Park Recreational Center fiber extension.

Council President Singer called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL

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

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 waive the 72hr notice made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith

Motion to approve the agenda moving items #17, #19, #21, and #23 to the consent agenda and remove item #20 made by Councilmember Kelleher, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith

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 with items #17, #19, #21, and #23 added made by Councilmember Artsmith, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith

1. Approval of Common Council meeting minutes from Special meeting on August 31, 2026.
2. Parks and Recreation Board meeting minutes from May 20, 2026 and June 24, 2026.
3. Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Commission meeting minutes from May 14, 2026.

4. Aquatic Center Committee meeting minutes from March 26, 2026 and July 28, 2026.
5. Urban Forestry Commission meeting minutes from February 23, 2026.
6. Parks and Recreation Special Meeting Food Pantry Subcommittee minutes from June 23, 2026.
7. Landmarks Commission Minutes of July 2, 2026.
8. Public Works Committee meeting minutes from August 11, 2026.
9. Community Development Authority Board of Directors meeting minutes from July 16, 2026.
10. Next Council meeting on October 6, 2026 will be Fairhaven.
11. **Approving Contract Renewal: 2026-R-49** Resolution Approving City of Whitewater Anti-virus Software renewal.
12. Staff report on the Ann Street traffic.
13. Public Safety & Licensing Review Committee meeting minutes from September 1, 2026.
14. August 2026 Financials
15. Starin Park Recreational Center fiber extension.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

16. City Manager Report

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

STAFF REPORTS

17. Impact analysis of the Proposed Jefferson Street Project.- **Finance**

    This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

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.

Jeff Knight (405 Panther Ct) spoke about the Discover Whitewater Series.
Kevin Green (365 W Ann St) spoke about

RESOLUTION

18. Approving Services Contract: Resolution 2026-R-45 to approve Fee for Service Agreement between the City of Whitewater and Downtown Whitewater, Inc.- **Community Development.**

    Community Development Director Mason Becker gave an update.

    Motion to postpone meeting for clerical errors and public meeting made by Councilmember Artsmith, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.
    Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith

19. **Approving Rate Increase: 2026-R-47** Resolution approving rate increase for John's Disposal Services.- **Public Works**

    This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

20. **Approving applying for a Grant: 2026-R-48** Resolution approving applying for Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry Grant to provide funding for City Wide tree inventory.- **Parks and Recreation**

    This item was removed and moved to the 10/06/2026 Council agenda.

21. **Reimbursement Resolution: 2026-R-49** Resolution for reimbursement for Clean Water Fund Loan application for Starin Road Underground Wet Detention Basin- **Public Works**

    This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

ORDINANCES

First Reading

22. **Amending Ordinance: 2026-O-22** an Ordinance amending Section 11.45, Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTV) Allowed.- **Public Works**

    Sherry Stanek (415 S Douglas Ct) spoke about ATV/UTV hours.

    Motion to approve as presented made by Councilmember Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Hicks.

    Motion to amended and strike midnight and make it 10pm made by Councilmember Sahyun, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.
    Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith
    Voting Nay: Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Hicks

    Motion to amend and change to time from 10pm to 11pm made by Councilmember Hicks, Seconded by Councilmember Smith.
    Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher
    Voting Nay: Councilmember Artsmith

Motion to approve the main motion as discussed.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith

Second Reading

23. **Amending Ordinance: Ordinance 2026-O-21** Ordinance amending section 12.44.020 – North-South and East-West Streets – Base Line. - **Public Works**

This item was moved to the Consent Agenda.

CONSIDERATIONS

24. Review, discuss, and direct staff regarding changes to Chapter 7.04 Code of Ethics.- **City Attorney**

Council directed Attorney Chesebro to update the code and bring back a draft ordinance on a future agenda meeting.

25. Review, discuss, and direct staff regarding recommendation from the Public Safety & Licensing Review Committee regarding Becky Teichmiller's denial of her Beverage Operator's License application.- **City Clerk**

Motion to approve the beverage operators license made by Council President Singer, Seconded by Councilmember Smith.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith
Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Schanen

26. Review, discuss, and direct staff regarding centralized polling location for August Primaries.- **City Clerk**

Sherry Stanek (415 S Douglas Ct) spoke about the polling locations.
Chuck Mills (336 S Whiton St) spoke about the polling locations.
Sam Libert spoke about the polling locations.
Jan Bilgen (178 N Park St) spoke about the polling locations.

Motion to take no action made by Councilmember Smith, Seconded by Councilmember Artsmith.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

28. Helmets for Scooters and E-Bikes- *Parks & Rec* - **M. Smith Q2**
29. Fire Department turnout times update.- **Artsmith December**
30. Strategic Plan Metrics - **Artsmith Q1 2027**

31. Review of Downtown Activation Initiative - **Artsmith Q3 2027**
32. Voter Turnout Improvement - **Artsmith Q2 2027**
33. Ethics Ordinance - **Singer**
34. Crime Prevention Strategies Update.- **Hicks October 15, 2026**
35. Update on Food Pantry Lease- *Parks & Rec.* -**O. Artsmith October**
36. Whitewater Comparative Analysis. - **October 6, 2026**

CLOSED SESSION Adjourn to Closed Session, TO RECONVENE to OPEN SESSION, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 19.85(1)(f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

Items to be discussed.

CS-37. Status Update of Ethics Complaint received by Brad Ceranske on February 3, 2026.

Motion to go into closed session at 7:20pm made by Council President Singer, Seconded by Councilmember Smith.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith

Councilmember Artsmith recused themselves and left the meeting before officially going into closed session.

Motion to come back into open session at 8:15pm made by Councilmember Schanen, Seconded by Councilmember Kelleher.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher
Voting Abstaining: Councilmember Artsmith

CONSIDERATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:16pm made by Councilmember Sahyun, Seconded by Councilmember Schanen.
Voting Yea: Council President Singer, Councilmember Smith, Councilmember Sahyun, Councilmember Schanen, Councilmember Hicks, Councilmember Kelleher, Councilmember Artsmith

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.

The City of Whitewater's strategic goals for 2026–2028 are: Expand Housing Opportunities and Support Responsible Community Growth; Enhance Communication, Transparency, and Community Engagement; Support Economic and Downtown Development, Business Growth, and Tax Base

Expansion; Foster a Vibrant, Engaged, and Welcoming Community; Ensure Long-Term Financial Stability and Strategic Investment.

This agenda may include quasi-judicial items addressing the specific outcome for an individual or property, such as zoning appeals, conditional use permits, land use decisions, licensing, or ethics decisions. For quasi-judicial items, Council Members are only able to consider information presented by interested parties or the public on the record during this meeting. Council Members should not conduct their own investigation but may request additional information from the interested parties.