

CITY OF SHULLSBURG, WISCONSIN
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2025

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held March 12, 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 5:30 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, Cheryl Mulcahy – Present; Others present- Jenny Jacobsen, Tom Lethlean, Deb Lethlean, Terri Woodworth, Stan Woodworth, Andy Foley, Wayne Gehrt, Tyson Morrissey, Darrell Morrissey, Jen Detra, Lisa Morrissey, and Janelle Schumacher.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment – Wayne Gehrt questioned the Council on what the cost per lot is of the proposed residential subdivision that is being considered. Jackson stated that because the item is not on the agenda, it would not be discussed. Morrissey responded that it would be between \$110,000 and \$130,000 per lot.

Shullsburg Market Special Event Application – *Motion by Morrissey second by Swenson to approve Shullsburg Market Special Event Application for June 21, July 19, August 16, and September 20, 2025. All aye, motion carried.*

Car Show Special Event Application – *Motion by Swenson second by Morrissey to approve Car Show Special Event Application for June 7, 2025. All aye, motion carried.*

Beer Garden Ordinance – The Council discussed a request to amend Section 4-32 of the Municipal Code to allow for music to be played in a beer garden. The Council discussed allowing music to be played, upon approval of a proper Special Event application. *Motion by Swenson second by Morrissey to approve looking into amending Section 4-32 (e)(d) of the Code of Ordinances to allow music in a beer garden as an exception for special events, celebrations or similar activities. All aye, motion carried.*

Future use of 208 Heller Court – There was a brief discussion regarding the potential future use of 208 Heller Court, once the current tenants have moved to the new housing development. At the request of Terri Woodworth, Mayor Jackson read the possible options that were given to the Council by Lafayette County Housing Authority Developer, Lynn Halverson in a document dated October 1, 2024. The options are to sell the land as is, sell the land with the existing building removed, keep the land and remove the building and build duplexes, or remove the building and build another service for Shullsburg. It was stated that this decision will ultimately be made by the County, as it is their property. Stan Woodworth requested to comment and stated that he has a concern with the street in front of the building, as it is being maintained by the city and plowed by the city in the winter, however he does not believe it is a city street. He believes it is the property of the County. He wants to make sure that before anything is done with the property that he is able to secure an easement to his property. No action taken.

Townsend Center Digital Sign – Mayor Jackson gave an update on the project of raising money for a new digital sign at the Townsend Center. The sign will be purchased from Dubuque Sign Company. This will replace the current sign that was purchased in 2010. There is landscaping being done this Spring, which will complement the addition of the sign. He thanked the following people and groups for their donations to the project: Lethlean Family, Shullsburg Lions Club, McCoy Public Library, Advance Shullsburg. The City of Shullsburg will cover the remaining \$44.00 that was not donated, as well as pay for the plaques recognizing the donors. *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to approve the receipt of the donations mentioned, as well as the purchase and installation of a new digital sign. All aye, motion carried.*

Soil Boring Proposal for WWTP Project – The Council considered a proposal for \$6,520 from Chosen Valley Testing, Inc. for soil borings for the WWTP Final Clarifier Project. *Motion by Swenson second by Morrissey to approve the proposal as presented for WWTP Clarifier Project soil borings. All aye, motion carried.*

Preliminary Resolution for Sidewalk Assessments on South Judgement Street – The Council reviewed a Preliminary Resolution for Sidewalk Assessments on South Judgement Street to be completed
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in 2025. *Motion by Morrissey second by Mulcahy to approve Resolution 2025-03 Declaring the Intent of the City of Shullsburg to Assess Payment Relating to Replacement of Concrete Sidewalk on South Judgement Street. All aye, motion carried.*

Burning Grounds Opening Day – The Council discussed the opening date for the burning grounds for the season. *Motion by Swenson second by Mulcahy to approve opening the burning grounds on Saturday, April 5, 2025, the first Saturday in April. All aye, motion carried.*

Mine Sampling – Mayor Jackson reported to the Council that he met with a scientist from the University of Illinois who would like to have a small sample of rock from the mine in order to complete research on Critical and Strategic Minerals. *Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to approve a mine sample being given to Dr. Franck Delpomdor of University of Illinois for research. All aye, motion carried.*

Increase to Election Worker Wages – The Council reviewed Resolution No. 2025-04 Amending Election Inspector Wages and determined that a raise to \$13.50 per hour for Election Inspectors and \$14.50 per hour for Chief Election Inspectors. *Motion by Reilly second by Swenson to approve Resolution No. 2025-04 Amending Election Inspector Wages. All aye, motion carried.*

Upcoming Grant Applications – Clerk Schumacher updated the Council about grant applications that are open and available to be applied for. The Council can consider potential projects that need funds need to be secured for. No action taken.

Closed Session – At 6:00 p.m. a motion was made by Mulcahy 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 6:23 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 to move forward with writing offers for the exchange of two properties contingent on City Attorney review and approval. Mayor Jackson called for a roll call vote. Roll call vote – Swenson-yes, Reilly-yes, Mulcahy-yes, Morrissey-abstained. All aye, motion carried.*

At 6:24 p.m. a motion was made by Swenson second by Reilly to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Janelle Schumacher
Clerk/Treasurer