

COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 27, 2025

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held October 27, 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 9:00 a.m. Notice of the meeting was posted at the Townsend Center, Shullsburg Post Office and Turpin's Home Town Grocery. Roll Call- Emmett Reilly, Cheryl Mulcahy, Dan Morrissey - Present. Duane Wedige was present by phone. Others present- Rick Roeth, Nick Doyle and Janelle Schumacher.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment – None

2026 Proposed Budget – The Council reviewed a final draft of the 2026 budget to be sent to the newspaper for publication with notice of a budget hearing to be held on December 3, 2025. *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to approve publishing the proposed 2026 budget as discussed. All aye, motion carried.*

Badger Park Campaign and Financial Overview – The Council discussed a recent opinion of probable costs presented by Delta 3 Engineering for additional work to be included in the Badger Park Renovations including restoration of the Round House, additional renovations to Shelter Houses, rock wall restoration, Museum building restroom renovations, and concession stand addition. Morrissey explained that because the new opinion of probable cost was \$1.6 million and since they want to include an endowment fund as part of the campaign, as well as necessary improvements to the museum building, he recommends the new campaign goal be \$2 million. He also gave an update that fundraising is going very well and he believes that goal can be met. Wedige questioned the cost of the sound system and what that entails, but he said he would follow-up on that at a later date. *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to approve the updated Badger Park Fundraising Campaign goal and financial overview of \$2 million. All aye, motion carried.*

Resolution 2025-26 Providing a Guarantee of Matching Funds - The Council discussed a grant application due on Friday, October 31, 2025 for revitalization to the museum. Morrissey commented that since they are awarding up to \$2 million, we should make an attempt to get \$1 million, which would mean a \$1 million match by the City. The \$450,000 received from the insurance company would be part of the match. A resolution guaranteeing the matching funds will strengthen the grant application. *Motion by Morrissey second by Mulcahy to approve Resolution 2025-26 Providing a Guarantee of Matching Funds for the DOA Local Projects grant. All aye, motion carried.*

Townsend Center Building Closure – The Council discussed the need to shut the power off to the Townsend Center for a day to have the emergency generator installation completed. Schumacher stated that Monday, November 3rd would work well for the electrician and works well for the closure since the library is already closed on Mondays. Morrissey commented to make sure that there is adequate signage to communicate the closure for the day. *Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to approve closure of the Townsend Center for the day on Monday, November 3rd to install the emergency generator. All aye, motion carried.*

Closed Session – At 9:22 a.m. a motion was made by Reilly second by Morrissey to convene into closed session. Roll Call - Morrissey-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 10:04 a.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. Motion carried.

Action on Closed Session – None

At 10:08 a.m. a motion was made by Morrissey second by Reilly to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Janelle Schumacher, Clerk/Treasurer