



# Wauwatosa, WI

## Common Council

### Meeting Minutes - Final

7725 W. North Avenue  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

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Tuesday, December 16, 2025

7:00 PM

Common Council Chambers and Zoom:  
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Meeting ID: 273 225 010

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#### Regular Meeting

#### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McBride called the meeting to order at 7:22 PM.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### ROLL CALL

**Present:** 16 Alderperson District 8 Council President Jason Wilke  
Alderperson District 2 Margaret Arney  
Alderperson District 3 Robin Brannin  
Alderperson District 6 Aletha Champine  
Alderperson District 4 David Lewis  
Alderperson District 2 Brad Foley  
Alderperson District 4 Ernst Franzen  
Alderperson District 3 Joseph Makhlof II  
Alderperson District 5 Rob Gustafson  
Alderperson District 5 Sean Lowe  
Alderperson District 1 Andrew Meindl  
Alderperson District 1 James Moldenhauer  
Alderperson District 6 Joe Phillips  
Alderperson District 7 Mike Morgan  
Alderperson District 7 Amanda Fuerst  
Alderperson District 8 Melissa Dolan

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes of the November 18, 2025 regular meeting

[25-2321](#)

**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Ernst Franzen  
**SECONDER:** David Lewis

**Aye:** 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlof II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

1. Appointment of Election Inspectors for the 2026-2027 term [25-2332](#)  
**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Joseph Makhlouf II  
**SECONDER:** Jason Wilke  
**Aye:** 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan
2. Appointment by Mayor McBride of Zoey Hesprich (District 8) as a student member of the Wauwatosa Youth Commission, term ending May 31, 2027 [25-2346](#)  
**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Joseph Makhlouf II  
**SECONDER:** Jason Wilke  
**Aye:** 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

**APPLICATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.**

1. Summons & Complaint - Ascension SE Wisconsin Hospital, Inc. Case No. 2025CV010010 [25-2245](#)  
**RESULT:** REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY
2. Summons and Complaint - Walgreen Co. - 2025CV010070 [25-2249](#)  
**RESULT:** REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY
3. Summons and Complaint - Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare-Southeast Wisconsin, Inc. - 2025CV010488 [25-2345](#)  
**RESULT:** REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY
4. Claim - Emmanuel Metcalf [25-2294](#)  
**RESULT:** REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY
5. Claim - Justin Le [25-2341](#)  
**RESULT:** REFERRED TO CITY ATTORNEY
6. Historic Preservation Commission Annual Report [25-2333](#)  
**RESULT:** RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE

**FROM THE PLAN COMMISSION**

1. Resolution approving a Conditional Use Permit for an eating establishment in the General Commercial (C2) zone at 11320 W. Blue Mound Road, Anthony Fugarino, Cuppa Tosa Kitchen & Café LLC., applicant [25-2305](#)

**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Amanda Fuerst  
**SECONDER:** Joe Phillips

**Aye:** 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan  
 Enactment No: R-25-175

- 2. Resolution approving a Land Division via Certified Survey Map at 11811 W. Blue Mound Road, John Vassallo, applicant [25-2306](#)

**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Amanda Fuerst  
**SECONDER:** Joe Phillips

**Aye:** 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan  
 Enactment No: R-25-176

**FROM THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

- 1. Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Wauwatosa and Friends of Firefly Grove Park [25-2312](#)

**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Sean Lowe  
**SECONDER:** Rob Gustafson

**Aye:** 14 Wilke, Arney, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, and Dolan  
**Abstain:** 2 Brannin, and Fuerst  
 Enactment No: R-25-177

**FROM THE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

- 1. Resolution approving application for a new Class “B” Beer and Reserve “Class B” Liquor license by North 48 MKE LLC, d/b/a North 48 Bar, 7603 W. State Street, Jordan Cole - Agent, for the period ending June 30, 2026 [25-2308](#)

**RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Ernst Franzen  
**SECONDER:** Margaret Arney

**Aye:** 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan  
 Enactment No: R-25-178

- 2. Resolution approving an intergovernmental agreement with the State of [25-2309](#)

Wisconsin for urban search and rescue response services

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Ernst Franzen

**SECONDER:** Margaret Arney

**Aye:** 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

Enactment No: R-25-179

3. Resolution approving a dispatch service review with McMahon Associates and associated fund transfer [25-2310](#)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Ernst Franzen

**SECONDER:** Margaret Arney

**Aye:** 12 Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Gustafson, Lowe, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Fuerst, and Dolan

**Nay:** 4 Wilke, Makhlouf II, Meindl, and Morgan  
Enactment No: R-25-180

4. Resolution approving an executive summary/term sheet describing a joint fire department formed by West Allis and Wauwatosa [25-2311](#)

*Motion by Alder Brannin for an amendment to the term sheet resolution to direct the City Administrator to draft a letter of intent outlining certain employee benefit considerations for delivery to the Wauwatosa Professional Firefighters Local 1923 in connection with the potential fire department merger. Second by Alder Gustafson. Motion carried 16-0.*

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Ernst Franzen

**SECONDER:** Margaret Arney

**Aye:** 14 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Gustafson, Lowe, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

**Nay:** 2 Makhlouf II, and Meindl  
Enactment No: R-25-181

#### **FROM THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

1. Resolution approving early delivery of an aerial ladder truck and reallocation of funds from the 2027 capital budget to the 2026 capital budget [25-2313](#)

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** James Moldenhauer

**SECONDER:** Joe Phillips



Enactment No: R-25-186

6. Resolution approving a State Municipal Agreement with the State Department of Transportation for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant to construct remote communications to the City's traffic signal cabinets [25-2318](#)
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** James Moldenhauer  
**SECONDER:** Joe Phillips
- Aye:** 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan
- Enactment No: R-25-187
7. Resolution approving State Municipal Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant to provide advanced traffic management system software to operate the City's traffic signals [25-2319](#)
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** James Moldenhauer  
**SECONDER:** Joe Phillips
- Aye:** 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan
- Enactment No: R-25-188
8. Resolution waiving the request for proposal process and approving contract with JW Industries and associated Level 3 fund transfer for repair of flood damaged bleachers at Hart Park Stadium [25-2320](#)
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** James Moldenhauer  
**SECONDER:** Joe Phillips
- Aye:** 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan
- Enactment No: R-25-189
9. Ratification of Comptroller's Office bills and claims report, November 19 through December 16, 2025 [25-2323](#)
- RESULT:** RATIFIED  
**MOVER:** James Moldenhauer  
**SECONDER:** Joe Phillips

**Aye:** 16            Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

**FROM THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

1.     Resolution approving encroachment for a retaining wall within the public right-of-way at 6128 W Wells Street [25-2326](#)

**RESULT:**        APPROVED

**MOVER:**         Melissa Dolan

**SECONDER:**    Jason Wilke

**Aye:** 16            Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

                          Enactment No: R-25-190

2.     Resolution approving a Relocation Order and Acquisition Plat on Blue Mound Road from N. 106th Street to N. 68th Street [25-2348](#)

**RESULT:**        APPROVED

**MOVER:**         Melissa Dolan

**SECONDER:**    Jason Wilke

**Aye:** 16            Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

                          Enactment No: R-25-191

3.     Resolution approving the 2026 Board of Public Works Paving Assessment Resolution [25-2327](#)

**RESULT:**        APPROVED

**MOVER:**         Melissa Dolan

**SECONDER:**    Jason Wilke

**Aye:** 16            Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

                          Enactment No: R-25-192

4.     Resolution approving final payment for Contract 24-91, Street Light Conversion [25-2328](#)

**RESULT:**        APPROVED

**MOVER:**         Melissa Dolan

**SECONDER:**    Jason Wilke

**Aye:** 16            Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan

                          Enactment No: R-25-193

5. Resolution awarding Contract 26-19, Concrete Sidewalk Repair, to Milwaukee General Construction in the amount of \$1,060,891.59 [25-2329](#)
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Melissa Dolan  
**SECONDER:** Jason Wilke
- Aye:** 15 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, and Fuerst
- Recused:** 1 Dolan  
Enactment No: R-25-194
6. Resolution declaring the City’s intent to perform street and alley improvements during the 2026 construction season and to assess neighboring property owners [25-2330](#)
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Melissa Dolan  
**SECONDER:** Jason Wilke
- Aye:** 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan  
Enactment No: R-25-195
7. Resolution setting a Common Council public hearing date of January 27, 2026 for proposed assessments for 2026 street and alley improvements [25-2331](#)
- RESULT:** APPROVED  
**MOVER:** Melissa Dolan  
**SECONDER:** Jason Wilke
- Aye:** 16 Wilke, Arney, Brannin, Champine, Lewis, Foley, Franzen, Makhlouf II, Gustafson, Lowe, Meindl, Moldenhauer, Phillips, Morgan, Fuerst, and Dolan  
Enactment No: R-25-196

### **FUTURE COUNCIL COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Future Council committee agenda items [25-2322](#)
- Alder Lowe requested a review of the current local package theft loss.*
- RESULT:** INFORMATIONAL ONLY

### **ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.*