



Common Council

Regular Meeting

Approved Minutes

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
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Tuesday, May 19, 2026

7:30 PM

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Eserkaln, Pamela Gantz, Jonathon Hansen, Amy Kunding, Shana Ledvina, Casey Nelson, Devin Perock, Dustin Thill, James Boyd

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Approval of the Agenda

Mayor Boyd moved, seconded by Alderperson Perock, to move both consent agenda items to New Business. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

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

5. Presentations/Awards/Recognition

A. Oath of office for Municipal Court Judge Kristen Johnson.

6. 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

None.

7. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda items are those items of a routine administrative nature that are voted on by the Council in a single roll call vote. Staff recommends approval of all items. Common Council may request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

A. Approval of the minutes of the May 19, 2026 Common Council meeting.

Mayor Boyd moved, seconded by Alderperson Hansen, to amend this agenda item so that the title reads "Approval of the minutes of the *May 5, 2026* Common Council meeting".

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

B. Appointments to the Sustainability Commission by Mayor Boyd: Kevin Gerwing and Olive Pantzlauff; terms to expire June 30, 2027.

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

8. New Business

A. Recommendation from the License Committee on renewal applications for the licensing period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

i. Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage/"Class A" Intoxicating Liquor Licenses.

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

ii. Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License.

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

iii. Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage/"Class B" Intoxicating Liquor Licenses.

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

iv. Reserve Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage/"Class B" Intoxicating Liquor License.

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

- B. Recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee to approve the 2026 Non-Benefit Eligible Employees Wage Scale.

Human Resources Generalist Tracy Hood explained that the net projected additional cost for the season is only \$46. During their evaluation, staff determined that certain positions which typically begin an hour before program start could have their shifts reduced, offsetting much of the cost of the new position.

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

- C. Recommendation from the Finance/Personnel Committee on revisions to the criteria and structure of the Community Service Grant Program.

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

- D. Recommendation of the Finance/Personnel Committee to retain Stafford Rosenbaum LLP as outside counsel for representation before the Public Service Commission for the extension of utilities to the southeast area of De Pere.

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

9. Resolutions

Mayor Boyd moved, seconded by Alderperson Perock to suspend the rules and take up items #9A, C-J together. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. Resolution #26-37 Awarding Official City Newspaper Contract.
- B. Resolution #26-38 Authorizing Digital Solutions Agreement with Govstack for website provider services, with transfer of \$15,204 from Unassigned Reserves.

Aldersperson Hansen noted that he has received positive feedback from residents on the City's current website design and asked whether most of the existing features would carry over to the new platform. City Manager Kim Flom stated that staff selected a provider that would build on and improve the current design. While the new site may not be identical, the overall feel and accessibility of information will remain very similar.

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- C. Resolution #26-39 Authorizing Utility Easement for Wisconsin Public Service (925 South Sixth Street; Parcel WD-142).
- D. Resolution #26-40 Easement 711-815 S Sixth Street (Parcel #: WD-141-1) - Project 26-01.
- E. Resolution #26-41 2027 Gap Sidewalk Orders and Special Charges.
- F. Resolution #26-42 Authorizing intergovernmental agreement with the Town of Ledgeview for the Old Plank Road street resurfacing.
- G. Resolution #26-43 Authorizing Agreement for Professional Services with Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker, LLC, with transfer of \$56,000 from Unassigned Reserves (Enterprise Resource Planning).
- H. Resolution #26-44 Authorizing donation of abandoned bicycles to Counting Stars, Inc.
- I. Resolution #26-45 Approving intergovernmental agreement terms with the Town of Ledgeview for the provision of interim fire chief support services.
- J. Resolution #22-46 Approving Letter of Retainer for professional services with Stafford Rosenbaum LLP (public service utility infrastructure expansion).

10. Informational

- A. 2026 Aquatic report - informational presentation.

Parks Director Marty Kosobucki presented a review of the 2025 aquatic season. He noted a slight decline in attendance but stated that the pools remain very popular. He reported no major staffing shortages, and rental revenue has continued to increase since 2022. Pool usage consists of approximately 75 percent residents and 25 percent non-residents.

Kosobucki then reviewed the current condition of Legion Pool. He summarized recent repairs, including boiler replacement, sewer line repair, and underground piping repairs. Current concerns and needs include a leak in the gutter system, the need for a new boiler for the pool house, aging and unreliable electric panels and wiring, roof repairs, cracking pool basin plaster, and unknown underground piping conditions. Staff does believe the pool well remains intact.

Kosobucki reviewed the history of the 2018 referendum and the repair/replacement policy adopted in 2022. He reported that bonding debt for VFW Pool will be paid off in 2029, and the pool fund is projected to become positive starting in 2030. The City's Capital Improvement Plan identifies design work in 2029 and construction in 2030. The projected replacement cost has increased from an estimated \$5-6 million to \$10.5 million.

Kosobucki stated that the current annual referendum revenue of \$900,000 will not cover debt service for a \$10.5 million pool in addition to operating costs for both pools. After reviewing the budget breakdown, he reported an estimated financing gap of \$5.2-7.3 million. Staff recommends establishing an ad hoc committee and implementing a community engagement strategy to update community needs and refine options for Legion Pool.

Aldersperson Hansen acknowledged that the \$900,000 referendum amount is now insufficient in hindsight but noted that voters approved the referendum with the understanding that both pools would be replaced. He stated that it is incumbent upon the Council to identify the additional funding without putting the burden back on residents. Discussion followed regarding potential cost savings, such as reducing the number of lap lanes. Kosobucki stated that the design currently includes eight lanes and that reducing the number may offer savings, though the amount is unknown. Mayor Boyd noted that operating costs have increased by 140 percent since the referendum passed and stated that it is now up to the City to generate ideas to bridge the gap.

Aldersperson Ledvina stated that the original referendum did not preclude additional funding sources and expressed support for using the general fund and additional bonding if needed. She noted that VFW Pool functions more as a destination pool than a community pool, and shared resident concerns about its capacity issues. She urged moving forward promptly to avoid further cost increases.

Aldersperson Thill asked whether sponsorships or naming rights agreements could be pursued; staff confirmed they could. Mayor Boyd added that contributions from neighboring communities may also be explored and that these options would be among the functions of an ad hoc committee. He emphasized that staff is not opposed to replacing Legion Pool but stressed the need to determine a viable path forward.

Aldersperson Hansen noted that prior to the referendum, the operating deficit was supported by the general fund. He expressed support for additional bonding, separate from the referendum, to help address the financing gap. City Manager Kim Flom noted that the general fund previously covered a smaller deficit and suggested it may be beneficial to engage the community again given the time elapsed since the referendum. She stated that staff will follow Council direction.

Aldersperson Kundinger agreed that delaying the project would worsen the financial challenge. She stated that the City's messaging is important and should frame the situation as a challenge toward achieving the goal of two operating pools.

Aldersperson Gantz stated that she feels either a committee should be established or a resident survey should be conducted to gather input on community priorities. Based on the reported condition of Legion Pool, she believes it is important to move forward.

Aldersperson Ledvina asked for clarification on the updated \$10.5 million cost estimate and requested additional review. She expressed concern about community mistrust regarding the likelihood of a new Legion Pool being built and stated that the presentation may heighten those concerns. She is in favor of a community conversation, but feels that an ad hoc committee will slow progress. Mayor Boyd reiterated that the objective is to determine how to move the project forward. Staff will conduct additional research, incorporating the input from Council members brought forth tonight, and will bring further information back to Council.

11. Future Agenda Items

None.

12. Adjournment

Mayor Boyd moved, seconded by Aldersperson Nelson to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 PM. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Carey Danen, City Clerk