

Common Council Minutes
Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM

The Common Council of the City of Neenah, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, met in regular session at 7:00 PM, March 5, 2025, in the Council Chambers of Neenah City Hall.

Mayor Lang is the chair.

Present: Aldermen Boyette, Erickson, Hillstrom, Lendrum, Weber, Pollnow, Steiner, Ellis, and Council President Borchardt. Staff present Deputy Director of Finance Kahl, Interim Director of Community Development & Assessment Schmidt, Director of Public Works Kaiser, City Attorney Rashid, and City Clerk Nagel.

Also Present: Fire Chief Teesch, Police Chief Olson, Police Office Beniot, Tanner Ater and family, and those listed on the attached Attendance Sheets.

Mayor Lang called the meeting to order at 7: 01 pm.

I. The Mayor/Aldermen recorded their attendance on the RollCall-Pro System as the Clerk called the roll. Alderman Erickson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Presentation

A. Life Saving Award Presentation from the Police Department to Tanner Ater.
Police Chief Olson presented Tanner Ater a Life Saving Award for responding to a roll-over vehicle accident in which the car started on fire. Mr. Ater was the first on the scene, armed with a fire extinguisher, and assisted in the extraction of the two passengers, thus saving their lives on a one of the coldest days of the year. Mr. Ater embodies the spirit of community.

III. Introduction and Confirmation of Mayor's Appointment(s)

- A. ~~Appoint Rebecca Heidke Kwiatkowski to Sustainable Neenah for a three-year term expiring December 2028.~~ Removed at the meeting.
- B. Appoint Marcy Griffen to Committee of Aging for a three-year term expiring September 2028.
- C. Re-appoint Patti Goodman to Committee of Aging for a three-year term expiring September 2028.

There being no objections with the removal of Item A, the Mayor's appointments were approved by unanimous consent.

IV. Approval of Council Proceedings

A. [Approval of the Council Minutes and Proceedings of February 19, 2025](#) regular session.

B. **(UC)**

There being no objections, the Council Minutes and Proceedings were ordered approved as written by unanimous consent.

V. Public Forum

A. Speakers should give their name and residential address (not mailing address) and are allowed five minutes to speak on any topic.

Mayor Lang opened the public forum at 7:05 pm. After three calls for public comments, there were no appearances. Mayor Lang closed the public forum at 7:06 pm.

- VI. Mayor/Council consideration of public forum issues
- A. None.
- VII. Consent Agenda
- A. None.
- VIII. Reports of standing committees
- A. [Regular Public Services and Safety Committee meeting of February 25, 2025:](#)
(Chairman Lendrum/Vice Chairman Hillstrom) (Minutes can be found on the City website)
1. Committee recommends Council approve the purchase of a Toro Groundmaster 5910, 16' Mower LM2, from Reinders, Inc, in the amount of \$154,060.14, with the funding source being the 2025 Capital Equipment Budget. **(RollCall-Pro)**
MSCR Lendrum/Weber to approve the purchase of a Toro Groundmaster 5910, 16' Mower LM2 as recommended by the Public Services and Safety Committee, all voting aye.
 2. Committee recommends Council approve Final Resolution 2025-01-Installation of Asphalt Pavement and Curb/Gutter for properties served on Bruce Street from Castle Oak Drive to the northern most property line of 2411 Bruce Street, and Southfield Court (Bruce St. to Terminus). **(RollCall-Pro)**
MSCR Lendrum/Hillstrom to approve Final Resolution 2025-01-Installation of Asphalt Pavement and Curb/Gutter as recommended by the Public Services and Safety Committee, all voting aye.
 3. Committee recommends Council approve Final Resolution 2025-02-Installation of sanitary sewer laterals and water services for properties served on the following streets: Caroline Street (S. Lake St. to Terminus), Douglas Street (Henry St. to S. Commercial St.), Elm Street (Division St. to Wisconsin Ave.), and Hickory Lane (W. Cecil St. to Baldwin Ave.). **(RollCall-Pro)**
MSCR Lendrum/Borchardt to approve Final Resolution 2025-02-Installation of sanitary sewer laterals and water services as recommended by the Public Services and Safety Committee, all voting aye.
- B. [Regular Finance and Personnel Committee meeting of February 24, 2025:](#)
(Chairman Erickson/Vice Chairman Boyette) (Minutes can be found on the City website)
1. Meeting cancelled, no report.
- C. [NMFR Joint Finance & Personnel Committee meeting of February 25, 2025:](#)
(Chairman Boyette) (Minutes can be found on the City website)
1. Committee recommends both Councils authorize the purchase of a 2025 Chevy 1500 Silverado from Bergstrom Automotive for a total of \$50,186.50 with the remaining \$12,314 for miscellaneous equipment not to exceed \$62,500. **(RollCall-Pro)**
MSCR Boyette/Pollnow to authorize the purchase of a 2025 Chevy 1500 Silverado as recommended by the NMFR Joint Finance & Personnel Committee, all voting aye.

- IX. Reports of special committees and liaisons and various special projects committees
- A. [Regular Plan Commission meeting of February 25, 2025](#): (Council Rep Steiner)
(Minutes can be found on the city website)
1. Meeting cancelled, no report.
- B. [Board of Public Works meeting of February 20, 2025](#): (Vice Chairman Hillstrom)
(Minutes can be found on the City website)
1. Information only, no report.
- C. [Board of Public Works meeting of March 4, 2025](#): (Vice Chairman Hillstrom) (Minutes can be found on the City website)
1. Consideration of Committee recommendation to award Contract 1-25, Utility and Street Construction, on Alexander Drive, Bruce Street, Forest Manor Court, Lexington Court, and Southfield Court, to Donald Hietpas & Sons Construction, Inc., Little Chute, in an amount of \$1,235,111.18. **(RollCall-Pro)**
MSCR Hillstrom/Lendrum to award Contract 1-25 as recommended by the Board of Public Works, all voting aye.
 2. Consideration of Committee recommendation to award Contract 2-25, Utility and Street Construction, on Elm Street and Douglas Street, to Feaker & Sons Co., Inc., De Pere, in an amount of \$1,482,526.65. **(RollCall-Pro)**
MSCR Hillstrom/Lendrum to award Contract 2-25 as recommended by the Board of Public Works all voting aye.
 3. Consideration of Committee recommendation to approve Final Pay Request No. 9, Contract 3-24, Utility and Street Construction, on Bayview Road, Quarry Lane, and Reed Street, to Donald Hietpas & Sons Co., Inc., Little Chute, in an amount of \$207,818.72. **(RollCall-Pro)**
MSCR Hillstrom/Lendrum to approve Final Pay Request No. 9, Contract 3-24, as recommended by the Board of Public Works, all voting aye.
- D. Community Development Authority
1. [Report from the CDA of March 3, 2025](#) – Interim Director Schmidt
 - a. Interim Director Schmidt gave a presentation on the draft Housing Study, which was emailed to the Council. There will be a formal presentation of the Housing Study by the consultant at the March 19th Council meeting.
- E. Sustainable Neenah Committee
1. [Report from the Sustainable Neenah Committee Meeting of February 26, 2025](#)– Alderman Lendrum
 - a. The Committee discussed different ideas for booths at the Neenah Farmer’s Market to promote sustainability. Nothing was decided.
- F. Bergstrom Mahler Museum
1. Report from the Bergstrom Mahler Museum Meeting of February 26, 2025 – Council President Borchardt
 - a. Night at the Museum: Baccarat was a huge success! We raised \$104,165.00!
 - b. Upcoming Exhibition: Teen Voices in Glass, February 28 – April 18, 2025
 - c. Members Opening and Award Ceremony, February 27th at 5:30pm.
 - d. Fun-Raiser: Catching Fire Virtual Auction, June 4th- July 14th, Live Virtual Auction, June 11th at 7pm CST

- e. Community Event: Art After Dark: The Event of the Season, March 20th 5:30pm -8:30pm
- G. Parks & Recreation Commission
 - 1. [Report from the Park Commission of February 20, 2025](#) – Alderman Weber
 - a. The Committee met newly hired Recreation Supervisor Megan Thompson.
 - b. There was discussion regarding a Council presentation on Carpenter Preserve.
 - c. The Commission approved an agreement with Sail Neenah, a private company working out of Neenah Harbor. The business provides sailboat tours on Lake Winnebago.
 - d. The Commission approved an agreement to hire Wooly Green Grazers to conduct a grazing program over approximately 6 acres at Carpenter Preserve.
- X. Presentation of petitions
 - A. Any other petition received by the City Clerk's Office after distribution of the agenda.
 - 1. No petitions.
- XI. Council Directives
 - A. None.
- XII. Unfinished Business
 - A. None.
- XIII. New Business
 - A. Any announcements/questions that may legally come before the Council.
 - 1. None.
- XIV. Adjournment
 - Motion by Pollnow/Boyette to adjourn, all voting aye. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Nagel, City Clerk