

COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 22, 2025

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held October 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- Duane Wedige, Emmett Reilly, Cheryl Mulcahy, Dan Morrissey - Present. Others present- Paul Ranum, Bart Nies, Joe Bailie, Tyson Morrissey and Janelle Schumacher.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comment** – None

**Badger Mine & Museum Concept Plans** – Bart Nies of Delta 3 Engineering addressed the Council regarding plans for renovating or rebuilding the Museum building after the smoke damage. Nies and Joe Bailie, also of Delta 3, presented the Council with three options for the building – replace the building with the same design and materials for a cost of \$870,000. Bailie discussed the post condition and described how the support posts on the north side of the building are deteriorated and need to be replaced due to age. The north side posts are soft because they are in the dirt, whereas the south side posts are ok because they are on the concrete slab. Morrissey questioned use of the existing concrete slab and whether it can be reused. Bailie described another option of building an addition onto the existing building, under the porch, to add renovated restrooms and a concession stand. The rest of the building would remain as is. The opinion of cost for that was \$700,000. The third option, at a cost of \$950,000 would be new, redesigned building with the addition of a concession stand. All estimates include 10% contingency. There was further discussion about the support posts and whether they need to be replaced or not. Nies commented that there is still an option of putting the concession stand in the West Shelter House. Morrissey commented that he is against that idea now and prefers to see the concession stand added into or onto the museum building. Nies asked the Council if the consensus is to have the concession stand at the museum and all agreed. Paul Ranum questioned why they wouldn't leave the existing concrete floor as is with the frost wall to save some money instead of building new. There was general agreement with that concept. Schumacher mentioned a Department of Administration grant application that is due October 31, 2025 and needs shovel ready plans to be considered. Nies and Bailie discussed the possibility of whether they could have plans ready by then. There was further discussion about whether or not the posts need to be replaced and whether Delta 3 should send an engineering report to the insurance company. *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to approve Delta 3 Engineering to work on additional plans to submit to the DOA with the grant application due October 31, 2025. All aye, motion carried.*

**Townsend Center Facility Agreement with Lafayette County** – The Council considered minor changes that Lafayette County requested to the agreement for use of the Townsend Center for the senior meals. The request included changing the word noon meals to lunch meals and clarifying information about how often the facilities need to be cleaned. An addition was made to confirm cleaning supplies would be provided by Lafayette County. *Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to approve the Townsend Center Facility Agreement with Lafayette County with the changes as discussed. All aye, motion carried.*

**Closed Session** – *At 7:44 p.m. a motion was made by Reilly second by Mulcahy to convene into closed session.* Roll Call - Morrissey-yes, Wedige-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy-yes. 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 Employment Contracts

**Open Session** – *At 8:17 p.m. a motion was made by Wedige second by Morrissey to reconvene into open session.* Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Wedige-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy- yes. Motion carried.

**Action on Closed Session** – None

*At 8:17 p.m. a motion was made by Reilly second by Morrissey to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.*

Janelle Schumacher

Clerk/Treasurer