

COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held September 17, 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- Emmett Reilly, Dan Morrissey, Cheryl Mulcahy, Duane Wedige – Present; Others present- Tom Lethlean, Nick Doyle, Darrell Morrissey, Andy Foley, Brad Wiegel, Molly Lee, and Janelle Schumacher.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes – *Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2025 Council Meetings. All aye, motion carried.*

Committee Reports – Jackson gave an update regarding a Comprehensive Plan review meeting that took place with positive feedback. The Council will receive a report from SWWRPC at a future meeting.

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

Certified Survey Map Approval – The Council considered a certified survey map to modify property lines between property at 204 W. Truth Street and 211 N. Iowa Street. *Motion by Morrissey second by Mulcahy to approve the Certified Survey Map dated 8/6/2025 as presented. All aye, motion carried.*

Final Resolution Levying Special Assessments – *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to approve Resolution #2025-24 for levying special assessments for the replacement of sidewalk on the East side of South Judgement Street. All aye, motion carried.*

St. Matthew's Fall Fest Special Event Application & Temporary Beer and Wine Permit – *Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to approve the special event application and temporary beer and wine permit submitted by St. Matthew's Church for Fall Festival on September 21, 2025. All aye, motion carried.*

Lafayette County Halloween Hustle – *Motion by Mulcahy second by Reilly to approve the special event application submitted by Lafayette County Health Department for event on October 18, 2025. All aye, motion carried.*

Industrial Park Agriculture Lease – The Council discussed the process for leasing several acres of agriculture land located in the industrial park. They considered using a bid process, as well as including an opt out clause in case the property is able to be developed before the terms of the lease expire. They reviewed comparable lease agreements used by other municipalities. Wedige asked Tom Lethlean for his opinion, which is for the City Council to set the terms of the lease agreement and then advertise for bids. Wedige questioned whether a bid process is required. Morrissey instructed the clerk to ask for a legal opinion on whether or not the lease should be advertised for bids. No action taken.

Introduction of Ordinance No. 326 Amending Section 46-309 of the City of Shullsburg Municipal Code – The Council reviewed an ordinance amendment that will be up for discussion at a public hearing and upcoming council meeting on October 15th related to reducing the minimum parcel size required for a Planned Unit Development. No action taken.

Appointments by the Mayor and Approval by the City Council to Fill Vacancies in the Following Standing Committees, Boards & Commissions – *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to approve Cheryl Mulcahy as Chair of the Police Committee. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Reilly second by Mulcahy to approve Dan Morrissey as Chair of the Historic Preservation Commission. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to approve Duane Wedige on the Police Committee. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Mulcahy second by Morrissey to approve Duane Wedige on the Park Committee. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to approve Duane Wedige on the Street Committee. All aye, motion carried. Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to approve Duane Wedige on the Fire Board. All aye, motion*

carried. Motion by Wedige second by Morrissey to approve Emmett Reilly on the Plan Commission. All aye, motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer Report – Reports were emailed prior to the meeting. Budget worksheets were handed out and preliminary budget will be discussed at the October meeting.

Closed Session – At 7:03 p.m. a motion was made by Morrissey second by Wedige to convene into closed session. Roll Call - Morrissey-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy-yes, Wedige-yes. 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; specifically, to discuss applicants for a part-time custodian position & union contract.

Open Session – At 7:40 p.m. a motion was made by Morrissey second by Wedige to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy-yes, Wedige-yes. Motion carried.

Action on Closed Session – None

At 7:41 p.m. a motion was made by Reilly second by Morrissey to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Janelle Schumacher, Clerk/Treasurer