



City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Common Council Meeting Minutes
205 S. Lincoln Ave; Council Chambers
Monday, November 17, 2025
7:30 PM

1) Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Mayor Marck. Present: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Frank Ferree, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Mick Fischer, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Cris Olson (Online), Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, 12. Absent and Excused: Jennifer Hiley, 1.

- a) Pledge - Silent Deliberation
- b) Informal Public Hearing

A number of people attended the informal public hearing. Many expressed opposition to the proposed data center and its impacts. A list of those who addressed the council is on file in the City Clerk's office and is available upon request.

c) Presentation and Possible Appointment of District 6 Alderperson

The following citizens submitted letters of interest for the vacancy in District 6: Jeff Bierman, Mark Christiansen, Naomi Davis, and Devin Scharf. Each candidate introduced themselves to the council and answered questions from the council. After the Q & A, Alder Fischer spoke against appointing an alder for District 6 until the April election, stating that in 2 weeks the appointed person will be taking out nomination papers. By appointing an Alderperson now, it gives them a hand up in the upcoming election. Fischer said he would not be voting for anyone and encouraged others to do the same.

Paper ballots were handed out with instructions for the alders to pick 1 of the 4 candidates and put their name on the ballot as well. The first round resulted in the top 2 being Jeff Bierman & Devin Scharf. A second round of votes was taken. Following the second round, the vote count was Jeff Biermann — 5; Devin Scharf — 4 and No Vote — 3. Jeff Biermann was declared the winner and was appointed as the Alderperson of District 6 until the April 2026 election.

d) Administration of Oath of Office for appointed District 6 Alderperson

The Clerk Administered the Oath of Office to Jeff Bierman, and he was seated as the appointed District 6 Alderperson.

e) Announcements

The Rotary Lights at Swan City Park will have the official lighting on November 28, 2025, at 5:00pm.

f) Disposition of Minutes of the Common Council Meeting November 3, 2025

Motion by Kevin Burnett, second by Elwood Lee Flaherty, to approve. Motion carried by acclamation.

2) Presentations & Reports

- a) City Administrator Report

Administrator Bierke said he and staff are still working on the wage grid and having regular check-in meetings. He has been busy with the Meta announcement this past week as well as participating in the Chamber Breakfast meeting on November 11.

b) Communications

c) Approval of bills between Oct 31, and Nov 13, 2025 in the amount of \$1,762,238.00

Motion by Zach Zopp, second by Frank Ferree, to approve. Motion carried by acclamation.

d) Presentation and Public Hearing on the City of Beaver Dam Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026

Finance Director Kayla Larson presented an overview of the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year for 2026. Following the presentation, a public hearing was held. No one appeared at the public hearing; The public hearing was closed.

3) Ordinances

a) **ORDINANCE NO. 8-2025** An Ordinance Rezoning Parcel No. 206-1114-0422-057 Located at 202 West Maple Avenue from Commercial District to Two-Family Residential District. This is the first and second reading.

Motion by Jack Yuds, second by Zach Zopp, to approve. A public hearing was held. No one appeared at the public hearing. The public hearing was closed. The preceding motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Frank Ferree, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Mick Fischer, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, 11. Abstain: Jeff Bierman, Cris Olson; 2, Noes: None.

b) **ORDINANCE NO. 9-2025** An Ordinance Rezoning Parcel No. 206-1114-0412-088, 206-1114-0412-089, and 206-1114-0412-091 Located at 105/109/113 North Lincoln Avenue from Commercial District to Multi-Family Residential District. This is the first and second reading,

Motion by Chris Ganske, second by Nancy Wild, to approve. A public hearing was held. No one appeared at the public hearing. The public hearing was closed. The preceding motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Frank Ferree, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Mick Fischer, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, 11. Abstain: Jeff Bierman, Cris Olson; 2, Noes: None.

4) Resolutions

a) **RESOLUTION NO. 93-2025** A Resolution to Approve the City of Beaver Dam 2026 Fee Schedule

Motion by Joseph Bonnett, second by Andrew Perkins, to approve. The preceding motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Frank Ferree, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Mick Fischer, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, 11. Abstain: Jeff Bierman, Cris Olson, 2. Noes: None.

b) **RESOLUTION NO. 94-2025** A Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget

Motion by Kevin Burnett, second by Chris Ganske, to approve. The preceding motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Frank Ferree, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Mick Fischer, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, 11. Abstain: Jeff Bierman, Cris Olson, 2. Noes: None.

- c) **RESOLUTION NO. 95-2025** A Resolution Adopting the Budget for the City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin for the Fiscal Year 2026

Motion by Kevin Burnett, second by Nancy Wild, to approve. The preceding motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Frank Ferree, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Mick Fischer, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, 11. Abstain: Jeff Bierman, Cris Olson, 2. Noes: None. Administrator Bierke thanked Finance Director Kayla Larson for working with all the department heads and getting the budget together during the transition between administrators.

- d) **RESOLUTION NO. 96-2025** A Resolution Authorizing a State/Municipal Financial Agreement for a Signal and ITS Standalone Program Project

Motion by Joseph Bonnett, second by Zach Zopp, to approve. The preceding motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Frank Ferree, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Mick Fischer, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, 11. Abstain: Jeff Bierman, Cris Olson, 2. Noes: None.

- e) **RESOLUTION NO. 97-2025** A Resolution Awarding the Contract for the 2025 Library Building Window Replacement Project

Motion by Joseph Bonnett, second by Andrew Perkins, to approve. The preceding motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Frank Ferree, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Mick Fischer, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, 11. Abstain: Jeff Bierman, Cris Olson, 2. Noes: None.

5) Adjourn

Motion by Kevin Burnett, second by Jack Yuds, to adjourn. Motion carried by acclamation. The mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicky Orth
Deputy City Clerk

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