



City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Common Council Meeting Minutes
205 S. Lincoln Ave; Council Chambers
Monday, December 1, 2025
7:30 PM

1) Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Marck. Present: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Elwood Lee Flaherty arrived at 7:41pm, Mick Fischer, Jennifer Hiley, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Cris Olson, Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, Jeff Bierman, 13. Absent and Excused: Frank Ferree, 1.

- a) Pledge - Silent Deliberation
- b) Public Comment

A number of people attended the informal public hearing, with 7 who spoke regarding the Data Center. A list of those who addressed the council is on file in the City Clerk's office and is available upon request.

c) Announcements

The Swan Park Rotary Lights are up and running; everyone is encouraged to check them out. Nomination papers are now available in the Clerk's office and need to be returned by January 6, 2026. Nomination papers need 20 signatures for an Alderman. Non-candidacy papers are due no later than December 26, 2025, if you are not running. Saturday, December 6, 2025, Santa's Hometown Holiday Adventure will be taking place in Beaver Dam. There will be many activities throughout the city to participate in. The Chamber will have the annual tree lighting at 4:30pm; John Neumann, Parks & Forestry Supervisor, will have the honor of lighting it. In honor of John's retirement at the end of this year, he will be the Christmas Parade Marshall which begins at 5:00pm in downtown Beaver Dam. The Red Kettle concert is December 7 at BDHS; the Beaver Dam Community Orchestra Concert is December 14 at 5pm & 7pm; the Beaver Dam Area Childrens Choir will have a concert on December 14 at 2pm.

d) Disposition of Minutes of the Common Council Meeting November 17, 2025

Motion by Chris Ganske, second by Andrew Perkins, to approve. Motion carried by acclamation.

2) Presentations & Reports

a) City Administrator Report

Administrator Bierke reported that he had finished going through the 400 pages of the City Code. He has written up a list of questions and sent them out to the Supervisors and Attorneys and expects to see some updates in the future to some of the codes. The HR specialist position has been approved, and we are planning to move forward and hopefully fill the position by January. It was decided not to hire a consultant, and staff decided it would be in the City's best interest to hire someone directly.

b) Communications

c) Approval of bills between Nov 14, and Nov 25, 2025 in the amount of \$860,019.85

Motion by Zach Zopp, second by Nancy Wild, to approve. Motion carried by acclamation.

3) Resolutions

a) **RESOLUTION NO. 98-2025** A Resolution Modifying the 2025 Capital Budget and Reallocating Funds

Motion by Jack Yuds, second by Joseph Bonnett, to amend Resolution No. 98-2025 to separate out the \$13,000 for the Hometown Plaza Downtown project as its own item.

Discussion was held over what the funds would be used for by the Hometown Plaza Downtown project. The Hometown Group is looking to obtain a plan and drawings to be able to get a concept and cost to help determine what the next step is in the process. The preceding motion failed by the following vote: Ayes: Mick Fischer, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Jeff Bierman, 4. Noes: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Jennifer Hiley, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Cris Olson, Andrew Perkins, Zach Zopp, 9.

Motion by Kevin Burnett, second by Chris Ganske, to approve Resolution No. 98-2025 as presented with no modifications. The preceding motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Jennifer Hiley, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Cris Olson, Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Zach Zopp, Jeff Bierman, 11. Noes: Mick Fischer, Jack Yuds, 2.

b) **RESOLUTION NO. 99-2025** A Resolution Adopting the 2025 Multi-Use Trail Plan

Motion by Cris Olson, second by Andrew Perkins, to approve. The preceding motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Jennifer Hiley, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Cris Olson, Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, Jeff Bierman, 12. Noes: Mick Fischer, 1.

c) **RESOLUTION NO. 100-2025** A Resolution Charging Off Delinquent Miscellaneous Accounts Receivable

Motion by Kevin Burnett, second by Zach Zopp, to approve. The preceding motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Mick Fischer, Jennifer Hiley, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Cris Olson, Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, Jeff Bierman, 13. Noes: None.

4) Mayoral Appointments

a) Presentation and possible approval of Jeff Bierman to the Operations Committee

Motion by Cris Olson, second by Andrew Perkins, to approve. Motion carried by acclamation.

5) Adjourn

Motion by Kevin Burnett, second by Chris Ganske, to adjourn. Motion carried by acclamation. The mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicky Orth
Deputy City Clerk

