COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held September 24, 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- Jodi Sweeney, Tom Lethlean, Bart Nies, Joe Bailie, Wayne Gehrt, Teri Woodworth, Stan Woodworth, Andy Foley, Darrell Morrissey, Pam Paquette, Tyson Morrissey and Janelle Schumacher.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment – None

Badger Park Fundraising Report – Jodi Sweeney addressed the Council and gave an update on the status of the Badger Park Fundraising Campaign, stating just under one million dollars has been raised to date. A press release will go out to the public tomorrow, as well as additional publicity through social media. The 100 Extraordinary Women portion of the campaign is making progress as well. Lethlean posed a question about the cost being raised towards a new concession stand and whether the information presented in the fundraising information is accurate. He noted that costs had been originally been estimated at $225,000 for a renovated concession stand and asked if that was still being considered. Morrissey confirmed they are still looking at cost estimates and different plan options and would be hearing from Delta 3 on suggestions later in the agenda.

Final Plans & Cost Estimate for Badger Park Renovation Project – Bart Nies of Delta 3 Engineering presented the Council with an overview sketch of the park project as well as an opinion of probable cost that included storm sewer repairs, water improvements, walking path improvements and additions, field surface and drainage repairs, field fencing, new dugouts, new scoreboard and sound system, new stadium lights, new electrical work, rock wall rehabilitation, a new entrance sign, concession stand alterations and museum restroom alterations. These costs were approximated at $1,558,000. He included three alterative cost options to replace the outdoor screens at the west restrooms, repair the East Shelter House interior, including new windows and HVAC, and making improvements to the round house. These inclusions would add $98,000 to the project. Joe Bailie discussed the potential renovations to the West Shelter house to better accommodate a concession stand. Morrissey questioned the size of the storage that would be included with the dugouts. Nies confirmed it would be 24'x12'. Mulcahy questioned whether the walking path would still be continued past the swimming pool on the East side. Nies stated it would and that it was probably a layer not being shown on printed map they are viewing. Nies then asked the Council if they want to reconsider the concession stand concept, given the situation at the museum. The idea of adding a concession stand at the museum was previously discussed, but then disregarded because of space limitations. Morrissey confirmed that the Council should consider using the museum building in a new way given the work that needs to be done on it because of the fire. Morrissey also asked Delta 3 to confirm what improvements would be made to the Shelter Houses. Bailie confirmed it would be coating over the concrete floors, new windows, heating and cooling. Morrissey also suggested ceiling fans under the overhang of the shelters and asked Bailie to add that into a future cost estimate. Nies notified the Council that he's looking for direction on how to move forward. He stated that he believes they have collectively agreed they need to continue to look at concession stand options and further discuss the possible use of the museum building. He will return later in October with additional information regarding a concession stand. If they approve moving forward with this scope of work, he would return in January with final plans to approve. *Motion by Morrissey second by Wedige to approve the preliminary design, project layout and opinion of probable costs including A-1, A-2, and A-3 for the Badger Park renovation project. All aye, motion carried.*

Badger Park Campaign Press Release – The Council considered a press release prepared by the campaign committee to be sent to local and regional newspapers for publicity about the campaign. Morrissey suggested including a digital copy of the map, which Schumacher requested from Delta 3. *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to approve the press release for the Badger Park Campaign. All aye, motion carried.*

Tie Yard Probable Costs – Nies discussed an opinion of probable costs for repairs needed at the Tie Yard Parking Lot. He commented that the Council could choose to bid the project out at the same time as the SE quadrant infrastructure improvements being planned for 2026 to save some money on the project. Reilly questioned whether the costs included an EV charging station and Nies confirmed the cost for that is $17,500. Nies also confirmed there will be additional costs for the project for the Electric Utility to complete their portion of the project. *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to approve complete the Tie Yard Lot Parking project in 2026. All aye, motion carried.*

Mine & Museum Condition Status and Repairs – The Council briefly discussed the condition of the museum and are working closely with the insurance claims specialist. Estimates have been received from CRDN for the cleaning of the contents of the museum, as well as from ServPro for mitigation of the building. Due to the sensitive nature of the contents, it was also recommended that the Chicago Art Conservatory be contacted and asked for potential recommendations on specialists who work with artifacts. A special meeting will need to be scheduled to discuss potential estimates for moving forward with mitigation.

Judgement Street Work – Morrissey updated the Council on storm water and street work needed on Judgement Street related to the Highway 11 bridge project. He stated there will be a cost to the city for a catch basin that needs to be approved as it was not included in the budget, but the state will pay for curb, gutter and blacktop. An estimate for $8786.12 was received from County Materials Corporation. *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to approve the estimate as discussed. All aye, motion carried.*

Expansion of Premise & Special Event for American Legion – The Council considered an application for an expansion of premise and special event being held on October 4, 2025 submitted by the American Legion. *Motion by Reilly second by Mulcahy to approve the expansion of premise and application as discussed. All aye, motion carried.*

Temporary Alcohol Beverage License and Special Event for Fire Department – The Council considered an application for a temporary alcohol beverage license and special event being held on November 1, 2025 submitted by the Shullsburg Fire Department. *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to approve the expansion of premise and special event application as discussed. All aye, motion carried.*

Industrial Park Land Lease – The Council considered using a bid process for leasing part of the industrial park for agriculture use in 2026. Morrissey suggested advertising it for 30 days and publish twice in the newspaper. *Motion by Wedige second by Reilly to approve a bid process for approximately 18 acres of agriculture land in the Shullsburg Industrial Park. All aye, motion carried.*

Closed Session – At 7:50 p.m. a motion was made by Reilly 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.

Open Session – *At 8:00 p.m. a motion was made by Reilly second by Mulcahy to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy-yes, Wedige-yes. Motion carried.*

Action on Closed Session – *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to approve hiring Estefannie Mendez Hernandez for the part-time custodian position. All aye, motion carried.*

At 8:03 p.m. a motion was made by Morrissey second by Wedige to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Janelle Schumacher, Clerk/Treasurer