



City of Manitowoc

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Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Committee

Monday, August 11, 2025

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Note: This meeting will also be held via Remote
Conferencing Software (Zoom)

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Beeman, Reckelberg, Cummings, DeBaets and Anderson

3. Public Comment

No Public Comment

4. Consent Agenda

These items will be approved by one motion unless any Committee Member wishes to remove an item for discussion.

REMOVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: None.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Aye: 5 - Beeman, Reckelberg, Cummings, DeBaets and Anderson

[25-0581](#) July 2025 Public Safety Monthly Report

Attachments: [07-14-2025 PS MINUTES](#)

[25-0582](#) July 2025 Police Department Monthly Report

Attachments: [July 2025 Police Department Monthly Report](#)

[25-0583](#) July 2025 Fire Rescue Department Monthly Report

Attachments: [July 2025 Fire Rescue Monthly Report](#)

[25-0584](#) July 2025 Building Inspection Monthly Report

Attachments: [07-2025 BI Summary Report](#)

[25-0585](#) July 2025 Blight Program Update

Attachments: [07-2025 Blight Program Funds](#)

5. Discussion and Action Items

[25-0586](#) Sex Offender Residency Board Appeal for Curtis Lee Suriano.

Moved by Reckelberg, seconded by DeBaets, that this Action Item be approved and referred to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Beeman, Reckelberg, Cummings, DeBaets and Anderson

[25-0587](#) Sex Offender Residency Board Appeal for Sean Mitten.

Moved by Reckelberg, seconded by Anderson, that this Action Item be approved and referred to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Beeman, Reckelberg, Cummings, DeBaets and Anderson

[25-0588](#) Prohibited dangerous animal objection by James Surrells for Fafo.

Attachments: [James Surrells - Animal Order](#)
[James Surrells objection letter](#)

After discussions with dog owner James Surrells and Police Chief Nick Reimer, the Public Safety Committee has decided to postpone any action on this matter for now. This topic will be tabled and revisited at a future meeting.

Moved by Cummings, seconded by Reckelberg, that this Action Item be tabled and revisited at a future meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Beeman, Reckelberg, Cummings, DeBaets and Anderson

[25-0589](#) Request to install a stop sign at S. 8th Street and Columbus Street for southbound traffic.

Attachments: [Stop sign at S. 8th and Columbus St. for southbound traffic](#)

Moved by DeBaets, seconded by Cummings, that this Action Item be approved and referred to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Beeman, Reckelberg, Cummings, DeBaets and Anderson

[25-0594](#) Request for No Parking on North 20th Street between Michigan Avenue and New York Avenue.

Attachments: [No Parking on North 20th Street](#)
[Parking on North 20th Street](#)

Engineering Division Manager, Greg Minikel recommended removing parking on the west side of North 20th Street between New York Avenue and Michigan Avenue based on how narrow the street is.

Moved by Cummings, seconded by Reckelberg, that this Action Item be approved and referred to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Beeman, Reckelberg, Cummings, DeBaets and Anderson

[25-0590](#) FEMA Port Security Grant

Attachments: [FEMA Port Security Grant](#)

Fire Chief Blaser stated that, due to staffing challenges, the United States Coast Guard will not maintain a presence in Manitowoc County. Applying for this grant offers the Manitowoc Fire Rescue Department a chance to obtain funding to improve the protection of our lakeshore and harbor. This federal grant includes a cost match component: 75% is covered by the federal funding, while the City is responsible for the remaining 25%. Given this 25% cost share, Chief Blaser seeks your approval to pursue this grant opportunity.

Moved by DeBaets, seconded by Reckelberg, that this Action Item be approved and referred to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Beeman, Reckelberg, Cummings, DeBaets and Anderson

[25-0591](#) Safe Haven Baby Box Information Packet and Lease Service Agreement

Attachments: [Safe Haven Baby Box Informational Packet](#)
[Safe Haven Baby Box Lease and Service Agreement](#)

This item is being presented for approval to establish a Safe Haven Baby Box in the City of Manitowoc. The Baby Box serves as a safety device for newborns, featuring an automatic locking door that secures the baby once placed inside. There is an interior door that allows medical staff to retrieve the surrendered baby from within the designated building safely.

The proposed location for the Baby Box is at Manitowoc Fire Rescue Station 3, located at 3820 Dewey Street. Funding for this initiative will be sourced from grants and fundraising efforts organized by the Manitowoc County Safe Haven Baby Boxes Initiatives Committee.

Moved by Cummings, seconded by Reckelberg, that this Action Item be approved and referred to Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Beeman, Reckelberg, Cummings, DeBaets and Anderson

6. Adjournment

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

Aye: 5 - Beeman, Reckelberg, Cummings, DeBaets and Anderson