



City of Neenah
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Neenah City Hall – 211 Walnut Street
Council Chambers

The Common Council of the City of Neenah, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., December 17, 2025, in the Council Chambers of Neenah City Hall.

Mayor Lang is the chair.

Present: Aldermen Bruno, Erickson Linski, Ellis, Pollnow, Lendrum, Weber, and Council President Borchardt. Alderman Steiner was excused. Staff present Director of Finance Rasmussen appeared by phone, Director of Community Development & Assessment Nieforth, Public Works Director Kaiser, City Attorney Rashid, and City Clerk Nagel.

Also Present: Fire Chief Teesch, and those noted on the attached Meeting Sign-In Sheets.

Mayor Lang called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

I. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

The City Clerk called a voice roll call as the Mayor/Aldermen recorded their attendance in the RollCall-Pro System followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Alderman Lendrum.

A. Committees (Unanimous Consent)

1. Re-appointment Lee Hillstrom, Jim Wise, and Eric Maggio to the Parks & Recreation Commission for a three-year term expiring December 2028.
2. Re-appointment Greg Weyenberg to the Neenah-Menasha Sewerage Commission for a three-year term expiring December 2028.

Seeing no objections, the Mayor's appointments were ordered approved as written.

B. 2026-2027 Elections Board (**RollCall-Pro**)

1. Poll Worker Nominations to the City of Neenah 2026-2027 Elections Board. (Attached)

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Weber to approve the Poll Worker Nominations to the City of Neenah's 2026-2027 Elections Board. Motion carried in a 7-0-1 with Lendrum abstaining.

Alderman Lendrum advised she would be abstaining because she is a poll worker and believes there is a conflict of interest.

Alderman Pollnow inquired if there was a screening process or if there was discretion of who is appointed a poll worker. Clerk Nagel responded that the parties nominate their poll workers who are appointed, and the unaffiliated are up to the Clerk's discretion.

II. Approval of Council Proceedings

A. [Approval of the Committee of the Whole Minutes of December 3, 2025.](#)

B. [Approval of the Council Minutes and Proceedings of December 3, 2025 regular session.](#)
(UC)

Alderman Pollnow took issue with the regular Council Minutes for December 3, 2025, under Public Services and Safety item A.1. regarding Arrowhead Park professional services. Specifically, the sentence in the second paragraph reading, "Attorney Rashid indicated that no, there has not been information withheld from Council and Council ratified the contract with outside counsel. Advice given by contracted outside counsel is confidential, therefore not shared with Council or the public."

Discussion ensued regarding the interruption of the meeting minutes. Attorney Rashid was asked to confirm that this is what was discussed. Attorney Rashid confirmed that if he were to share confidential information, it would be done in closed session.

Motion by Alderman Pollnow, seconded by Council President Borchardt to modify the minutes to correctly state what the City Attorney had stated about the contract would be a confidential matter discussed in closed session.

Additional discussion ensued regarding the language in the minutes. Attorney Rashid advised that this is an interruption of what was said at the meeting. The sentence is correct in that advice from outside counsel is confidential until the City Attorney deems it appropriate to be shared, if ever. If an outside attorney is giving legal advice the city attorney or a department head with regard to a project that is still subject to closed session, it is within the city attorney's discretion to disseminate that information to the Council or to the public when deemed appropriate.

VOTE: Motion failed in a roll call vote, 2-6, with Pollnow and Weber voting aye, and Borchardt, Bruno, Erickson, Linski, Ellis and Lendrum voting nay.

Mayor Lang re-asked, if there were any objections to approve the minutes as unanimous consent. Seeing no objections, the Minutes and Proceedings were ordered approved as written.

III. Public Forum

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

1. Jennifer Navarro, resident of Milwaukee. Ms. Navarro informed the Council of a bad business transaction with Gibson's Auto Salvage. Council informed her that Gibson's Auto Salvage is located in the Village of Fox Crossing and she would have to go to the Village for assistance. Ms. Navarro also gave a brief synopsis of her family history, being her grandfather was one of the founding members of the State of Wisconsin.

2. Brian Defferending, 686 Oak Street – Announced his candidacy for Alderman District 1.

- IV. Mayor/Council consideration of public forum issues
- A. Alderman Lendrum asked if Ms. Navarro had family history documents that the city could get copies of.
- V. Consent Agenda (**Unanimous Consent**)
- A. None.
- VI. Reports of standing committees
- A. [Regular Public Services and Safety Committee Meeting of December 9, 2025:](#) (Chairman Lendrum/Vice Chairman Weber) (Minutes can be found on the City website)
1. Committee recommends Council approve Preliminary Resolution 2025-19: Sanitary Sewer Lateral and Water Service Construction on Elm Street, Henry Street, Laudan Boulevard, Reed Street and Sterling Avenue. **(RollCall-Pro) Motion by Lendrum, seconded by Weber to approve Preliminary Resolution 2025-19 as recommended by Committee. All voting aye.**
- B. [Regular Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting of December 8, 2025:](#) (Chairman Steiner/Vice Chairman Erickson) (Minutes can be found on the City website)
1. Meeting cancelled, no report.
- C. [NMFR Joint Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting of December 9, 2025:](#) (Council President Borchardt) (Minutes can be found on the City website)
1. Committee recommends the Cities of Neenah and Menasha Common Councils approve the purchase of a stock 2025 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado from Bergstrom Automotive not to exceed \$50,000 and to purchase radio, lights, graphics and other miscellaneous equipment from various vendors for a total project cost not to exceed \$67,000. **(RollCall-Pro) Motion by Borchardt, seconded by Pollnow to approve the purchase of a stock 2025 Chevrolet 1500 Silverado and equipment as recommended by Committee. All voting aye.**
- II. Reports of special committees and liaisons and various special projects committees
- A. [Regular Plan Commission Meeting of December 9, 2025:](#) (Alderman Steiner) (Minutes can be found on the City website)
1. Meeting cancelled, no report.
- B. [Board of Public Works Meeting of December 11, 2025:](#) (Vice Chairman Lendrum) (Minutes can be found on the City website)
1. Board recommends Council approve Final Pay Request, Contract 4-24, Sanitary and Water Main Replacement, S. Park Avenue, to Scott Lamers Construction, in the amount of \$65,569.50. **(RollCall-Pro) Motion by Lendrum, seconded by Ellis to approve Final Pay Request, Contract 4-24 as recommended by the Board. Motion carried in a roll call vote, 8-0.**

- C. [Board of Public Works Meeting of December 17, 2025](#): (Vice Chairman Lendrum)
(Minutes can be found on the City website)
1. Consider Board recommendation on Final Pay Request, Contract 2-25, Street and Utility Construction, Douglas Street and Elm Street, to Feaker & Sons Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$77,875.94. **(RollCall-Pro)**
Motion by Lendrum, seconded by Borchardt to approve Final Pay Request Contract 2-25 as recommended by the Board. Motion carried in a roll call vote, 8-0.
 2. Consider Board recommendation on Final Pay Request, Contract 3-25, Street and Utility Construction, Caroline Street and Hickory Lane, to David Tenor Corporation, in the amount of \$198,464.94. **(RollCall-Pro)**
Motion by Lendrum, seconded by Pollnow to approve Final Pay Request Contract 3-25 as recommended by the Board. Motion carried in a roll call vote, 8-0.
- D. [Report from the Business Improvement District Board \(BID Board\) Meeting of December 16, 2025](#) – Alderman Ellis
1. Meeting cancelled, no report.
- E. [Report from the Neenah Arts Council Meeting of December 10, 2025](#) – Alderman Erickson.
1. Meeting cancelled, no report.
 2. Recap of A Very Neenah Christmas and A Very Neenah Christmas Market events.
 1. This was a very successful event all three days. There were many out-of-town visitors that came to our Downtown for this event.
 2. Preliminary numbers was over 13,000 in attendance on Friday alone.
- F. [Report from the Library Board Meeting of December 17, 2025](#) – Alderman Erickson.
1. Reported on the upcoming events.
 2. There is a wide variety of puzzles to checkout at the library for up to four weeks.
- G. [Report from the Landmarks Commission Meeting of December 10, 2025](#) – Alderman Weber.
1. Meeting cancelled, no report
- III. Presentation of petitions
- A. Any other petition received by the City Clerk's Office after distribution of the agenda.
1. Annexation 239, Dogwood Trail, from the Town of Neenah to the City of Neenah. Will go to Finance and Personnel on December 29, Public Services and Safety on December 30, and Council for final approval on January 7.
- IV. Council Directives
- A. None.

V. Unfinished Business

- A. Alderman Pollnow asked for a status update on the additional borings contract for Arrowhead Park. Director Nieforth stated the contract will be going to the Public Services and Safety Committee on December 30th and Council on January 7th. The work will take place in early January.

VI. New Business

- A. Any announcements/questions that may legally come before the Council.
1. Alderman Bruno announced that the Bergstrom Mahler Museum of Glass is having their Holiday Celebration at the same time as the Council Meeting. She will give a report at the next meeting, however, there are exhibitions going on right now that she wanted everyone to be aware of and passed out a Save the Date flyer.

VII. Adjournment

Motion by Alderman Pollnow, seconded by Alderman Weber to adjourn. Motion carried in a voice vote 8-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Charlotte Nagel, City Clerk

**CITY OF NEENAH – COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025
ATTENDANCE SHEET**

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**CITY OF NEENAH – COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2025
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SAVE THE DATE! There are always great things to do at YOUR MUSEUM:

- **Exhibition:** *Collection Showcase* through December 31, 2025
- **Exhibition:** *A Legacy of Giving: The Collection of Sue Soy*, December 12– August 26, 2025
- **Exhibition:** *Building Skyward: Michael Mikula* through February 15, 2026
- **Community Event:** *Fused By Number* Community Reception, December 18th from 4pm - 6pm. **Admission Free.** <https://bmmglass.com/fused-by-numbers/>
- **FUN-Raiser:** *Annual Fund Drive*, Now through January 15th, 2026. May we count on you to make a year-end donation today? Your gift to the Museum is truly a gift to your community!
This year, generous museum supporters Kathy and Bob Brost, Jock and Maria Stafford, Sandra and John Valentine, and Christine Waterhouse have graciously agreed to a combined \$40,000 matching gift during our year-end appeal. Your gift will be amplified dollar-for-dollar! <https://bmmglass.com/donate/>
- **FUN-Raiser Event:** *The Crystal Ball presented by Miron Construction*, February 28th from 7-10pm. at the Reserve Building in downtown Neenah. Tickets \$150 pp, \$1,500 per table of 8, sponsorships available. <https://bmmglass.com/the-crystal-ball/>
- **Check out our upcoming Art Activity Days:** <https://bmmglass.com/product-category/classes/art-activity-days/>
- **Check out available classes:** <https://bmmglass.com/product-category/classes/adult-classes/>