

COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 22, 2025

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held May 22, 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, Cheryl Mulcahy – Present; Others present- Mark Doyle, Andy Foley, Casey Fennell, Darrell Morrissey, Lisa Morrissey, Jason Weiskircher and Janelle Schumacher.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes – *Motion by Swenson second by Reilly to approve the minutes of the April 15, April 23, May 1 and May 9, 2025 Council Meetings. All aye, motion carried.*

Committee Reports – All items up for discussion are part of the meeting agenda.

Police Chief Report – Chief Jerry emailed the report; there were no questions.

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

Public Comment – None

Resolution to Amend the 2024 Budget – The Council discussed amendments to the 2024 budget after adjusting journal entries that had been made during the audit. Approving the designated fund balance will be delayed until the June meeting. *Motion by Swenson second by Morrissey to approve Resolution 2025-18 Amending the 2024 Budget. All aye, motion carried.*

EMC Insurance Renewal – The Council discussed and reviewed the renewal policies from EMC Insurance for Law Enforcement Liability, General Liability, Crime, Automobile, Linebacker, Cyber, Umbrella, and Workers Compensation. The premiums increased \$4,034 to \$51,833. The law enforcement coverage was changed to reflect three part time officers. *Motion by Reilly second by Mulcahy to approve the EMC Insurance policy renewals as discussed. All aye, motion carried.*

Badger Park Project Renderings– Mayor Jackson and Mark Doyle of Delta 3 Engineering gave a brief update on the creation of the renderings to be used for fundraising for improvements at Badger Park. They weren't completed yet, but are expected to be done in the next week. Doyle described three different renderings – one with a focus on the football field design, one with a focus on the baseball field design, and one with a focus on other park aspects. No action was taken.

Open Burn Dates - *Motion by Swenson second by Mulcahy to end open burning until further notice. All aye, motion carried.*

Electronic Recycling Event – The Council discussed a proposal from COM2 Recycling Solutions to offer a no cost electronic recycling event in Shullsburg. Questions were raised as to whether there is a cost to the residents and whether residents of the county could participate as well. The Council would like answers to those questions before a decision is made. No action taken.

Tie Yard Lot Improvements – The Council discussed the parking lot known as the Tie Yard Lot. Mark Doyle confirmed that surveying has been completed. The Council discussed the last known cost estimates which included storm sewer improvements, paving and electrical work and asked Doyle to have Delta 3 provide updated cost estimates for the improvements. The Council discussed the timing of the work and agreed the project would need to be budgeted for. Delta 3 is to provide cost estimates in time for the Fall budgeting process.

Sidewalk Lights at Townsend Center – The Council discussed the sidewalk lights around the Townsend Center related to the upcoming landscaping project. The recommendation from the electric department and utility committee is to remove the lights and reassess the lighting situation after the landscaping project is complete. *Motion by Reilly second by Mulcahy to remove the sidewalk lights and posts from around the Townsend Center. All aye motion carried.*

Electric Transformer – The Council considered and discussed a request from the Electric Utility to purchase a replacement transformer servicing the Truck Country Body Shop, allowing them to upgrade their

electrical equipment. *Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to approve the purchase of a new electric transformer servicing the Truck County Body Shop. All aye, motion carried.*

Fourth of July Special Event Application – The Council considered a special event application submitted by the Shullsburg Fourth of July Committee for events taking place July 1st – 5th, as well as a fireworks permit application, temporary beer permit application and temporary closing of West Water Street and Judgement Street. Jason Weiskircher made a verbal amendment to the request stating that a portion of West Estey Street will also be closed for the carnival. The application has been reviewed and approved by the police chief. *Motion by Reilly second by Swenson to approve Fourth of July Special Event Application for July 1-5, 2025, Fireworks Permit Application, Temporary Beer Permit Application, and Temporary Closing of a Portion of West Water Street, Judgement Street and West Estey Street. All aye, motion carried.*

Donation to Fourth of July Celebration – The Council discussed the previous years donations, including \$1500 in 2024, and discussed an increase to \$2000 for 2025. *Motion by Swenson second by Morrissey to approve a donation in the amount of \$2000 to the Shullsburg Fourth of July Committee. All aye, motion carried.*

American Legion Special Event Permit Application & Expansion of Premise – The Council considered a special event permit application and expansion of premise submitted by the American Legion for June 7, 2025. The application has been reviewed and approved by the police chief. *Motion by Reilly second by Mulcahy to approve the special event permit application and expansion of premise submitted by the American Legion for June 7, 2025. All aye, motion carried.*

Class A Combination Liquor License Renewal for the Period Beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 - *Motion by Reilly second by Mulcahy to approve the following Class A Combination Liquor Licenses through June 30, 2026: C & D Properties, Inc., DBA Miner Depot, 206 State RD 11- Jeremy Saunders, Agent, C & D Properties, Inc., DBA Miner Towne Mart, 101 Miner Way-Jeremy Saunders, Agent, Shullsburg Creamery II, LLC- DBA- Shullsburg Cheese Store - 208 W. Water Street- Deborah Mueller, Agent, Turpin's Hometown Grocery, LLC-DBA- Turpin's Hometown Grocery, 130 W. Water Street-Macy Turpin, Agent, DolgenCorp LLC- DBA- Dollar General Store -344 State Hwy 11-Jacob Stankowski- Agent, JACE Boutique LLC, DBA JACE Boutique, 211 W. Water Street, Jill Reilly-Agent. All aye, motion carried.*

Class B Combination Liquor License Renewal for the Period Beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 – *Motion by Swenson second by Morrissey to approve the following Class B Combination Liquor Licenses through June 30, 2026: BKS Bar LLC, DBA-BK's Bar, 221 W. Water Street- Brian L. Harwick, Agent, Water Street Saloon, LLC-DBA- Geeves Corner Tap- 251 W. Water Street- Steve Curran, Agent, The Burg LLC- DBA The Burg, 134 W. Water Street-Dale Brandt-Agent, Second Chance Enterprises Inc- DBA Second Chance Coffee & Music- 203 W. Water Street- Patrick D Doyle-Agent, American Legion Post 0105 McCann-Richards - DBA – American Legion -322 State Hwy 11-Daniel Wedige- Agent. All aye, motion carried.*

Class B Combination Reserve Liquor License Renewal for the Period Beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 – *Motion by Mulcahy second by Reilly to approve a Class B Combination Reserve Liquor License through June 30, 2026 for Grindstone, LLC, DBA Grindstone Pub – 236 W. Water Street, Jennifer Jacobsen, Agent. All aye, motion carried.*

Cigarette, Tobacco & Vaping Product License Renewal for the Period Beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 – *Motion by Swenson second by Morrissey to approve the following Cigarette, Tobacco & Vaping Product Retail Sale Licenses through June 30, 2026: C & D Properties Inc., DBA- Miner Depot, 206 State RD 11, C & D Properties, Inc.,- DBA- Miner Towne Mart, 101 Miner Way, Turpin's Hometown Grocery LLC-DBA – Turpin's Hometown Grocery, 130 W. Water Street, DolgenCorp, LLC- DBA – Dollar General Store #218636-344 State Hwy 11. All aye, motion carried.*

Coin Machine Permit Renewal for the Period Beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 – *Motion by Reilly second by Swenson to approve coin machine permits for the following: Steven H Curran- DBA Geeves Corner Tap, 251 W. Water Street, BKS Bar LLC – DBA BK's Bar, 221 W. Water Street, American Legion Post 0105 McCann-Richards - DBA – American Legion -322 State Hwy, Grindstone LLC, DBA Grindstone Pub, 236 W. Water Street. All aye, motion carried.*

Clerk/Treasurer Report – Reports were emailed prior to the meeting. The DNR came back and asked for more information on the grant application for Badger Park.

Closed Session – At 7:02 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-yes. 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 selling or purchasing of property.

Open Session – *At 7:37 p.m. a motion was made by Mulcahy second by Reilly to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Swenson-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy-yes. Motion carried.*

Action on Closed Session – No action.

At 7:38 p.m. a motion was made by Swenson second by Mulcahy to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Janelle Schumacher
Clerk/Treasurer