



City of Manitowoc

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Manitowoc, WI 54220
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Meeting Minutes

Common Council

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

NOTE: DATE CHANGED TO TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Nickels called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Alders Present: 9 - Andrew Dunbar, Michael Cummings, William DeBaets, Brian Anderson, Bill Schlei, Eric Sitkiewitz, Brett Norell, Todd Reckelberg and Jodi Brey

Alders Absent: 1 - Chad Beeman

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

D. PRESENTATIONS

[26-0203](#) Proclamation declaring the month of April as Parkinson's Awareness Month

[26-0218](#) Commendation by Mayor Nickels to recognize Police Chief Nick Reimer

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

F. PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor declared the meeting open for public input. In accordance with policy, the public input portion of the meeting is not made part of the official record.

G. APPOINTMENTS AND BUSINESS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR

H. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Removal of Consent Agenda Items

None

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Moved by Cummings, seconded by Anderson, to accept the Consent Agenda Items and recommendations of the various committees. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Dunbar, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

2. Miscellaneous

[26-0204](#) Minutes of the February 16, 2026 Common Council meeting; recommending approval and place on file

[26-0219](#) Resignation from Violet Salley from the Crime Prevention Committee effective March 5, 2026; recommending acceptance and place on file

3. Committee of the Whole (Consent)

[26-0223](#) Report of Special Events Committee relative to the approval of the following events: Jr Ships Tournament on 5/2/2026; Aviary Grand Opening Two Mile Walk on 6/6/2026; Ministry over Industry on 7/25/2026; Malt City Brewfest on 8/1/2026; MPSD Summer Band Concert on 8/6/2026; Trunk or Treat on 10/20/2026; ASL Ugly Sweater 5k on 11/7/2026; recommending acceptance of report and place on file

[26-0224](#) Report of Special Events Committee relative to the approval of the following waiver of fees: 8U Shipbuilders Game on 5/11/2026; 8U Shipbuilders Tournament on 5/17/2026; City of Manitowoc Employee Picnic on 7/9/2026; Memorial Day Picnic on 5/25/2026; recommending acceptance of report and place on file

4. Finance Committee (Consent)

[26-0157](#) Hearing on Denial of Taxicab Driver's License application (TD-2605) for J. Honkanen; recommending approval of the license pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 111.335

[26-0158](#) Application of "Class B" Retail Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage License (TAV-2542A), Trattoria Tennie LLC, 2204 Washington St; recommending to approve license

[26-0159](#) Request from PetSkull Brewing for a temporary extension of premises for the sale of liquor and/or beer on North 11th Street boulevard between York and Buffalo Streets for Tuesday Food Truck Rally from 5/5/26 to 9/29/26 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm; recommending to approve the request

[26-0160](#) 2025 Municipal Court Statistics Report; recommending to place on file

[26-0205](#) General City Claims in the amount of \$10,884,300.35 enumerated on list thereof, recommending that the claims be allowed and ordered paid and Mayor, Clerk and Finance Director/Treasurer are instructed to issue the necessary order

[26-0221](#) Report of Finance Committee to grant the various licenses subject to approvals, inspections, insurance, payment of license fees and meeting State Statute requirements, as detailed therein

5. Personnel Committee (Consent)

[26-0135](#) Transit Grievances-Teamsters No. 662-Discussion and Possible Action; recommending to deny both grievances

[26-0137](#) Request to Approve Inspection Supervisor Job Description; recommending to approve as presented

6. Public Infrastructure Committee (Consent)

[26-0211](#) Report of Board of Public Works of 3/4/2026, of bids received for 2026 Concrete Paving I Program, Project WS-26-1; recommending awarding to Vinton Construction Company in the amount of \$1,911,997.76

[26-0212](#) Report of Board of Public Works of 2/18/2026, of bids received for Complaints Remove & Replace Sidewalks, Project WS-26-13; recommending awarding to Seiler Bros. Construction Inc in the amount of \$77,690.00

[26-0213](#) Report of Board of Public Works of 2/18/2026, of bids received for Remove & Replace Existing Sidewalks, Project WS-26-3; recommending awarding to Seiler Bros. Construction Inc in the amount of \$135,885.00

[26-0214](#) Report of Board of Public Works of 2/18/2026 for an appeal for snow removal assessment for property located at 815 St. Clair Street; recommending to grant the appeal given that the property owner forfeits the right to appeal any future snow removal assessments for 815 St. Clair Street

[26-0215](#) Report of Board of Public Works of 3/4/2026, of quotes received for Ready Mix Concrete for 2026 Construction Season, QM-26-1; recommending awarding to Carew in the amount of \$107,850.00

7. Public Safety Committee (Consent)

[26-0171](#) Sex Offender Residency Board Appeal for Domanick Robinson; recommending to deny the appeal

8. Plan Commission (Consent)

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Committee of the Whole

[26-0225](#) Report of Special Events Committee recommending approval of the following events subject to Council Action: Fourth on the Shore on 7/4/2026 (Approval of road closure on 7/4/26: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - N 6th Street from York Street to Maritime Drive, parade lineup area - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. - S 8th Street from Madison Street to Washington, Parade route - 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - S 8th Street and Washington to Maritime Drive, Maritime Drive to Huron Street Immediately following parade - Maritime Drive from N 7th Street to the driveway of the Inn on Maritime Bay to be closed until 5:00 p.m. Starting cleanup at 4:00

p.m. so it might reopen earlier. Lane of each side of Maritime Drive closed from 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. for parking); Zoo Snooze on 8/8/2026-8/9/2026 (Waiver of park hours for Lincoln Park Zoo for 8/8/2026-8/9/2026); Sputnikfest on 9/12/2026 (Road closure of Park Street from N 7th Street through St Clair Street from 6:00 a.m. on 9/11/2026 to 9/13/2026 until 7:00 p.m., and on N 8th Street from State Street through St Clair Street for the same time period)

Moved by Cummings, seconded by Norell, that this Report be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Dunbar, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

2. Finance Committee

[26-0161](#)

Wisconsin DNR Outdoor Recreation Aids Grant Agreement (SADLP6261473_URGP626199) for \$500k with a \$500k Local Match

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Dunbar, that this Agreement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Dunbar, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0162](#)

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Subrecipient Agreement with Manitowoc County for Water Main Extension Phase 2 & 3 Amendment

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Reckelberg, that this Agreement be accepted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Dunbar, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0229](#)

CAWG Request (Unbudgeted) from Police Department for amount not to exceed \$90,000 for Squad Car Camera System

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Reckelberg, that this Request be approved as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Dunbar, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0231](#)

Report of IDC relative to the Option and Right of First Refusal with Kinzel Wood Products for property located on S. Alverno Road (Parcel #449-008-014)

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Reckelberg, to approve the request and instruct City Staff to complete all items related to the Right of First Refusal. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Dunbar, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0244](#)

Out of State Travel/Training Request for Anne Marie Skinner to attend 2026 National Planning Conference (NPC26) on April 25-28, 2026 in Detroit, Michigan

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Reckelberg, that this Request be approved as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Dunbar, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

3. Personnel Committee

[26-0064](#) Approval of Police Department Administrative Restructure

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Norell, that this Request be approved as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Dunbar, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0226](#) Resolution for Seasonal Employment Pay Rates 2026

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Norell, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Dunbar, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0230](#) Resolution to Appoint Assistant Chief Benjamin Kraynek to Fire Chief effective 5/30/2026

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Norell, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Dunbar, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

4. Public Infrastructure Committee

[26-0216](#) Resolution Approving the Three-Year Harbor Development Statement of Intentions for 2027-2029

Moved by Schlei, seconded by Anderson, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Dunbar, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0217](#) 2025 Annual MS4 Report

Moved by Schlei, seconded by DeBaets, that this Report be accepted and placed on file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Dunbar, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0220](#) Amendment to Public Transit Lease Agreement between Maritime Metro Transit and Assist to Transport

Moved by Schlei, seconded by DeBaets, that this Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Dunbar, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

5. Public Safety Committee

[26-0172](#)

School Resource Officer Agreement for the City of Manitowoc and the Manitowoc Public School District

Moved by Reckelberg, seconded by DeBaets, that this Agreement be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Dunbar, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

6. Plan Commission

[26-0227](#)

Resolution for Final Plat for River Point Subdivision

Moved by Schlei, seconded by DeBaets, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Dunbar, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

J. OTHER BUSINESS

K. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Cummings, seconded by Sitkiewitz, that this meeting be adjourned at 7:02 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 9 - Dunbar, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

**Mackenzie Reed
City Clerk**