

Mayor Berman called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following present: Alderpersons Debbie Sievert, Brigitte Schmidt, Keith Klimek, Robert Warren, Joel Ahrens, and Tony O'Neill; Attorney David Spangenberg and Clerk-Treasurer Tammy Kasal.

Attending: Parks & Recreation Director Lori Tonn, Interim Public Works Director Teal Spellman-Cedar Corp., Mackenzie Teske, Michael Ryder, Craig Lock, Attorney Caleb Kleiman-Kleiman & Wolfe, S.C., and Gloria & Dennis Harris-Extreme Warehouse, LLC, and Gracelyn Giese-Peshtigo Times.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Sievert and seconded by Ahrens to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Minutes:

Motion by Warren and seconded by Klimek to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2026, Regular Meeting & August 13, 2026 Special Meeting. Motion carried 6/0.

Mayor Berman opened the Public Hearing at 6:03 p.m.

Public Hearing:

- ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06 – An Ordinance Amending Sec. 46-163 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Peshtigo, WI is to include updated sewer charges to subsection (e).
- ORDINANCE NO 2026-07 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 26-1 Regulating Manufactured and Mobile Homes. This proposed ordinance amendment concerns licensing and permitting fees for mobile and manufactured housing and other appropriate updates to the ordinance.
- ORDINANCE NO 2026-08 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 44-25 Prohibiting Disorderly Conduct with a Motor Vehicle. This proposed ordinance amendment addresses disorderly conduct and prohibits unnecessary noise, smoke, acceleration, display of power, and avoidance of traffic-control devices with a motor vehicle.
- ORDINANCE NO 2026-09 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 Buildings and Building Regulation – Storage Containers and Buildings on Residential Property. This proposed ordinance amendment regulates the use of storage containers and storage buildings on residential property; prohibiting the use of storage containers and storage buildings for residential dwellings; requiring a permit for the temporary use of storage containers on residential property.

Mayor Berman called three times after each ordinance for anyone to speak “for” or “against” the above referenced proposed ordinances.

Public Hearing comments: None

Mayor Berman declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:06 p.m.

Persons desiring to be heard from the floor:

- Attorney Caleb Kleiman of Kleiman & Wolfe, S.C. requested the Council approve the sale of Lot 48 of the industrial park to Extreme Warehouse LLC for the expansion of their current business.

Business and Communications:

- Safe Routes to School Action Plan grant award from Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) & Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP).

The City of Peshtigo was awarded \$42,504.00 from the Safe Routes to School Action Plan grant. The grant is to help identify routes to school projects. This would open the City up to applying for future Department of Transportation LRIP & TAP grant funding for construction of identified projects.

Motion by O'Neill and seconded by Warren to approve the \$42,504.00 Safe Routes to School Action Plan grant award from Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) & Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Motion carried 6/0.

Reports from Departments, Citizen Boards and Commissions:

- Monthly Building Inspection Report
- Monthly Police Report
- Monthly Fire/EMR Report

Committee Reports:Judiciary – August 3, 2026

- Recommended Council approve Ordinance No. 2026-06 – an Ordinance Amending Sec. 46-163 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Peshtigo, WI is to include updated sewer charges to subsection (e).

Motion by Warren and seconded by Sievert to approve Ordinance No. 2026-06 – an Ordinance Amending Sec. 46-163 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Peshtigo, WI is to include updated sewer charges to subsection (e). Motion carried 6/0.

- Recommended Council approve Ordinance No. 2026-07 an Ordinance amending Chapter 26-1 Regulating Manufactured and Mobile Homes.

Motion by O'Neill and seconded by Schmidt to approve Ordinance No. 2026-07 an Ordinance amending Chapter 26-1 Regulating Manufactured and Mobile Homes. Motion carried 6/0.

- Recommended Council approve Ordinance No. 2026-08 an Ordinance Amending Chapter 44-25 Prohibiting Disorderly Conduct with a Motor Vehicle.

Motion by O'Neill and seconded by Warren to approve Ordinance No. 2026-08 an Ordinance Amending Chapter 44-25 Prohibiting Disorderly Conduct with a Motor Vehicle. Motion carried 6/0.

- Recommended Council approve Ordinance No. 2026-09 an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 Buildings and Building Regulation – Storage Containers and Buildings on Residential Property.

Motion by O'Neill and seconded by Schmidt to approve Ordinance No. 2026-09 an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 Buildings and Building Regulation – Storage Containers and Buildings on Residential Property. Motion carried 6/0.

Personnel – July 20 & August 24, 2026

- Recommended Council approve Teamsters Union Local 662 contract, effective January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2029.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Warren to approve Teamsters Union Local 662 contract, effective January 1, 2027, to December 31, 2029 to include increasing the annual safety clothing allowance to \$300. Motion carried 6/0.

- Recommended Council approve hiring the Police Officer candidate as discussed in Closed Session.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by O'Neill to approve hiring Mackenzie Teske as a full-time Police Officer. Motion carried 6/0.

Mayor Berman welcomed Mackenzie Teske to the City Police Department.

Water & Sewer – August 13, 2026

- Recommended Council approve the updated Water Distribution Agreements for Mobile Home Parks.

Motion by Warren and seconded by Schmidt to approve the updated Water Distribution Agreements for Mobile Home Parks. Motion carried 6/0.

Fire, Lighting & Building – August 18, 2026

- Recommended Council approve the proposal of \$4,902.00 from Tri-City Glass & Door to replace, paint and install a door at the Drees Community Center to be funded from the 2025 Capital Outlay.

Motion by Klimek and seconded by Sievert to approve the proposal of \$4,902.00 from Tri-City Glass & Door to replace, paint and install a door at the Drees Community Center to be funded from the 2025 Capital Outlay. Motion carried 6/0.

- Discuss/consider Landmark funding.

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation asbestos abatement grant \$116,000 award. Request to increase funding for demolition was denied. No more SAG funding available for 2027. A low bid of \$181,000 was received from Peters Concrete bid. UDAG funding was explored and is not an option. Mayor Berman presented two options for consideration. The first option is to borrow for the demolition of the property in the near future and place the expense on the tax roll. The second option is to attempt to obtain brownfield grant funding with an uncertain time for demolition in the next few years. The affect on property taxes for a \$200,000 loan was estimated to be approximately \$90 per \$100,000 assessed value for one year. Approximately \$29,000 is remaining from the WEDC grant, which is eligible to be used towards demolition. Concerns were voiced regarding safety around the deteriorating building. Alderperson Klimek requested another meeting be scheduled for taxpayer input. A Special Council meeting was set for Wednesday, September 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Streets & Drainage – August 18, 2026

- Recommended Council approve the Street Use/Special Event Permit for Peshtigo Historical Day Committee for a parade on September 26, 2026, with any additional fees to be waived.

Motion by Warren and seconded by Sievert to approve the Street Use/Special Event Permit for Peshtigo Historical Day Committee for a parade on September 26, 2026, with any additional fees to be waived. Motion carried 6/0.

- Recommended Council approve the Street Use/Special Event Permit for the Peshtigo Historical Day Committee for the Peshtigo Historical Day event in and around Badger Park on September 26, 2026, with any additional fees to be waived.

Motion by Warren and seconded by Schmidt to approve the Street Use/Special Event Permit for the Peshtigo Historical Day Committee for the Peshtigo Historical Day event in and around Badger Park on September 26, 2026, with any additional fees to be waived. Motion carried 6/0.

- Recommended Council approve a Fireworks Display Permit to the Peshtigo Historical Day Committee for the Peshtigo Historical Day on September 26, 2026.

Motion by Warren and seconded by Ahrens to approve a Fireworks Display Permit to the Peshtigo Historical Day Committee for the Peshtigo Historical Day on September 26, 2026. Motion carried 6/0.

- Recommended Council approve Pay Application No. 3 for the West Park Drive Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$175,682.97.

Motion by Warren and seconded by Ahrens to approve Pay Application No. 3 for the West Park Drive Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$175,682.97. Motion carried 6/0.

- Recommended Council approve updating the purchase of the Streets Department truck from 2026 to a 2027 Ford F-150 from Ewald Automotive Group for \$42,693.00 to be funded from the CIP Funds and the sale of the 2019 pickup truck to the Sewer Department.

Motion by Warren and seconded by Sievert to approve updating the purchase of the Streets Department truck from 2026 to a 2027 Ford F-150 from Ewald Automotive Group for \$42,693.00 to be funded from the CIP Funds and the sale of the 2019 pickup truck to the Sewer Department. Motion carried 6/0.

- Recommended Council approve the annual sidewalk repair proposal from Safe Step, LLC to be funded from the CIP Fund.

Motion by Warren and seconded by Schmidt to approve the annual sidewalk repair proposal from Safe Step, LLC to be funded from the CIP Fund. Motion carried 6/0.

- Recommended Council approve the Street Use/Special Event Permit for the M&M Children's Museum for an Annual Scavenger Hunt in Badger Park on September 12, 2026, with any additional fees to be waived.

Motion by Warren and seconded by Ahrens to approve the Street Use/Special Event Permit for the M&M Children's Museum for an Annual Scavenger Hunt in Badger Park on September 12, 2026, with any additional fees to be waived. Motion carried 6/0.

- Discuss/consider Resolution changing the authorized representative for the Recycling Grant.

Motion by Warren and seconded by Schmidt to approve Resolution 2026-03 changing the authorized representative for the Recycling Grant. Motion carried 6/0.

- Discuss/consider Resolution authorizing the construction of a new sidewalk along West Park Drive, in conjunction with the Local Road Improvement Project (LRIP).

Motion by Warren and seconded by Schmidt to approve Resolution 2026-04 authorizing the construction of a new sidewalk along West Park Drive, in conjunction with the Local Road Improvement Project (LRIP). Motion carried 6/0.

Industrial Park Oversight – August 25, 2026

- Discuss/consider request by Extreme Warehouse, LLC (Dennis Harris), 990 Pine Street to purchase the adjacent Lot 48 of the industrial park for expansion of the current business located at 921 Ogden Road (Lots 43 & 44).

Discussion was held on the potential sale of Lot 48 of the Pine View Commercial and Industrial Park 2nd Addition to Extreme Warehouse, LLC. The site layout and expansion of a new 11,000 square foot warehouse building were reviewed.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Warren to approve the sale of Lot 48 of the Pine View Commercial and Industrial Park 2nd Addition to Extreme Transportation & Warehouse, LLC subject to the Protective Covenants. Motion carried 6/0.

Finance & Claims – August 26, 2026

- Recommended Council approve the \$23,929.50 August 2026 Budget Adjustments and Transfers.

Motion by Sievert and seconded by Schmidt to approve the \$23,929.50 August 2026 Budget Adjustments and Transfers. Motion carried 6/0.

License & Police

- Discuss/consider Temporary Class “B” Beer License for Peshtigo Historical Day Committee on September 26, 2026, Joe Nystrom.

Motion by Warren and seconded by Sievert to approve Temporary Class “B” Beer License for Peshtigo Historical Day Committee on September 26, 2026, Joe Nystrom. Motion carried 6/0.

- Discuss/consider “Class B” Fermented Malt Beverage & Intoxicating Liquor Licenses for D&T Center Bowl, LLC.

Motion by Warren and seconded by Ahrens to approve a “Class B” Fermented Malt Beverage & Intoxicating Liquor Licenses for D&T Center Bowl, LLC at 290 French St. Motion carried 6/0.

Closed Session:

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Warren to move into Closed Session per:

- WI S.S. 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility: Officer compensation and benefits.

Motion carried 6/0.

CLOSED SESSION – 7:04 p.m. – 7:32 p.m.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Warren to move into Open Session. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Sievert to approve 100% probationary wage and a 6-year lateral vacation upon WPPA approval for Officer Mackenzie Teske. Motion carried 6/0.

Personnel – July 20 & August 24, 2026

- Recommended Council approve hiring the Police Officer candidate as discussed in Closed Session.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by O'Neill. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Warren to amend the previous motion to approve hiring Mackenzie Teske as a full-time Police Officer to include waiving the residency requirement in Section 340 of the Employee Handbook. Motion carried 6/0.

Roll call was taken on the amended motion to approve hiring Mackenzie Teske as a full-time Police Officer and to waive the residency requirement in Section 340 of the Employee Handbook. Motion carried 6/0.

Other Matters:

The online Water & Sewer Utility portal is now in operation with payments being accepted.

Motion by Sievert and seconded by Warren to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Motion carried 6/0.

Tammy Kasal
Clerk-Treasurer