



City of Manitowoc

900 Quay Street
Manitowoc, WI 54220
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Meeting Minutes

Common Council

Monday, February 16, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

Note: This meeting will also be held via remote conferencing software (Zoom)

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

Alders Present: 10 - Andrew Dunbar, Chad Beeman, Michael Cummings, William DeBaets, Brian Anderson, Bill Schlei, Eric Sitkiewitz, Brett Norell, Todd Reckelberg and Jodi Brey

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

D. PRESENTATIONS

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

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

2. Miscellaneous

[26-0117](#)

Resignation from Heather Buchko from the Crime Prevention Committee effective February 5, 2026; recommending acceptance and place on file

[26-0118](#) Thank you letter from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for donation from the Schuette, Wernecke, Wilda, and Rank Christmas Fund; recommending to accept and place on file

[26-0119](#) Minutes of the January 19, 2026 Common Council meeting; recommending approval and place on file

3. Committee of the Whole (Consent)

[26-0122](#) Report of Special Events Committee relative to the approval of the following events: Manitowoc Farmers Market on Saturdays from 5/2/2026-10/31/2026; Ultimate Lakeshore Weekend on 6/20/2026-6/21/2026; Cool City Classic Car Cruise on 6/26/2026 and Walk to End Alzheimer's on 9/26/2026; recommending acceptance of report and place on file

[26-0123](#) Report of Special Events Committee relative to the approval of the following waiver of fees: Manitowoc Fish and Game Meetings on second Wednesday each month in 2026 except July, November and December; Shop with a Cop on 12/9/2026-12/11/2026; recommending acceptance of report and place on file

4. Finance Committee (Consent)

[26-0076](#) Hearing on Denial of Taxicab Drivers License application (TD-2603) for P. Murphy; recommending to approve the license application; recommending to approve as presented

[26-0079](#) Application of "Class B" Retail Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage License (TAX-2541A), Izumi Sushi & Asian Fusion LLC, 50 Maritime Dr; recommending to approve as presented

[26-0080](#) Request from Department of Tourism for issuing a credit card, with a limit of \$10,000, for online advertising costs; recommending to approve as presented

[26-0081](#) Request from Roncalli High School to rescind invoices 0600937 and 0575526; recommending to approve as presented

[26-0082](#) Request from the Chief of Police to increase credit card limits from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for the Assistant Chief, Deputy Chief and Training LT; recommending to approve as presented

[26-0083](#) Agreement with Open Meeting Technologies, LLC for Meeting Management Software for Council Meetings; recommending to approve as presented

[26-0087](#) Two Year Operators License (#250326) for M. Garcia; recommending approval of the license pursuant to WI State Statute 111.335

[26-0113](#) General City Claims in the amount of \$4,626,793.76 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

5. Personnel Committee (Consent)

6. Public Infrastructure Committee (Consent)

- [26-0066](#) Archer Street Lift Station - Facilities Plan Required, recommending approval
- [26-0069](#) S. 19th Street Lift Station - Construction Oversight Amendment, recommending approval
- [26-0071](#) Request to Place Crosses on Hill by Evergreen Cemetery 2026, recommending approval
- [26-0115](#) Report of Board of Public Works of 2/4/2026 for 3rd and final payment of \$72,619.73 to Horizon Construction and Exploration LLC for Removal of PCB Impacted Soil from Former Mirro Site, WO-25-10; recommending payment
- [26-0116](#) Report of Board of Public Works of 1/21/2026 for 2nd and final payment of \$55,806.53 to Vinton Construction for 9th & Jay Streetscape Project, WS-25-16; recommending payment
- [26-0125](#) Report of Board of Public Works of 2/4/2026, of bids received for Manitowoc Skatepark Expansion, WS-26-15; recommending awarding to 5th Pocket Skateparks in the amount of \$198,350.00
- [26-0126](#) Report of Board of Public Works of 2/4/2026, of bids received for Red Arrow Beach Access Improvements, WS-26-14; recommending awarding to Vinton Construction Company in the amount of \$1,079,300.10
- [26-0127](#) Report of Board of Public Works of 2/4/2026, of bids received for Televising Miscellaneous Sewers I, WU-26-5; recommending awarding to Aqualis in the amount of \$70,277.19
- [26-0128](#) Report of Board of Public Works of 2/4/2026, of bids received for Sewer Re-Lining Project, WU-26-7; recommending awarding to Visu-Sewer in the amount of \$309,546.00
- [26-0131](#) Report of Board of Public Works of 2/4/2026, of bids received for Supplemental Environmental Remediation at the Former Mirro Property, WO-26-11; recommending awarding items 1-7, 10 and 14 of the Base Bid to Gorman and Company as the low bidder on those items for a total of \$145,011.19
- [26-0132](#) Various Progress Invoices from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation; recommending payment

7. Public Safety Committee (Consent)

- [26-0106](#) Request for a Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon Pedestrian sign at South 14th and Division Street; recommending approving the request contingent upon MPSD agreeing to cover the cost
- [26-0108](#) Manitowoc Fire Rescue billing dispute, Incident # 25-4325; recommending to deny the dispute

8. Plan Commission (Consent)

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Committee of the Whole

[26-0121](#) Ordinance to revise Manitowoc Municipal Code 3.800, Code of Ethics

Moved by Cummings, seconded by Schlei, that this Ordinance be adopted with the correction of the scrivener's error. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0124](#) Report of the Special Events Committee recommending approval of the following events subject to Council Action: Faith Church Sunrise Easter Service on 4/5/2026 (Waiver of sound ordinance for the service, 6:15 a.m.-6:45 a.m.); First Presbyterian Church Sunrise East Celebration on 4/5/2026 (Waiver of sound ordinance and park hours to accommodate the 5:00 a.m.-7:00 a.m. time of event); Food Truck Rally on Tuesdays from 5/5/2026-9/29/2026 (Road closure of N 11th Blvd from York St to Buffalo St every Tuesday from 4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.); Memorial Day Parade on 5/25/2026 (Road closure of S 8th St from Madison St to Huron St and west onto Huron St/Michigan Ave to N 18th St); Metro Jam on 6/19/2026-6/20/2026 (Waiver of alcohol at Washington Park); Outdoor Movie Night on 7/2/2026, 8/6/2026 and 10/2/2026 (Waiver of alcohol at Washington Park on 8/6/2026 and 10/2/2026); Kenny's Softball Tourny on 7/24/2026-7/26/2026 (Waiver of alcohol at Citizen Park)

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

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0129](#) Memorandum of Understanding with Two Rivers for Inspection Services

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

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

2. Finance Committee

[26-0077](#) Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of not to Exceed \$22,500,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes

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

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0078](#) Scope of Engagement Re: Proposed Issuance of \$22,500,000 City of

Manitowoc (the "City") General Obligation Promissory Notes (the "Securities")

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

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0084](#)

US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Project Funding Grant (B-24-CP-WI2349) for \$625,000; \$625,000 from HUD with \$0 Local Match

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

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0085](#)

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Brownfields Grant Grant (BF FY26-54638) for \$250,000; \$250,000 from WEDC with minimum \$250,000 Local Match

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

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0086](#)

Resolution Authorizing Submission of the FY2026 WDNR Federal Recreation Trail Program (RTP) Grant to support the River Point District trail

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

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0088](#)

Potential Purchase of River Point Drive Lots 1 & 2

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Schlei, to approve staff to accept and sign Offer to Purchase and enter into negotiations on term sheet. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0133](#)

Resolution Authorizing Submission of the FY2026 USDOT Build Grant on Behalf of Briess Malt & Ingredients Co. & Grainshore LLC

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

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0134](#)

Resolution Authorizing Submission of the FY2026 USDOT MARAD PIDP Grant on Behalf of Briess Malt & Ingredients Co. & Grainshore LLC

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

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

3. Personnel Committee

[26-0063](#) Resolution to Appoint Assistant Police Chief John Musial to Police Chief effective 03/21/2026

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

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

4. Public Infrastructure Committee

[26-0067](#) Design Proposals for Franklin Street Reconstruction

Moved by Schlei, seconded by DeBaets, that this Request be approved contingent upon review by City Attorney. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0068](#) Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Funding Support Resolution

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

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0070](#) Ordinance to Repeal Section 3.580 - Final

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

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0114](#) Port of Manitowoc - Tonnage and Harbor Activity Report for year 1-01-2025 - 12-31-2025

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

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

5. Public Safety Committee

6. Plan Commission

[26-0056](#) PC 12-2024: The Neighborhood of Manitowoc County Inc; Annual Review of an Adaptive Reuse Conditional Use Permit for the Establishment of

Transitional Housing located at 1010 Huron Street

Moved by Schlei, seconded by DeBaets, to re-approve the 2024 Adaptive Re-Use Conditional Use Permit subject to the attached amended conditions dated February 16, 2026. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0057](#)

PC 18-2023: Lotus Recovery Homes, Inc; Annual Review of a Conditional Use Permit for the Establishment of Transitional Housing located at 419 Park Street

Moved by Schlei, seconded by DeBaets, to approve the re-issuance of the Conditional Use Permit to Lotus Recovery Homes Inc., for a Transitional Housing Use located at 419 Park Street including an amendment to condition "E" and elimination of condition "J". The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0058](#)

PC 23-2023: Lotus Recovery Homes, Inc; Annual Review of a Conditional Use Permit for the Establishment of Transitional Housing located at 1111 Marshall Street

Moved by Schlei, seconded by DeBaets, to approve the re-issuance of the Conditional Use Permit to Lotus Recovery Homes, Inc. for a Transitional Housing Use located at 1111 Marshall Street including the elimination of Condition "H" regarding the annual review. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0059](#)

PC 24-2023: Lotus Recovery Homes, Inc; Annual Review of a Conditional Use Permit for the Establishment of Transitional Housing located at 404, 406 & 408 Lake Street

Moved by Schlei, seconded by DeBaets, to approve the re-issuance of the Conditional Use Permit to Lotus Recovery Homes Inc., for a Transitional Housing Use located at 404, 406 and 408 N. Lake Street including the elimination of condition "G". The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0060](#)

PC 25-2023: The Haven; Annual Review of a Conditional Use Permit for the Establishment of Transitional Housing located at 826 S. 19th Street

Moved by Schlei, seconded by DeBaets, to approve the re-issuance of the Conditional Use Permit to The Haven of Manitowoc County for a Transitional Housing Use located at 826 S 19th Street including and the elimination of

condition "E". The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

[26-0061](#)

PC 6-2023: McMullen and Pitz Co. / IMF Real Estate Holdings, LLC: Annual Review of a Conditional Use Permit for the Establishment of a Construction Laydown / Storage Yard Located at 866 S. 26th Street

Moved by Schlei, seconded by DeBaets, to approve the annual review of the Conditional Use Permit to McMullen & Pitz Construction Company for the operation of a Contractor's Equipment Storage Yard pursuant to the attached amended conditions. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

J. OTHER BUSINESS

K. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Cummings, seconded by Schlei, that this meeting be adjourned at 6:54 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 10 - Dunbar, Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

**Mackenzie Reed
City Clerk**