



City of West Allis

Meeting Minutes

Historical Commission

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

5:00 PM

City Hall, Room 128
7525 W. Greenfield Ave.

REGULAR MEETING (draft minutes)

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present 5 - Mayor Dan Devine, Devan Gracyalny, Barbara Hart, Rory Modlinski, Marissa Nowling
Excused 1 - Petra Theurich

Staff

Carson Coffield, Economic Development Specialist

Others Attending

Mason Grosz, City of West Allis Public Works
Danielle Discepola

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. [26-0004](#) November 12, 2025 (draft) Minutes

Attachments: [November 12, 2025 \(draft\) Minutes](#)

Nowling moved to approve this matter, Modlinski seconded, motion carried.

D. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS

2. [26-0017](#) Consideration relative to the financial report for the period ending 1/1/26 presented by Devan Gracyalny, Vice Chair/Treasurer.

Mr. Gracyalny reported strong soup sales since the last meeting. The running balance is \$2,983.36

3. [26-0018](#) Report from the West Allis Historical Society.

Mr. Gracyalny reported that there was strong attendance to the Historical Society in 2025. He also reported the Wauwatosa West Allis Chamber of Commerce hosted their Christmas party there. They also received a \$250 donation from a recent visitor which was greatly appreciated.

4. [26-0019](#) Discussion regarding the Log Cabin on Historical Society grounds.

Mr. Gracyalny reported that the American Legion Post 120 is currently using the Log Cabin for storage. He also reported that the maintenance to the roof has fixed the leaking.

5. [26-0020](#) Discussion regarding West Allis Industrial Museum.
Carson Coffield reported that staff is exploring the feasibility of an industrial and manufacturing museum in West Allis following a recent tour of the Bucyrus Museum in South Milwaukee.
6. [26-0021](#) Consideration of Liberace art initiative.
Mr. Gracyalny reported that he had conversations with West Milwaukee staff about a Liberace statue. Conversations are still in early stages.
7. [26-0022](#) Discussion regarding time capsules obtained from St. Aloysius Church.
Mr. Gracyalny reported that he has been in contact with City of West Allis Marketing staff and is looking to schedule the opening of the St. Al's time capsules for mid-February.
8. [26-0023](#) Update on 2025 Certified Local Government Annual Report.
Carson Coffield noted that the Historical Commission must submit an annual report to the State Historic Preservation Office detailing its yearly activities and confirmed that this year's report has been completed.
9. [26-0024](#) Update on nominations as part of Subgrant for National Register of Historic Places Designation.
Carson Coffield reported that Mt. Hope Lutheran Church has both successfully been listed on both the State and National Register of Historic Places.

E. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gracyalny, seconded by Hart to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.



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