



City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Common Council Meeting Minutes
205 S. Lincoln Ave; Council Chambers
Monday, February 2, 2026
7:30 PM

1) Call to Order – Roll Call

The meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Marck. Present: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Jennifer Hiley, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, Jeff Bierman, 11. Absent: Frank Ferree, Mick Fischer, Cris Olson, 3. Also in attendance: Members of Wayland Academy's annual Culture Convention; BDADC Executive Director Trent Campbell; representatives of the Oppidan Data Center and several members of the public.

a) Pledge - Silent Deliberation

b) Presentation regarding Wayland Academy's annual "Culture Convention" on February 28, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Lindsay Gym.

c) Informal Public Hearing

Chief Wesle spoke to the City Council members regarding the final study of 5 bugles regarding the facility project on the Fire Station. The reports were given to the alders and this will be on the agenda at the next meeting. There were 13 members of the public who spoke out regarding the proposed Oppidan Data Center and the Meta Data Center; and 1 person regarding how the mayor, city council and attorneys work for the city, and he does not think they are doing their jobs.

d) Announcements

This weekend Cabin Fever Fest was held this past weekend. The event was a great success and fun was had by all.

e) Disposition of Minutes of the Common Council Meeting January 5, 2026

Motion by Jennifer Hiley, second by Joseph Bonnett, to approve. Motion carried by acclamation.

2) Presentations & Reports

a) City Administrator Report

City Administrator Bierke reported that we are working on an updated dog bite ordinance with the Administrative Committee. A new policy manual is also being created and should be ready to present in February. Bierke also attended the Wisconsin Economic Development Conference last week and received good training, ideas and information that will be helpful in the future.

b) Communications

c) Approval of bills between Jan 03, and Jan 29, 2026 in the amount of \$7,575,026.85

Motion by Kevin Burnett, second by Chris Ganske, to approve. Motion carried by acclamation.

- d) BDADC Executive Director Trent Campbell regarding the proposed Oppidan Data Center

BDADC Executive Director Trent Campbell gave a review of the proposed Oppidan Data Center. This center is smaller than the data center north of this project. Oppidan is out of Minnesota and this development does not require a non-disclosure agreement. The project will be a 90,000 square foot facility on approximately 13.21 acres. The facility will have precast panels and would be purchased for \$31,000/acre. There are no TID incentives and the developer will provide a minimum \$40 million of taxable value. Alliant has served a "Will Serve" letter; the water and stormwater systems are working with engineering, the city and Oppidan. There will be a need for 2 points of access for ingress & egress, which may benefit city in the long-term because of the traffic congestion in that area. The developer will be paying for city attorney fees; demo; and brokerage fees. It is expected to have 15 full-time jobs once completed. Council members asked a variety of questions about the build time, noise levels, emissions, air permits, and water consumption.

3) Ordinances

- a) **Ordinance No.1-2026** Amending Section 66-40 of the City of Beaver Dam Municipal Code - Second Reading

Motion by Zach Zopp, second by Andrew Perkins, to approve with amendment of section 66.40 (b)(3)(a)(2) reading 8 not 9. Nobody appeared at the public hearing. The preceding motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Jennifer Hiley, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, Jeff Bierman, 11. Noes: None.

- b) **Ordinance No. 2-2026** Amending Section 66-41 of the City of Beaver Dam Municipal Code - Second Reading

Motion by Joseph Bonnett, second by Nancy Wild, to approve with amendment of section 66.40 (b)(3)(a)(2) reading 8 not 9. Nobody appeared at the public hearing. The preceding motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Jennifer Hiley, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, Jeff Bierman, 11. Noes: None.

4) Resolutions

- a) **RESOLUTION NO. 2-2026** A Resolution Authorizing a Professional Services Agreement for Administration of the 2025 Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water Fund Loans

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

- b) **RESOLUTION NO. 3-2026** A Resolution Approving the American Ramp Company Turnkey Quote for Phase 1 Skate Park Improvements

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

- c) **RESOLUTION NO. 4-2026** A Resolution Awarding the Contract for the West PRV Station SCADA Integration Project

Motion by Joseph Bonnett, second by Chris Ganske, to approve. The preceding motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Ellwood Lee Flaherty, Jennifer Hiley, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, Jeff Bierman, 11. Noes: None.

- d) **RESOLUTION NO. 5-2026** A resolution approving the 2026 contract for stray animal services between the City of Beaver Dam and the Dodge County Human Society.

Motion by Jennifer Hiley, second by Monica Keel, to approve. The preceding motion Passed by the following vote: Ayes: Joseph Bonnett, Kevin Burnett, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Jennifer Hiley, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Andrew Perkins, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, Jeff Bierman, 11. Noes: None.

5) Adjourn

Motion by Kevin Burnett, second by Elwood Lee Flaherty, to adjourn. Motion carried by acclamation. The mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicky Orth