City of WHITEWATER	# Council Agenda Item
Meeting Date:	November 17, 2026
Agenda Item:	Holding Common Council meetings in the Community
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BACKGROUND
(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

August 6, 2024, Common Council meeting, Council decided to have a meeting twice a year on UW Whitewater Campus, the second meeting in February and the second meeting in September. The goals were to encourage engagement with students and faculty, strengthen community relations and encourage youth involvement.

September 17, 2024, The first Council meeting since Covid took place at the UW-Whitewater's University Center.

October 7, 2025, Council voted to have the second meeting in February on the WUSD campus and the second meeting in September on UWW Campus.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS
(Dates, committees, action taken)

February 17, 2026, Common Council held their first meeting on WUSD Campus in the Library. No students or faculty were present.

April 21, 2026, Council meeting, Councilmember Artsmith inquired about holding Council meetings elsewhere in the Community

May 19, 2026, Council instructed staff to reach out to locations in each of the 5 districts to hold a Common Council meeting so that each Council member will have a meeting in their district before their term has expired.

June 2, 2026, Council instructed staff to change the Wastewater Treatment Plant location for Prairie Village, come back with dates, and where the marketing would be done. See locations and dates below. Marketing would be on our Socials, Website, Digital Sign, Agenda with location printed in the newspaper and posted at the WAFC, Senior Center, Library, and Municipal Building.

I spoke to Brian at Fairhaven, Fairhaven is good with the dates below, but is aware that they may move if instructed by Council. He also confirmed that Prairie Village is on board for us using the Community Center.

June 16, 2026, Council approved the following dates and districts.

2026- District 1- Innovation Center August 4, 2026; District 3- Fairhaven October 6, 2026; District 5- Prairie Village December 1, 2026.

2027- District 2- UW Whitewater; District 4- Whitewater High School.

2028- District 1- Innovation Center; District 3- Fairhaven; District 5- Prairie Village

FINANCIAL IMPACT
(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This is a reminder that these meetings will not be held here at the Municipal Building. Instead, the next meeting, November 17, 2026, will be held at the Community Center at Prairie Village, 827 Burr Oak Trail, Whitewater, WI 53190.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED
(If none, state N/A)