



City of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin
Common Council Meeting Minutes
205 S. Lincoln Ave; Council Chambers
Monday, September 8, 2025
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: Ken Anderson, Joseph Bonnett, Frank Ferree, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Mick Fischer, Jennifer Hiley, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Cris Olson, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, 12. Absent & Excused: Kevin Burnett, Andrew Perkins, 2.

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

Monday, September 15, 2025, is the Budget Workshop Meeting at 6:30pm to be held at the DPW building. We are not planning to have a council meeting on Monday, September 22, 2025.

Our new City Administrator, Larry Bierke, will be starting Tuesday, September 16, 2025, and Jay's last day is September 15, 2025.

On Tuesday, September 2, 2025, the Library had a soft opening at the new temporary location and on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at noon for the grand opening of the Library at its temporary location while the remodeling project is done at the Library.

Starting September 14, 2025, there will be a week-long Artisan residency program that is sponsored by the AAUW along with a variety of community partners. They have come together to bring photographer, writer, teacher, speaker John Noltner, who grew up here in Beaver Dam, to Beaver Dam, for the entire week. He will have a display at the Dodge County Center for the Arts. There will be many activities throughout the week to hear about John and his various programs.

The Beaver Dam Pepper Festival will be held this Saturday, September 13, 2025, at the Park Village Shopping Center.

- d) Disposition of Minutes of the Common Council Meeting August 18, 2025

Motion by Nancy Wild, second by Chris Ganske, to approve. Motion carried by acclamation.

2) Presentations & Reports

- a) City Administrator Report

Department heads have been working on the budget and Kayla will get the budget materials to you by Friday at the latest.

The Administrative Committee had a discussion on the ordinance on chickens and the discussion will be continued at future meetings with the new administrator. The Clerks' office is also researching Class A licenses, as there is a shop in the downtown area which wishes to sell wine and there are no Class A licenses available per our current ordinance. The Plan Commission met last week and the school district and City have been working together very well and things are going in a positive direction.

- b) Communications
- c) Approval of bills between Aug 15, and Sept 4, 2025 in the amount of \$5,959,399.56

Motion by Zach Zopp, second by Chris Ganske, to approve. Motion carried by acclamation with Fischer abstaining.

3) Resolutions

- a) **RESOLUTION NO. 79-2025** A Resolution to Acknowledge a Donation from the Rotary Club of Beaver Dam toward the Swan Park Spring House Renovation Project

Rotary Club chair of the service project committee, Dale Schmidt, talked about the Rotary Lights project and how it came together over the years. This is the 9th year of the lights at Swan Park, and it gets better every year. The project has been able to raise funds over the years with sponsors. They raised enough funds to donate \$10,800 to the City for the roof on the Spring House, which had initially been paid for by the City.

Motion by Cris Olson, second by Mick Fischer, to approve. The preceding motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Ken Anderson, Joseph Bonnett, Frank Ferree, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Mick Fischer, Jennifer Hiley, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Cris Olson, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, 12. Noes: None.

- b) **RESOLUTION NO. 80-2025** A Resolution Authorizing the City of Beaver Dam to Obtain a Loan Through the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands State Trust Fund Loan Program in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,500,000 and to Levy a Tax in Connection Therewith

This Resolution was postponed.

- c) **RESOLUTION NO. 81-2025** A Resolution Updating the Authorized Signers on the City's Bank Accounts

Motion by Jack Yuds, second by Nancy Wild, to approve. The preceding motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Ken Anderson, Joseph Bonnett, Frank Ferree, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Mick Fischer, Jennifer Hiley, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Cris Olson, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, 12. Noes: None.

4) Discussion & Possible Action

- a) Consider the Beverage Operator License appeal of Kim Firehammer

Per the recommendation of the Chief of Police, the administrative committee denied the beverage operator license renewal at a prior meeting. Ms. Firehammer responded with a letter of appeal, but did not appear at the meeting to present any information regarding her appeal.

Motion by Jack Yuds, second by Nancy Wild, to deny the beverage operator license for Kim Firehammer. The preceding motion passed by the following vote: Ayes: Ken Anderson, Joseph Bonnett, Frank Ferree, Elwood Lee Flaherty, Mick Fischer, Jennifer Hiley, Chris Ganske, Monica Keel, Cris Olson, Nancy Wild, Jack Yuds, Zach Zopp, 12. Noes: None.

5) Adjourn

Motion by Jennifer Hiley, second by Elwood Lee Flaherty, to adjourn. Motion carried by acclamation. The mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicky Orth
Deputy City Clerk