



City of West Allis

Meeting Minutes

Common Council

Mayor Dan Devine, Chair

Aldersperson Thomas G. Lajsic, Council President

*Alderspersons: Suzzette Grisham, Kevin Haass, Danna Kuehn, Thomas G. Lajsic, Rosalie L. Reinke,
Daniel J. Roadt, Tracy Stefanski, Ray Turner, Vincent Vitale, and Martin J. Weigel*

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

7:00 PM

City Hall, Common Council Chambers
7525 W. Greenfield Avenue

REGULAR MEETING

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Devine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Present 10 - Grisham, Haass, Kuehn, Lajsic, Reinke, Roadt, Stefanski, Turner, Vitale, and Weigel

Ald. Vitale participated via telephone.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Ald. Vitale.

D. PUBLIC HEARING

1. [R-2023-0047](#) Resolution to confirm and adopt the report of the Interim City Engineer containing the schedule of proposed assessments for improvement of various streets by concrete reconstruction.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Rob Hutter, Interim City Engineer presented.

Public Comments:

**David Hoover, 954 S. 61st St. questioned if the dead-end part of the road will be replaced and if so, will the laterals will be replaced?*

**Richard Kaczor, 6510 W. Beloit Rd. asked if any state funds will be helping pay for this project.*

**Julianne Boerner, 1324 S. 61st St. how long has this project been planned for and why wasn't anyone notified about it. She suggested adding an article to the newsletter of where to go online if you want to see if any projects that are in your area.*

**Andrew Hurst, 1029 S. 57th St. his garage borders 60th St. and has a driveway that needs to be torn up. Will that mean he can't park in his garage and if so, for how long? Concerned about his 100-year old house's foundation issues.*

**Kelly Matis, 2043 S. 59th St. concerned about how the additional traffic going through the alley will be addressed. Asked if the contractors are from Wisconsin or out of state.*

**Alex Koehler, 1100 S. 61st St. Has a picture of the sidewalk that floods and if removal/replacement of trees will be included in the project. The tree trunk is damaging the road, and the branches overhanging his house is causing damage.*

**Elisa Lopez, 1316 S. 61st St. received an estimate that states it is not a bill and asked if this is a close estimate to what she will actually pay. Also, asked how it will be paid for, all at once or installments. Had sewage backup in the basement before and hopes this improvement will prevent any backups. Is the funding is what it is or are there any grants the City is looking for.*

**Brent Perkins, 1121 S. 61st St. he could do this project himself for much less than \$4,000. Asked where his property tax money went the last 16 years.*

**Patrick Rohr, 5824 W. Pierce St. concerned about seven-foot approach to his driveway which is less than what he has now; would like it to be the same.*

**Ben Lawler, 5843 W. Washington St. has a shared driveway with neighbor, how does he know how much each property will owe.*

**Nari Guild, 5901 W. Beloit Rd. his bill is estimated at \$19,000, understands this needs to be done, but is there any way to get a higher contribution so property owners don't have to pay this higher rate.*

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

**Matt Pietz, 2457 S. 63rd St. last weekend his neighbor shot off fireworks. He and Ald. Grisham spoke about fireworks before this last incident. State Statutes state any municipality can require people to obtain a permit and the Public Safety Committee should work on that.*

**Eliza Lopez, 1369 S. 61st St. house next door is owned by an LLC and was helping the elderly man living there keep up the house, and now they are not doing that, who can she talk to?*

F. ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECESS MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Mayor Devine announced that the following Standing Committees would meet during recess: Administration, Public Works, Economic Development and Public Safety.

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Devine asked everyone to take a moment to remember Officer Peter Jurgen.

H. ALDERPERSON'S REPORT

Ald. Reinke thanked the Youth Commission for coming and enjoying having them at the meeting. There is a lot to learn about government and you are our next generation. She encouraged them to participate as much as they can. Also received a call from a resident asking her to publicly thank DPW for their immediate help with a driveway approach issue.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2. [2023-0038](#) January 10, 2023 Common Council Minutes.

Ald. Lajsic moved to approve, Ald. Stefanski seconded, motion carried.

J. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

K. ITEMS NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE (CONSENT AGENDA)

Passed The Consent Vote

Ald. Roadt moved to refer item #9 back to the Public Safety Committee, Ald. Haass seconded, motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 6 - Vitale, Weigel, Haass, Reinke, Roadt and Turner
Nay: 4 - Grisham, Kuehn, Lajsic and Stefanski

Ald. Lajsic moved to approve the Consent Agenda, items #3 - #8 and #10 - #34, Ald. Reinke seconded, motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - Grisham, Haass, Kuehn, Lajsic, Reinke, Roadt, Stefanski, Turner, Vitale, and Weigel
No: 0

- 3. [O-2023-0003](#) Ordinance to rescind parking restrictions on the north side of W. Hayes Ave. from S. 107th St. to the alley west of S. 107th St.

Sponsors: Alderperson Haass, Public Works Committee and Alderperson Reinke

Passed

- 4. [O-2023-0005](#) Ordinance adjusting start time for minor snow emergency parking from 10PM to Midnight.

Sponsors: Alderperson Grisham and Alderperson Kuehn

Passed

- 5. [O-2023-0006](#) Ordinance to rename, eliminate, and reclassify positions with wage and salary adjustments.

Sponsors: Alderperson Haass

Passed

- 6. [O-2023-0007](#) Ordinance to adopt parking restrictions on both sides of W. Schlinger Ave. from S. 98th St. to S. 100th St.

Sponsors: Alderperson Grisham and Alderperson Kuehn

Passed

7. [R-2023-0053](#) Resolution to accept the proposals of various nurseries for furnishing and delivering 597 trees for spring planting for a total net sum of \$63,020.
- Sponsors:** Public Works Committee
- Adopted**
8. [R-2023-0067](#) Resolution to approve an opioid bankruptcy memorandum of understanding.
- Adopted**
10. [R-2023-0095](#) Resolution to create policy and procedure for bilingual premium pay.
- Sponsors:** Alderperson Haass
- Adopted**
11. [R-2023-0098](#) Resolution relating to authorizing the execution of a contract with HCC for stop loss coverage for the plan year from March 1, 2023, to February 29, 2024.
- Adopted**
12. [R-2023-0102](#) Resolution accepting work of Globe Contractors, Inc. and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2021 Project No. 5 for final payment in the amount of \$4,000.
- Sponsors:** Public Works Committee
- Adopted**
13. [R-2023-0103](#) Resolution accepting work of MP Systems, Inc. and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2021 Project No. 9 for final payment in the amount of \$500.
- Sponsors:** Public Works Committee
- Adopted**
14. [R-2023-0104](#) Resolution accepting work of LaLonde Contractors, Inc. and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2021 Project No. 3 for final payment in the amount of \$1,000.
- Sponsors:** Public Works Committee
- Adopted**
15. [R-2023-0105](#) Resolution to accept the proposal of Complete Landscape Supply, providing Emerald Ash insecticide treatment, for a total net sum of \$40,870.40.
- Sponsors:** Public Works Committee
- Adopted**

16. [R-2023-0106](#) Resolution accepting work of Musson Bros, Inc. and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2021 Project No. 18 for final payment in the amount of \$500.
- Sponsors:** Public Works Committee
- Adopted**
17. [R-2023-0109](#) Resolution Amending Engineering Fee Schedule - February 2023.
- Adopted**
18. [R-2023-0110](#) Resolution authorizing the Manager of Planning and Zoning to enter into a professional services agreement with Community Planning and Development Advisors, LLC.
- Sponsors:** Economic Development Committee
- Adopted**
19. [R-2023-0112](#) Resolution authorizing and directing the Interim City Engineer to enter into a State/Municipal Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the reconstruction of W. National Ave. from S. 95th St. to S. 108th St.
- Sponsors:** Public Works Committee
- Adopted**
20. [R-2023-0113](#) Resolution to facilitate the purchase of 480 96-gallon garbage carts and 100 96-gallon recycling carts in the amount of \$33,698.
- Sponsors:** Public Works Committee
- Adopted**
21. [2022-1094](#) New Class D Operator (Bartender) Application for Alisha Mokwinski. Previously scheduled due to police report; incorrect record attached to application. Applicant has no record.
- Granted**
22. [2023-0040](#) Claim by Ashlee Estrada regarding property damage at Highway 100 on November 13, 2022.
- Referred to City Attorney**
23. [2023-0050](#) Claim by McDonalds's Restaurants of Wisconsin regarding property damage at 8301 W. Greenfield Ave. on November 9, 2022.
- Referred to City Attorney**
24. [2023-0053](#) Claim by Judy Miller regarding property damage at 5620 W. Beloit Rd. on June 1, 2022.
- Referred to City Attorney**

25. [2023-0063](#) December 2022 Municipal Judge Report, consisting of all fines, costs and fees collected by the City of West Allis in the sum of \$67,101.49.
Placed on File
26. [2023-0073](#) Appointment by Mayor Devine of Kimberlee Grob, Andrea Kopan and Sarah Lange to the Events Committee for a two-year term to expire January 26, 2025.
Approved
27. [2023-0103](#) Appointment by Mayor Devine of Nick Maniaci as the Health Department Representative to the Farmer's Market Committee for a two-year term to expire February 7, 2025.
Approved
28. [2023-0104](#) Finance Director/Comptroller submitting report for January 2023 indicating City of West Allis checks issued in the amount of \$4,564,855.07.
Placed on File
29. [2023-0108](#) Claim by Assessment Reduction Services, LLC on behalf of Aimbridge Hospitality for recovery of unlawful taxes for a portion of 2022 Personal Property Taxes.
Referred to City Attorney
30. [2023-0109](#) Claim by Assessment Reduction Services, LLC on behalf of Roaring Fork LLC for recovery of unlawful taxes for a portion of 2022 Personal Property Taxes.
Referred to City Attorney
31. [2023-0110](#) Claim by Assessment Reduction Services, LLC on behalf of Aria at Mitchell Manor LLC for recovery of unlawful taxes for a portion of 2022 Personal Property Taxes.
Referred to City Attorney
32. [2023-0120](#) Appointment by Mayor Devine of Ald. Ray Turner to the Board of Health, term to expire January 1, 2024 and re-appointments by Mayor Devine of Kime Abduli, Rick Bassler and Kara Witty to the Fair Housing Board for a three-year term to expire February 7, 2026.
Approved
33. [2023-0121](#) Re-appointment by Mayor Devine of Rossie Manka to the Plan Commission as Alternate #2 for a three-year term to expire February 7, 2026.
Approved

34. [2023-0042](#) Class B Tavern Seasonal Temporary Premise and Public Entertainment Extension request for Joe Lynch, d/b/a Lynch's, 2300 S. 108th St. for outdoor dining with entertainment/music from May 1, 2023 to September 24, 2023. (TEMP 23 1)

Sent to Public Safety Committee

9. [R-2023-0086](#) Resolution to assign existing licensee matters to the Public Safety Committee Amending Policy # 301.

Adopt

L. COMMON COUNCIL RECESS

Ald. Lajsic moved that the Council recess until completion of the Standing Committee meetings, Ald. Stefanski seconded, motion carried.

The Council recessed at 7:58 p.m. and returned at 9:08 p.m.

Roll Call was taken and the following were present:

Present 10 - Grisham, Haass, Kuehn, Lajsic, Reinke, Roadt, Stefanski, Turner, Vitale and Weigel

M. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Haass moved to approve the actions on items #35 & #36, motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - Grisham, Haass, Kuehn, Lajsic, Reinke, Roadt, Stefanski, Turner, Vitale, and Weigel

No: 0

35. [R-2023-0093](#) Resolution approving the Summary of Negotiated Settlement between the City of West Allis and the West Allis Professional Fire Fighters' Association, Local 342, for 2022-2025.

Committee Action:

Ald. Vitale moved to adopt, Ald. Lajsic seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Adopted

36. [O-2023-0010](#) An ordinance to establish the salaries for certain officers and employees in the fire Department for 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

Sponsors: Alderperson Haass

Committee Action:

Ald. Kuehn moved to pass, Ald. Lajsic seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Passed

37. [2023-0057](#) Claim by CRG Investments regarding liquor license suspension at 8900 W. Greenfield Ave.

Committee Action:

Ald. Kuehn moved to recess at 8:05 p.m., Ald. Lajsic seconded, motion carried.

Administration Committee re-convened at 8:44 p.m.

Ald. Lajsic moved to convene into closed session at 8:45 p.m., Ald. Weigel seconded, motion carried.

Ald. Kuehn moved to re-convene into open session at 8:58 p.m., Ald. Weigel seconded, motion carried.

Ald. Kuehn moved to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Ald. Lajsic seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Held

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Roadt moved to approve the action on items #38 & #39, motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - Grisham, Haass, Kuehn, Lajsic, Reinke, Roadt, Stefanski, Turner, Vitale, and Weigel

No: 0

38. [R-2023-0047](#) Resolution to confirm and adopt the report of the Interim City Engineer containing the schedule of proposed assessments for improvement of various streets by concrete reconstruction.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Committee Action:

Ald. Grisham moved to adopt, Ald. Stefanski seconded, motion carried

Council Action: Adopted

39. [R-2023-0048](#) Final Resolution authorizing public improvement for various streets by concrete reconstruction and levying special assessments against benefited properties.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Committee Action:

Ald. Grisham moved to adopt, Ald. Reinke seconded, motion carried

Council Action: Adopted

40. [2023-0107](#) Discussion regarding vacating the alley located on the north side of the 7400 Block of W. Greenfield Ave.

Committee Action:

Ald. Grisham moved to recess at 8:33 p.m. Ald. Reinke seconded, motion carried.

Public Works Committee reconvened at 9:00 p.m..

Ald. Stefanski moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m., Ald. Grisham seconded motion carried.

Council Action: No Action Taken

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Lajsic moved to approve the action on items #41 & #42, motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - Grisham, Haass, Kuehn, Lajsic, Reinke, Roadt, Stefanski, Turner, Vitale, and Weigel

No: 0

41. [R-2023-0111](#) Resolution to approve the dissolution of Tax Incremental District Number Five (Six Points Farmers Market).

Sponsors: Economic Development Committee

Committee Action:

Ald. Haass moved to adopt, Ald. Vitale seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Adopted

42. [2023-0101](#) Communication from Economic Development Executive Director Patrick Schloss regarding Planning, Economic Development and Housing Annual Dashboard.

Sponsors: Economic Development Committee

Committee Action:

Ald. Kuehn moved to place on file, Ald. Haass seconded, motion carried.

Ald. Kuehn moved to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Ald. Haass seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Placed on File

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Grisham moved to approve the action on items #34 and #43 - #48, motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 10 - Grisham, Haass, Kuehn, Lajsic, Reinke, Roadt, Stefanski, Turner, Vitale, and Weigel

No: 0

43. [2022-1093](#) New Class D Operator (Bartender) Application for Steven Parise.
(Third appearance)
Committee Action:
Ald. Stefanski moved to deny due to non-appearance and police record, Ald. Roadt seconded, motion carried.
Council Action: Denied
44. [2022-1134](#) New Class D Operator (Bartender) Application for Marco Morra.
(Second appearance)
Committee Action:
Ald. Grisham moved to hold until applicant completes rehabilitation, Ald. Reinke seconded, motion carried.
Council Action: Held
45. [2023-0033](#) Renewal Class D Operator (Bartender) Application for Teresa Rowe-Weasler.
(First appearance)
**This is a renewal, not a new license.*
Committee Action:
Ald. Stefanski moved to grant, Ald. Roadt seconded, motion carried.
Council Action: Granted
46. [2023-0036](#) New Class D Operator (Bartender) Application for Brittany Reed.
(Second appearance)
Committee Action:
Ald. Stefanski moved to hold, Ald. Turner seconded, motion carried.
Council Action: Held
47. [2023-0061](#) New Class D Operator (Bartender) Application for Tracy Beauchamp.
(Second appearance)
Committee Action:
Ald. Stefanski moved to hold, Ald. Turner seconded, motion carried.
Council Action: Held
48. [2023-0106](#) New Class D Operator (Bartender) Application for Delayne Applin.
(Second appearance)
Committee Action:
Ald. Stefanski moved to hold, Ald. Reinke seconded, motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.
Council Action: Held

- 34. [2023-0042](#) Class B Tavern Seasonal Temporary Premise and Public Entertainment Extension request for Joe Lynch, d/b/a Lynch's, 2300 S. 108th St. for outdoor dining with entertainment/music from May 1, 2023 to September 24, 2023. (TEMP 23 1)

Committee Action:

Ald. Grisham moved to grant subject to the following conditions: Seasonal Extension from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and September 18 or 23 for a golf outing. Ald. Stefanski seconded, motion carried.

Ald. Stefanski moved to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Ald. Turner seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Granted with Conditions

Aye: 9 - Grisham, Haass, Kuehn, Lajsic, Reinke, Stefanski, Turner, Vitale, and Weigel

No: 1 - Roadt

- 9. [R-2023-0086](#) Resolution to assign existing licensee matters to the Public Safety Committee Amending Policy # 301.

Committee Action:

Ald. Grisham moved to adopt , Ald. Stefanski seconded, motion carried with one nay by Ald. Roadt.

Ald. Stefanski moved to adjourn at 8:31 p.m., Ald. Turner seconded, motion carried.

Council Action Approved

Aye: 9 - Grisham, Haass, Kuehn, Lajsic, Reinke, Stefanski, Turner, Vitale, and Weigel

No: 1 - Roadt

N. ADJOURNMENT

Ald. Lajsic moved to adjourn at 9:15 p.m., Ald. Grisham seconded, motion carried.

Next scheduled meeting is March 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

YouTube Meeting Links for February 7, 2023:

Common Council Part 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4t9-tmiMEdo>

Recess - Administration & Economic Development

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TL4DYSXbc2Y>

Recess - Public Works & Public Safety Part 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GUGQqXUeyfg>

Recess - Public Works & Public Safety Part 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJ201o4LuJY>

Common Council Part 2

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ytB8UP_O9EA



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