

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2025

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held December 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- Duane Wedige, Emmett Reilly, Cheryl Mulcahy, Dan Morrissey - Present. Others present- Darrell Morrissey, Andy Foley and Janelle Schumacher.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes – *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2025 and December 3, 2025 Council Meetings. All aye, motion carried.*

Committee Reports – Reilly commented that he would like to know what the schedule is for the Sewer Department to clean sewer lines. Jackson asked for an update on the Water Street Sidewalk discussion from the Street Committee meeting. Reilly responded and discussed the spots on the sidewalk that need to be fixed and said the Street Department would want to bid it out. Morrissey commented that the sidewalk work would need to be done in sections.

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

Approve Bills – Reilly questioned the payment for the generator and confirmed a FEMA Grant would be reimbursing the expense. Morrissey questioned the invoice for the work done at the Veteran's Memorial and asked about a donation to cover the expense. Wedige will check on that with the donor. *Motion by Reilly 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 2025-29 Establishing Election Inspectors – The Council reviewed a resolution to appoint election inspectors for a 2-Year Term beginning January 1, 2026. *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to approve Resolution 2025-29. All aye, motion carried.*

Badger Park Field Agreement with Fever Baseball – The Council discussed the start date of the Badger Park renovations and how it would affect the proposed Fever baseball schedule. There was additional discussion regarding requiring proof of insurance from groups who use the park. Jackson agreed to ask legal counsel about insurance coverage if someone gets hurt. *Motion by Reilly, second by Morrissey to approve the Badger Park Field Agreement with Fever Baseball through July 5, 2026 and only after that if the field is available. Motion carried, with Wedige voting no; all others voting aye.*

Temporary “Class B” Wine License Application – *Motion by Wedige second by Morrissey to approve a Temporary “Class B” Wine License application submitted by St. Matthew’s Church for an event on January 18, 2026. All aye, motion carried.*

Resolution #2025-30 Authorizing Demolition of Badger Mine & Museum Building – The Council considered a resolution to demolish the Badger Mine & Museum Building. *Motion by Morrissey second by Wedige to approve Resolution #2025-30 Authorizing Demolition of Badger Mine & Museum Building. All aye, motion carried.*

Johnson Block CPA Audit Engagement Agreement – *Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to approve Johnson Block CPA Audit Engagement Agreement for the 2025 Audit. All aye, motion carried.*

Termination of Contract with The Sweeney Group – The Council discussed sending a letter thanking Jodi Sweeney for her fundraising consultant services. *Motion by Wedige second by Reilly to approve the early termination of the contract with The Sweeney Group. All aye, motion carried.*

Employee Year End Gifts – The Council confirmed gifts going to part-time and full-time employees. Reilly suggested also giving gifts to the senior meal program site manager and volunteer drivers. *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to approve the employee year end gifts as discussed with the inclusion of senior meal program manager and 5 volunteer drivers. All aye, motion carried.*

Clerk/Treasurer Report – Monthly financial reports were emailed; no questions.

Closed Session – *At 7:05 p.m. a motion was made by Reilly second by Wedige 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)(g) for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved; specifically, regarding Water Street Property Zoning Violation.*

Open Session – *At 7:15 p.m. a motion was made by Wedige second by Mulcahy 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 7:15 p.m. a motion was made by Reilly second by Morrissey to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Janelle Schumacher
Clerk/Treasurer