

CITY OF SHULLSBURG, WISCONSIN
COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 30, 2024

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held October 30, 2024 in the Community Room of the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center, 190 N. Judgement Street, Shullsburg, Wisconsin. Mayor Verne Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted at the Townsend Center, Shullsburg Post Office and Turpin's Home Town Grocery. Roll Call- Gloria Swenson, Emmett Reilly, Cheryl Mulcahy, Dan Morrissey - Present. Others present- Emily Pedley Fecht, Janelle Jackson, Nick Doyle and Janelle Schumacher

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment – None

Open Burn Dates – The Council briefly discussed the recent rainfall and agreed that conditions are safer now for a brief open burning season. *Motion by Reilly, second by Morrissey to approve Open Burning from November 6 through November 23, 2024. All aye, motion carried.*

2025 Shullsburg Swim Team – Janelle Jackson and Emily Pedley Fecht presented information to the Council regarding a survey that they did recently to see if there's public interest in a swim team. Fecht is advising on the subject as the Swim Team Director in Lancaster, and having experience from participating in it herself and with her kids. Fecht spoke about the conference and which teams are still involved since Shullsburg stopped their involvement. They proposed hosting two home meets and holding practices in the evening, in between evening swim lessons and open swim times. They discussed potential scheduling conflicts, fees associated with the program, as well as potential staffing needs. *Motion by Swenson second by Mulcahy to approve the continued planning of a 2025 Swim Team. All aye, motion carried.*

City Property Lease Renewal – Morrissey explained to the Council that he had been approached by a potential tenant who wishes to lease city property in 2025 for agriculture use. The Council discussed lease terms and agreed to have Mayor Jackson negotiate the terms of the lease with the potential tenant. *Motion by Morrissey second by Swenson to approve Mayor Jackson to negotiate lease terms with Martin Farms and bring a potential lease agreement back to the Council for approval. All aye, motion carried.*

2025 Proposed Annual Budget – The Council reviewed and discussed the Proposed Budget to be published in the Republican Journal in advance of the budget hearing on December 4, 2024 to approve the final budget. *Motion by Reilly second by Swenson to approve publishing the draft of the 2025 Proposed Budget. All aye, motion carried.*

Resolution #2024-23 Authorizing Borrowing – The Council discussed the borrowing needs for 2025, as well as the terms of a potential loan and rates from Clare Bank and Shullsburg Community Bank. *Motion by Reilly second by Swenson to approve Resolution #2024-23 Authorizing Borrowing in an amount not to exceed \$237,000. All aye, motion carried.*

Resolution #2024-24 Authorizing a Levy Limit Increase for Payments to EMS - *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to approve Resolution #2024-24 Authorizing a Signatory Municipality to Exceed the Levy Limit for the Shullsburg Emergency Medical Services Joint District. All aye, motion carried.*

Resolution #2024-25 Authorizing a Levy Limit Increase for Payments to Fire District *Motion by Swenson second by Reilly to approve Resolution #2024-25 Authorizing a Signatory Municipality to Exceed the Levy Limit for the Shullsburg Fire Protection District. All aye, motion carried.*

Closed Session – *At 5:27 p.m. a motion was made by Reilly second by Mulcahy to convene into closed session.* Roll Call - Morrissey-yes, Swenson-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy-yes. Motion carried. Closed Session is Pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85 (1)(c) for the Purpose of Considering Employment, Promotion, Compensation or Performance Evaluation Data of any Public Employee over which the Governmental Body has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility- Discussion of Union Contract.

Open Session – At 5:45 p.m. a motion was made by Reilly second by Mulcahy to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Swenson-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy- yes. Motion carried.

Action on Closed Session – Motion by Swenson, second by Morrissey to approve the Union Contract with the changes as discussed. All aye, motion carried.

At 6:07 PM a motion was made by Swenson, second by Mulcahy to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Janelle Schumacher
Clerk/Treasurer

