



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, March 21, 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 8 - Grisham, Haass, Lajsic, Reinke, Roadt, Stefanski, Turner, and Vitale

Excused 2 - Kuehn, and Weigel

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Ald. Grisham.

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. [R-2023-0114](#) Resolution to confirm and adopt the report of the Interim City Engineer containing the schedule of proposed assessments for improvement of various streets and alleys by concrete construction, concrete reconstruction and/or asphalt resurfacing.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Interim City Engineer Rob Hutter presented.

Public Comments:

Megan Matty, 2204 S. 109th St. commented she isn't concerned about the alley behind her house being improved because she never uses it; it serves as the neighbor's driveway.

Mike Wojdac, 7717 W. Arthur Ave. asked questions about the gas line WE Energies recently installed; who paid for it, who is going to fix his curb that they broke and is that same area going to be tore up again?

David Page, 7707 W. Arthur Ave. stated he agrees with Mr. Wojdac's comments and is also concerned about what improvements will exactly be done.

Judy Oswald, 7737 W. Arthur Ave. stated she is the corner lot which her curb took the most damage done by WE Energies and they will not fix anything.

Lucia Mueller, 8733 W. Boone Ave. commented he is concerned about where everyone in the neighborhood will be able to park.

2. [R-2023-0216](#) Resolution considering discontinuing a portion of S. 55th St. from W. Mobile St. (North) to W. Mobile St. (South) that crosses the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Planning & Zoning Manager Steve Schaer presented.

E. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Louis Kowieski, 719 S 97th St. thanked his Alderperson for trying to help resolve a parking problem in his neighborhood.

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 presented Randy Katzuba with a Proclamation congratulating him on retiring after running a successful business, Randy's Neighbors Inn for 45 years.

H. ALDERPERSON'S REPORT

Ald. Haass encouraged people to attend Thursday's School Board Candidate Forum hosted by the City's Youth Commission. It begins at 6:30 p.m. and will be in the Council Chambers.

Ald. Reinke announced Liberty Heights Park Neighborhood is holding an Easter Egg Extravaganza on April 1, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is a free event with an egg hunt to find 5,000 eggs, games and prizes.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. [2023-0198](#) March 7, 2023 Common Council Minutes.

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

J. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

K. ITEMS NOT REFERRED TO COMMITTEE (CONSENT AGENDA)

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Lajsic moved to approve the Consent Agenda, items #4 - #27, Ald. Grisham seconded, motion carried by roll call vote

Aye: 8 - Grisham, Haass, Lajsic, Reinke, Roadt, Stefanski, Turner, and Vitale

No: 0

4. [O-2023-0019](#) Ordinance to amend regulations related to temporary extensions of premises for alcohol and public entertainment.

Sponsors: Alderperson Grisham and Alderperson Kuehn

Passed

5. [O-2023-0027](#) Ordinance to adopt no stopping or standing regulations on W. Schlinger Ave. from S. 98th St. to S. 100th St. on the south side and S. 96th St. to S. 100th St. on the north side.

Sponsors: Alderperson Grisham

Passed

6. [R-2023-0116](#) Resolution accepting work of DC Burbach and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2021 Project No. 12 for final payment in the amount of \$1,000.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Adopted

7. [R-2023-0204](#) Resolution accepting work of Green Bay Pipe & TV, LLC and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2022 Project No. 10 for final payment in the amount of \$1,064.98.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Adopted

8. [R-2023-0206](#) Resolution Amending Fee Schedule - Code Enforcement Fee Restructuring.

Adopted

9. [R-2023-0210](#) Resolution accepting work of American Sewer Services, Inc. and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2020 Project No. 3 for final payment in the amount of \$1,000.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Adopted

10. [R-2023-0211](#) Resolution accepting work of Visu-Sewer and authorizing and directing settlement of said contract in accordance with contract terms of 2021 Project No. 17 for final payment in the amount of \$23,008.39.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Adopted

11. [R-2023-0213](#) Resolution to approve the 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Adopted

12. [R-2023-0214](#) Resolution approving a transfer of \$55,000 from the City of West Allis Economic Development Fund to the Community Development Authority of West Allis for the purchase of 6901 & 69** W. Beloit Rd. (Tax Key No. 489-0037-000 and 489-0038-000).

Sponsors: Economic Development Committee

Adopted

13. [R-2023-0215](#) Resolution approving Preliminary Geotechnical Consulting Services with GeoTest, Inc., in amount not to exceed \$13,574 at 3601 S. 116th St.

Adopted

14. [R-2023-0218](#) Resolution to adopt the Public Participation Strategy for Comprehensive Plan Updates.

Sponsors: Economic Development Committee

Adopted

15. [R-2023-0228](#) Resolution to approve a Commercial Facade Improvement Contract by and between the City of West Allis and Lutz Land Management, LLC, property owner for the property located at 6918-20-22 W. Becher St., in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.

Adopted

16. [R-2023-0251](#) Resolution to accept the proposals of Crawford Electric, GexPro Supply, and Neher Electric for furnishing and delivering fuses, fuse holders, connectors, wire, cable, and luminaries for a total sum of \$145,895.28.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Adopted

17. [R-2023-0255](#) Resolution to amend the City's fee schedule by revising recycling cart pricing in the Public Works fee section.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Adopted

18. [2023-0188](#) Appointment of new agent, Floyd Parker, for Kroger, d/b/a Pick 'N Save #6847, 6760 W. National Ave.

Granted

19. [2023-0191](#) Claim by Paulette Gillessen regarding property damage at 2650 S. 99th St. on January 12, 2023.

Referred to City Attorney

20. [2023-0199](#) Claim by Eric Hoppe regarding vehicle damage in the alley of 2453 S. 109th St. on February 23, 2023.

Referred to City Attorney

21. [2023-0206](#) Claim by Kathleen Tesch regarding a personal injury sustained at approximately 119th & Walker St. on January 15, 2023.

Referred to City Attorney

22. [2023-0209](#) January 2023 Municipal Judge Report, consisting of all fines, costs and fees collected by the City of West Allis in the sum of \$80,885.03.

Placed on File

23. [2023-0211](#) February 2023 Municipal Judge Report, consisting of all fines, costs and fees collected by the City of West Allis in the sum of \$75,995.57.
Placed on File
24. [2023-0215](#) Class B Tavern Seasonal - Outdoor Alcohol Only Temporary Premise Extension request for Caminowa LLC, d/b/a Camino, 7211 W. Greenfield Ave. from May 1, 2023 to November 1, 2023.
Granted
25. [2023-0222](#) Appointment by Mayor Devine of Eric Berglund to the Tourism Commission as the Representative of West Allis Hotel/Motel Industry for a one-year term to expire March 21, 2024.
Approved
26. [2023-0223](#) Claim by Dawn Jarve regarding reimbursement for vehicle towing from 5507 W. Rogers St. on February 23, 2023.
Referred to City Attorney
27. [2023-0226](#) Appointment by Mayor Devine of John Karol to the Board of Review for a five-year term to expire March 21, 2028.
Approved

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 8:04 p.m. and returned at 8:31 p.m.

Roll Call was taken and the following were present:

Present: 8 - Grisham, Haass, Lajsic, Reinke, Roadt, Stefanski, Turner and Vitale
Excused: 2 - Kuehn and Weigel

M. NEW AND PREVIOUS MATTERS

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 8:05 p.m.

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Haass moved to approve the action on items #28 & #29, motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Grisham, Haass, Lajsic, Reinke, Roadt, Stefanski, Turner, and Vitale

No: 0

28. [R-2023-0235](#) Resolution authorizing staff to petition the Public Service Commission for PWAC Rate Adjustment.

Sponsors: Administration Committee

Committee Action:

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

29. [2023-0210](#)

Settlement of the Steven Kaltenbrun Worker's Compensation claim.

Committee Action:

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

Committee adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Council Action: Adopted

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 8:04 p.m.

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Roadt moved to approve the action on items #30 - #32 and held item #33, motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Grisham, Haass, Lajsic, Reinke, Roadt, Stefanski, Turner, and Vitale

No: 0

30. [R-2023-0114](#)

Resolution to confirm and adopt the report of the Interim City Engineer containing the schedule of proposed assessments for improvement of various streets and alleys by concrete construction, concrete reconstruction and/or asphalt resurfacing.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Committee Action:

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

Council Action: Adopted

31. [R-2023-0216](#)

Resolution considering discontinuing a portion of S. 55th St. from W. Mobile St. (North) to W. Mobile St. (South) that crosses the Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Committee Action:

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

Council Action: Adopted

32. [R-2023-0115](#)

Final Resolution authorizing public improvement by concrete construction, concrete reconstruction and/or asphalt resurfacing in various locations and levying special assessments against benefited properties.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Committee Action:

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

Council Action: Adopted

- 33. [R-2023-0217](#) Resolution to vacate and discontinue a part of W. Maple St. west of S. 89th St.

Sponsors: Public Works Committee

Committee Action:

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

Ald. Stefanski moved to adjourn at 8:08 p.m., Ald. Grisham seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Held

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 8:32 p.m.

Committee convened at 8:31 p.m.

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Lajsic moved to approve the action on items #34 - #35 and held item #36, motion carried by roll call vote:

Aye: 8 - Grisham, Haass, Lajsic, Reinke, Roadt, Stefanski, Turner, and Vitale

No: 0

- 34. [2023-0129](#) New Class B Tavern License application for Talia's Event Venue LLC, d/b/a Talia's Event Venue, 7423 W. Greenfield Ave. Agent: Jarice Taliaferro.
(ALC 23 2)

Committee Action:

Ald. Haass moved to grant subject to condition that the venue may only be open for private events, Ald. Vitale seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Granted

- 35. [2023-0180](#) New Class B Tavern & Public Entertainment Premises License application for Deco Venues, LLC, d/b/a The Deco, 7140 W. Greenfield Ave. Owner: Walter Holtz. Agent: Noreen Higgenbotham.
(ALC 23 3)

Committee Action:

Ald. Vitale moved to grant subject to condition that the venue may only be open for private events, Ald. Haass seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Granted

- 36. [2023-0189](#) New Class B Tavern & Public Entertainment Premises License application for M&S Adventures LLC, d/b/a M&S Adventures, 6540 W. Grant St. Agent: Melissa Hayes. (ALC 23 6)

Held. Applicant did not attend the meeting. Reschedule for April 18, 2023 Common Council meeting.

Committee adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Committee convened at 8:08 p.m.

Passed The Block Vote

Ald. Grisham moved to approve the action on item #37 and held item #38. Ald. Stefanski asked for a point of information on item #37, he wants to change his vote to agree with the committee members, motion carried.

- 37. [2023-0106](#) New Class D Operator (Bartender) Application for Delayne Applin. (Third appearance)

Committee Action:

Ald. Grisham moved to deny due to the lack of judgment which led to habitual violations as it relates to the licensing activity. Ald. Roadt seconded, motion carried with one nay by Ald. Stefanski.

Council Action: Denied

- 38. [2023-0202](#) New Class D Operator (Bartender) Application for Katherine Wisniewski. (Second appearance)

Committee Action:

Ald. Stefanski moved to hold due to applicant not attending the meeting, Ald. Reinke seconded, motion carried.

Ald. Stefanski moved to adjourn at 8:14 p.m., Ald Reinke seconded, motion carried.

Council Action: Held. Reschedule for April 18, 2023 Common Council meeting.

N. ADJOURNMENT

YouTube Meeting Links for March 21, 2023:

Common Council Part 1
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=styJsgPWaC8&t=2311s>

Recess - Administration & Economic Development
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Qx82PxOP6Q>

Recess - Public Works & Public Safety
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAoiXoGRCL0>

Common Council Part 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8-vHW8m8Fz4&t=169s>



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