



Common Council

Regular Meeting

Approved Minutes

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
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Tuesday, March 3, 2026

7:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor James Boyd.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Dan Carpenter, Mike Eserkaln, Pamela Gantz, Jonathon Hansen, Amy Kundinger, Shana Ledvina, Casey Nelson, Devin Perock, James Boyd

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathon Hansen
SECONDER:	Dan Carpenter
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Mike Eserkaln, Pamela Gantz, Jonathon Hansen, Amy Kundinger, Shana Ledvina, Casey Nelson, Devin Perock, James Boyd

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Common Council. §6-3(f) DPMC

Resident Annie Ranft spoke about the Green Bay Metro transit system and the lack of regular bus routes in De Pere. She voiced concerns about the wait times for the on-demand ride program. City Manager Kim Flom will follow up with Ms. Ranft regarding this issue.

Resident Tom Gallenberger stated that there is a deer problem on the west side of De Pere and asked for City assistance. Parks Director Marty Kosobucki will follow up with Mr. Gallenberger.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of the minutes of the February 18, 2026 Common Council meeting.

B. Appointment of Jeremy Beck to the Board of Park Commissioners by Mayor Boyd; term to expire April 30, 2029.

C. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to accept a \$1,500 donation from Durr CTS Inc. for individual sponsorship of the Beer Gardens on June 16 & August 4, 2026.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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MOVER:	James Boyd
SECONDER:	Amy Kunding
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Mike Eserkahn, Pamela Gantz, Jonathon Hansen, Amy Kunding, Shana Ledvina, Casey Nelson, Devin Perock, James Boyd

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to approve revising the Arboriculture Specifications Manual regarding tree planting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jonathon Hansen
SECONDER:	Casey Nelson
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Mike Eserkahn, Pamela Gantz, Jonathon Hansen, Amy Kunding, Shana Ledvina, Casey Nelson, Devin Perock, James Boyd

- B. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to approve a pop-up Beer Garden fundraiser with Stubborn Brothers with the proceeds being allocated to benefit the De Pere Dog Park.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shana Ledvina
SECONDER:	Pamela Gantz
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Mike Eserkahn, Pamela Gantz, Jonathon Hansen, Amy Kunding, Shana Ledvina, Casey Nelson, Devin Perock, James Boyd

- C. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to approve Kay Distributing as the beer vendor for the Beer Gardens for 2026-2028.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Casey Nelson
SECONDER:	Pamela Gantz
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Mike Eserkahn, Pamela Gantz, Jonathon Hansen, Amy Kunding, Shana Ledvina, Casey Nelson, Devin Perock, James Boyd

- D. Recommendation from the Board of Park Commissioners to approve the Beer Garden Revenue Policy.

Parks Director Marty Kosobucki explained that the intent of the policy is to allow the Park Board to make recommendations as to how the revenue gets allocated. If the Park Board wishes to allocate less than 100% of the funding for a project, the city manager could implement a portion into budget funding.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shana Ledvina
SECONDER:	Casey Nelson
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Mike Eserkahn, Pamela Gantz, Jonathon Hansen, Amy Kunding, Shana Ledvina, Casey Nelson, Devin Perock, James Boyd

E. Consideration and possible action to authorize up to \$10,000 from Unassigned Reserves to repair the Fox Point Boat Launch.

Parks Director Marty Kosobucki confirmed that staff is in the process of creating an ordinance to prohibit power loading; he noted that Brown County would not have a say in our ordinance. Kosobucki explained that De Pere cooperates with the County for the boat launch pass program, but that the boat launch is 100% under the City's jurisdiction.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Pamela Gantz
SECONDER:	Jonathon Hansen
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Mike Eserkaln, Pamela Gantz, Jonathon Hansen, Amy Kunding, Shana Ledvina, Casey Nelson, Devin Perock, James Boyd

F. For consideration and possible action on the First Amendment to the Development Agreement between the City of De Pere and William Street Investment Partners, LLC, as assignee of De Pere 230 Development Partners LLC regarding the Development of the former Shopko Site - BUILDING F (Parcel Numbers ED-861 and ED-875).

Development Services Director Dan Lindstrom reported that City owns 20 feet north of the parking garage which will be transferred to the developer, so they can expand their proposed plaza space for the project.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Boyd
SECONDER:	Devin Perock
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Mike Eserkaln, Pamela Gantz, Jonathon Hansen, Amy Kunding, Shana Ledvina, Casey Nelson, Devin Perock, James Boyd

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consideration and possible action on redirection of Community Service Grant funds awarded to VFW Post 2113 in the amount of \$250.

RESULT:	APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shana Ledvina
SECONDER:	Pamela Gantz
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Mike Eserkaln, Pamela Gantz, Jonathon Hansen, Amy Kunding, Shana Ledvina, Casey Nelson, Devin Perock, James Boyd

9. RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution #26-14 Authorizing Agreement for Professional Services with GRAEF-USA, Inc. (Wilson Park Technical Design, Bidding and Construction).

B. Resolution #26-15 Authorizing Partial Release of Utility Easement (Parcel ED-875; 224 North Wisconsin Street).

C. Resolution #26-16 Authorizing Release of Utility Easement (Parcel ED-1164-R-32-2; Lebrun Street).

- D. Resolution #26-17 Regarding the Vacation of a Portion of a Public Thoroughfare (right-of-way discontinuance at 1900 BLK Lebrun ST adjacent to Parcel ED-1164-R-32-2) - Refer for Public Hearing.
- E. Resolution #26-18 Authorizing Agreement for Professional Services with SmithGroup (Downtown Master Plan Update).

Mayor Boyd moved, seconded by Alderperson Perock to suspend the rules and take up items #9A-E with one roll call vote. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Boyd
SECONDER:	Casey Nelson
AYES:	Dan Carpenter, Mike Eserkaln, Pamela Gantz, Jonathon Hansen, Amy Kundingner, Shana Ledvina, Casey Nelson, Devin Perock, James Boyd

10. INFORMATIONAL

- A. De Pere Police Department - annual update.

Police Chief Jeremy Muraski reported that the department currently has 42 full time employees and one vacancy; staff is divided between the Patrol, Investigations/Community Policing, and Professional Standards divisions. He then provided statistics for 2025 calls for service, police reports, and referrals for charges. Muraski reviewed call data trends by time of day and the most common call types.

Challenges facing the department include mental health challenges; Muraski estimated that 20% of all police calls involve someone in a mental health or substance abuse crisis. These are among the most complex and time-intensive types of calls. Muraski then reviewed use of force statistics. Other challenges facing the department include recruitment and retention; city growth; call volume and complexity; budget constraints; and new types of crime.

Accomplishments for 2025 include hiring two officers with four-year degrees; countywide active threat response training; the remodel and upgrade of officers' workspace; the implementation of a major officer wellness initiative; replacement of the PD security camera system; and the finalization of the regular equipment replacement cycle for squads.

Muraski reported that department priorities moving forward include impact fees for city growth; succession planning; revitalization of the Neighborhood Watch program; a centralized National Night Out this year; and furthering community engagement.

Chief Muraski answered questions from Council members on the following topics: the presence of fentanyl in the City; the type of training officers receive to deal with mental health calls; the department's wellness initiative; the officer education requirement; reckless driving in the City; Community Service Officer workload; and the potential need for a second social worker.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Alderperson Nelson asked staff to determine if the City should conduct another deer survey.

Aldersperson Hansen requested an update on the flagpole monument project at Bicentennial Park and whether it could be completed this year or would be included in the 2027 budget.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Boyd moved, seconded by Aldersperson Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Carey Danen, City Clerk