



City of Manitowoc

900 Quay Street
Manitowoc, WI 54220
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Meeting Minutes

Common Council

Monday, January 19, 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: 9 - Chad Beeman, Michael Cummings, William DeBaets, Brian Anderson, Bill Schlei, Eric Sitkiewitz, Brett Norell, Todd Reckelberg and Jodi Brey

Alders Absent: 1 - Andrew Dunbar

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION

D. PRESENTATIONS

[26-0040](#) City Clerk administers Oath of Office to Firefighter/EMT Aiden Wagner, followed by Badge Pinning

[26-0041](#) City Clerk administers Oath of Office to Firefighter/EMT Kyle Pelnar, followed by Badge Pinning

[26-0042](#) City Clerk administers Oath of Office to Firefighter/Paramedic Matan Magen, followed by Badge Pinning

[26-0043](#) City Clerk administers Oath of Office to Firefighter/Paramedic Nicholas Runge, followed by Badge Pinning

[26-0031](#) 2025 Lakeshore Holiday Parade Awards

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS

[26-0032](#) Public Hearing to be held at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing any and all interested parties in the matters of the Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives at a site located in the 600 block of E Reed Avenue, Manitowoc, WI (Parcel# 052-520-031-073) and the FY26 USEPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant Application

Mayor declared the meeting open for a public hearing on this matter.

City Clerk reported that the notice of the public hearing was published in the Herald Times Reporter on January 2, 2026. (Proof of publication is on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

No parties appeared to speak on this matter.

Mayor declared the public hearing closed. (A recording of the entire public hearing is on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

[26-0033](#)

Public Hearing to be held at 6:31 p.m. for the purpose of hearing any and all interested parties in the matters of the Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives at the former CN Peninsula site located in the 1200 block of Chicago Street, Manitowoc, Wisconsin and the FY26 USEPA Brownfield Cleanup Grant Application

Mayor declared the meeting open for a public hearing on this matter.

City Clerk reported that the notice of the public hearing was published in the Herald Times Reporter on January 2, 2026. (Proof of publication is on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

No parties appeared to speak on this matter.

Mayor declared the public hearing closed. (A recording of the entire public hearing is on file in the City Clerk's Office.)

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 - Beeman, Cummings, DeBaets, Anderson, Schlei, Sitkiewitz, Norell, Reckelberg and Brey

2. Miscellaneous

[26-0034](#)

Resignation from Danielle Paulson from the Crime Prevention Committee effective immediately; recommending acceptance and place on file

[26-0035](#) Thank you letters from Peter's Pantry, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay and The Salvation Army for donation from the Schuette, Wernecke, Wilda, and Rank Christmas Fund; recommending to accept and place on file

[26-0036](#) Minutes of the December 15, 2025 Common Council meeting; recommending approval and place on file

3. Committee of the Whole (Consent)

[26-0045](#) Report of Special Events Committee relative to the approval of the following events: Promenade the Park for Parkinson's on 4/25/2026, Wingz Lakeside Open on 4/25/2026, Wingz Disc Golf on 10/3/2026, SAAM 5K 2026 on 4/25/2026 and Manitowoc Marine Band Concerts 6/18/2026, 7/16/2026 and 7/31/2026; recommending acceptance of report and place on file

[26-0046](#) Report of Special Events Committee relative to the denial of the following waiver of fees: Girl Scout Troop Activities; recommending acceptance of report and place on file

4. Finance Committee (Consent)

[26-0003](#) 4th Qtr. 2025 Claims Report from City's Attorney Office; recommending to place on file

[26-0004](#) Claims against the City of Manitowoc for Mailbox Damage; recommending to authorize the Attorney's Office to approve up to \$150.00 per claim for mailbox claim

[26-0007](#) Two Year Operators License (#250314) for Z. Breihof; recommending denial of license pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 111.335

[26-0008](#) One Year Operators License (#OP1-25018) for K. Johansen; recommending approval of the license pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 111.335

[26-0038](#) General City Claims in the amount of \$19,503,172.51 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

[26-0039](#) Report of Finance Committee to grant the various licenses subject to approvals, inspections, insurance, payment of license fees and meeting State Statute requirements, and detailed therein; recommending approval

5. Personnel Committee (Consent)

[25-0909](#) Residency Exception Request for Police Department; recommending to approve the request

6. Public Infrastructure Committee (Consent)

- [26-0014](#) Manitowoc Futbol Club Agreement, recommending approval
- [26-0018](#) Approval of Recreation Fees, recommending approval
- [26-0020](#) Request to name a set of Tennis Courts at Lincoln Park in honor and memory of Bob Nelson, recommending approval
- [26-0044](#) Report of Board of Public Works of 1/7/2026, of bids received for Council Chambers Audio/Video Upgrade - WO-26-12; recommending to award to Fearing's Audio Video subject to final staff revisions

7. Public Safety Committee (Consent)

- [26-0025](#) Manitowoc Fire Rescue billing dispute, call 25-2247; recommending to deny the dispute
- [26-0029](#) Sex Offender Residency Board Appeal for Jovanni Ortiz; recommending to deny the appeal

8. Plan Commission (Consent)

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Committee of the Whole

- [26-0047](#) Report of the Special Events Committee recommending approval of the following events subject to Council Action: Great Lakes Watercross on 8/21/2026-8/23/2026 (Waiver of park hours at Red Arrow Park as some items will remain overnight)

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

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

2. Finance Committee

- [26-0005](#) Claims against the City of Manitowoc Policy Draft

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

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

- [26-0006](#) Charter Ordinance to create section 2.100 of the Manitowoc Municipal Code regarding primary elections

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

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

[26-0037](#) Request to rescind partial 2025 tax bill for parcel 590-005-040 due to palpable error

Moved by Sitkiewitz, seconded by Reckelberg, to rescind as requested. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

3. Personnel Committee

4. Public Infrastructure Committee

[26-0015](#) Resolution for Silver Creek Stream Restoration Project

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

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

[26-0016](#) T-Mobile Hometown Grant - Red Arrow Beach Access Resolution

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

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

[26-0017](#) WIDNR Surface Wetland Surcharge Grant Resolution

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

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

[26-0048](#) City Facility Use Agreement between the City of Manitowoc and Simply Paddle, LLC for Use of City Park and Recreation Facilities

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

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

5. Public Safety Committee

6. Plan Commission

J. OTHER BUSINESS

K. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Cummings, seconded by DeBaets, that this meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Mackenzie Reed
City Clerk