

CITY OF SHULLSBURG, WISCONSIN  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 19, 2025

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held February 19, 2025 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 6:30 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, Dan Morrissey – Present; Cheryl Mulcahy by Phone. Others present- Andy Foley, Wayne Gehrt, Paul Ranum, Troy Maggied, and Janelle Schumacher.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Minutes** – *Motion by Swenson second by Reilly to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025 and January 15, 2025 Council Meetings. All aye, motion carried.*

**Committee Reports** – Reilly reported for the Sewer Utility that Chloride testing numbers are better. He also reported that we received favorable results back from an income study that was done for a potential CDBG infrastructure grant and we are moving forward with the application. Mayor Jackson thanked those on the Council who helped secure the income study surveys for the project.

**Police Report** – A report had been emailed, and there were no further questions.

**Approve Bills** – *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to approve the bills for General, Water, Sewer, Electric, Pool, Museum, Library & TIF Funds. All aye, motion carried.*

**Public Comment** – None

**Discussion with SWWRPC on Future City Development Opportunities** – Troy Maggied from SWWRPC addressed the Council and facilitated a discussion about the exploration of housing development along with the potential industrial park expansion project. He commented that, as a planner, he believes it's good to have 3-4 potential projects as options for future development. He reminded the Council that with the EDA grant, the Industrial Park project could be up to 60% funded by the grant. Morrissey stated that without any funding assistance to pay for a residential project, due to the high cost of developing the lots, that he is opposed to new development considering there are still lots at Parkview and on Pickanax. Morrissey questioned Maggied about where the money would come from to develop residential property. Reilly reminded the group that the Lafayette County Housing Authority is projected to be building workforce housing as a second phase of their project. Maggied informed the group that there is no grant money available for housing. Morrissey reminded the group about potential plans for the 2025 Infrastructure Improvement project, as well as questioned what funding will be needed for a potential Badger Park project. Maggied pointed out that the focus should be on increasing both the city's tax base as well as school enrollment. Mayor Jackson ended the discussion by thanking Maggied for his input.

**Proposed 2025 Infrastructure Improvement Funding** – Based on previous discussions and information presented by Delta 3 Engineering, the Council discussed funding an infrastructure improvement project with a DNR grant and low interest loan through the Clean Water Fund program. *Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to approve the acceptance of the DNR Grant and Loan Funding. All aye, motion carried.*

**Introduction of Resolution Regarding the Vacation & Discontinuance of an Abandoned Right of Way between South Judgement Street and South Sidney Street** – The Council introduced Resolution 2025-02 to vacate an abandoned right of way between South Judgement Street and South Sidney Street. A public hearing will be set for April 15, 2025. *Motion by Reilly second by Swenson to approve the introduction of the resolution as discussed. All aye, motion carried.*

**Proposed Industrial Park Expansion Street Name** – There was a brief discussion regarding a potential new street name as part of the Industrial Park Expansion project. The preliminary engineering plan shows a new street called Inspiration Lane, however the Council was given discretion to change the name. The Council discussed Prospect Lane or Dairy Drive. Reilly mentioned allowing a donor to name the

street in exchange for a \$100k donation to the project. *Motion by Morrissey second by Swenson to approve naming the new street Prospect Lane. All aye, motion carried.*

**Badger Park Field Use Agreement** –The Council considered a new policy and reservation agreement for groups who wish to reserve the football/baseball/softball field at Badger Park. *Motion by Swenson second by Morrissey to approve the Badger Park Field Use Agreement as discussed. All aye, motion carried.*

**Swim Team Registration Information** – The Council considered the registration information and form for the upcoming Swim Team season. The information will be distributed to area schools in the coming weeks. *Motion by Reilly second by Swenson to approve Swim Team Registration Information. All aye, motion carried.*

**Polling Place Emergency Plan** – The emergency plan was updated to remove Marsha Einsweiler and add Janelle Schumacher. *Motion by Reilly second by Swenson to approve the updated Polling Place Emergency Plan. All aye, motion carried.*

**Townsend Center Emergency Generator Proposal** – The Council reviewed a proposal from Schmidt Electric for an emergency generator in the amount of \$81,960. The proposal will be partially funded by a grant awarded by FEMA and Wisconsin Emergency Management. *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to approve the Schmidt Electric quote. All aye, motion carried.*

**Townsend Center Pressure Washing** – The Council considered an estimate from All-Star Power Wash to wash and seal the Townsend Center Building for \$8477 and the retaining wall for \$3728, as well as to clean, prep and paint several doors for \$2500. There were questions and additional discussion about the painting, as well as the treatments that were being proposed. Mayor Jackson will seek clarification on those items and it will be revisited at the next meeting.

**Clerk/Treasurer Report** – Monthly financial reports were emailed; No questions at this time. The audit process began this week, with a preliminary visit from the audit team and will continue through mid-March. The upcoming Spring election will be held on April 1, 2025.

**Closed Session** – At 7:12 p.m. a motion was made by Swenson second by Reilly to convene into closed session. Roll Call - Morrissey-yes, Swenson-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy-no. Closed Session is Pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85 (1)(e) for the deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session including the consideration of purchase of property.

**Open Session** – At 7:46 p.m. a motion was made by Swenson second by Reilly to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Swenson-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy-yes, by phone. *Motion carried.*

**Action on Closed Session** – *Motion by Reilly second by Swenson to approve the negotiation of purchasing the property as discussed up to a limit of \$150,000. Roll call vote – Swenson-yes, Reilly-yes, Mulcahy-yes, Morrissey-abstained. All aye, motion carried.*

**Closed Session** – At 7:51 p.m. a motion was made by Reilly second by Swenson to convene into closed session. Roll Call - Morrissey-yes, Swenson-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy-no. 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 Seasonal Employee Positions and Union Employment Agreement.

**Open Session** – At 7:56 p.m. a motion was made by Swenson second by Reilly to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Swenson-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy-no. *Motion carried.*

**Action on Closed Session** – None

*At 7:57 p.m. a motion was made by Swenson second by Reilly to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.*

Janelle Schumacher  
Clerk/Treasurer