



## Common Council Minutes

The Common Council met at the City of Nekoosa Office  
Location: Council Chambers, 951 Market St. Nekoosa, WI 54457  
Time: Tuesday, August 12th, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Daniel J. Carlson. The roll call was conducted by Kallee Ferk, City Clerk.

### Roll Call

Aldermen Present: Alan Marcoux, Larry Krubsack, Brian Lytner, Mike Kumm, Daniel Downing, Anthony Carlson, Brad Hamilton, and Garrett Kuhn

Also in attendance was, Mike Hartje – Fire Chief, Rick Schmidt – Director of Public Works, Darla Allen – Library Director, Dennis Fenske, and Steve Shepro – Appraiser with Forward Appraisal

Attendance via Zoom: Nick Abts – City Attorney and Joe Haas – Auditor with Hawkins Ash CPAs

Citizen Comment – No citizens commented.

### Approval of Previous Common Council Minutes – July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**A motion was made to approve the minutes of the previous Common Council meetings as written.**

Motion by: Anthony Carlson

Seconded by: Garrett Kuhn

Motion carried unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

**A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report.**

Motion by: Brad Hamilton

Seconded by: Anthony Carlson

Motion carried unanimously.

### Committee Reports

#### Property Recreation and Human Affairs

**A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Property Recreation and Human Affairs Committee report of August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to be accepted as written.**

Motion by: Mike Kumm

Seconded by: Brad Hamilton

Motion carried unanimously.

1. *Recommend \$9,553.25 to install security cameras at Kautzer Park.*
2. *Recommend issuing a raze order for 613 N. Section Street.*
3. *Recommend amending Ordinance 9.10 Keeping Livestock and Fowl (No. 637)*
4. *Recommend amending Ordinance 15.01 Park Management (No. 638)*
5. *Recommend amending Ordinance 15.03 Park Hours of Operation (No. 639)*
6. *Recommend hiring ECON Electric to replace electric lines in Riverside Park for \$4,691.00*

**Motion that Item 1 of the Property Recreation and Human Affairs Committee Meeting be sent back to committee for reconsideration.**

Motion by: Alan Marcoux

Seconded by: Brad Hamilton

Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion that Items 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Property Recreation and Human Affairs Committee Meeting be adopted for action.**

Motion by: Mike Kumm

Seconded by: Brad Hamilton

Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Public Safety

**A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Safety report of August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to be accepted as written.**

Motion by: Anthony Carlson

Seconded by: Brad Hamilton

Motion carried unanimously.

1. *Recommend amending Ordinance 7.07 Parking Regulations (No. 635)*
2. *Recommend amending Ordinance 12.11 Alarm Systems (No. 636)*
3. *Recommend Fire Department to hold celebration for its 125<sup>th</sup> year anniversary on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 11am – 5pm.*
4. *Recommend allowing up to 6 firefighters to attend the Central Wisconsin Fall Fire Conference, Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Mid-State Technical College, Wisconsin Rapids Campus per handbook.*

**Motion that Item 1 of the Public Safety Committee Meeting be held for separate vote.**

Motion by: Anthony Carlson

Seconded by: Brad Hamilton

Roll Call Vote: Alan Marcoux – NO, Larry Krubsack – YES, Brian Lytner – YES, Mike Kumm – YES, Anthony Carlson – YES, Dan Downing – YES, Brad Hamilton – YES, and Garrett Kuhn – NO

Motion, carried 6-2

**Motion that Items 2, 3, and 4 of the Public Safety Committee Meeting be adopted for action.**

Motion by: Anthony Carlson

Seconded by: Brad Hamilton

Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Public Works

**A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Public Works Committee report of August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 to be accepted as written.**

Motion by: Larry Krubsack

Seconded by: Garrett Kuhn

Motion carried unanimously.

1. *Recommend approval of a second driveway at 501 N. Section Street.*
2. *Recommend approval of the purchase of a new utility van for the water department, at a cost not to exceed \$50,960.00 from V&H Ford in Marshfield*
3. *Discussion on having the Public Service Commission provide the council with a potential simplified rate increase for the Water Utility.*
4. *Recommend awarding the bid for the fishing pier project to Precision Grading & Utilities Inc. with a winning bid of \$185,164.00.*
5. *Recommend allowing Domtar to repair the two 1<sup>st</sup> Street railroad crossings and supplying associated traffic detours.*
6. *Recommend mailing the F.O.G. (grease) letter with the next water bill to inform residents on the adverse effects of flushing foreign objects and grease down the drain.*

**Motion that Items 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6 of the Public Works Committee Meeting be adopted for action.**

Motion by: Larry Krubsack

Seconded by: Garrett Kuhn

Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion carried unanimously.

### Ways & Means

**A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Ways & Means Committee report of August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 be accepted as written.**

Motion by: Daniel Downing

Seconded by: Brad Hamilton

Motion carried unanimously.

- 1.) *Audited the bill lists.*
- 2.) *Recommend beverage operator license for: see attached list*
  - a. *The Edge: Kaylie Ann Lessig*
  - b. *GPM Bread and Butter Shop #4530: Debra A. Davis*
  - c. *Nekoosa Piggly Wiggly: Melissa R. Kadrmas*
  - d. *Goodfella's Pizza: Alyssa Marie Erdman*
  - e. *The Party Connection: Yogesh C. Patel, Niyati M. Patel, and Cindy Lynn Bell*
  - f. *The Spot: Julie Lynn Sass, Janel Eve Tepp, Alec Lee Stephan, JoAnn F. Zagrzebski, and David Daniel Engwall*
- 3.) *Recommend donation of \$3,000.00 to Pumpkin Fest.*
- 4.) *Recommend allowing the Nekoosa School District to use the Kautzer Park building and waiving the fees.*
- 5.) *Recommend sending 2 to Workhorse training in Wausau September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.*
- 6.) *Recommend sending 5 to League of Wisconsin Municipalities Conference September 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 as per handbook.*

**Motion that Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Ways and Means Committee Meeting be adopted for action.**

Motion by: Daniel Downing

Seconded by: Brad Hamilton

Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Committee of the Whole**

**A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole report of August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 be accepted as written.**

Motion by: Anthony Carlson

Seconded by: Brad Hamilton

Motion carried unanimously.

- 1.) *Discussion with Jon Trautman from CLA on preparing for 2026 budget and using a budget report template for each council meeting.*

**No motion as there was nothing recommended for action.**

**Old Business** - No old business items were brought forward for discussion.

**New Business**

**Discussion and possible action on reevaluation from Steve Shepro at Forward Appraisal.**

Steve came to the council meeting to follow up on any questions the council has or has heard from the community regarding the reevaluation. He stated he has got 3-4 calls but no pushback so far, as they have explained they are trying to get equalized values so all houses are assessed fairly.

**Discussion and possible action on 2024 Audit presentation from Hawkins Ash CPAs.**

Joe Haas, Auditor representing Hawkins Ash, talked through the 2024 summary financial statements that were in the agenda packet, stating that the general fund was up and things were on a good trend other than the sewer rates as that is not operating at a positive. He mentioned considering raising sewer rates for users to allow the sewer fund to be self-sustaining again and operating in the positive.

**Discussion and possible action on approval of the CDBG grant award for Fairview Lane.**

**A motion was made to approve the CDBG grant being presented to the City of Nekoosa for Fairview Lane.**

Motion by: Brad Hamilton

Seconded by: Anthony Carlson

Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and possible action on approving the current fee schedule.**

**A motion was made to approve the fee schedule.**

Motion by: Brad Hamilton

Seconded by: Mike Kumm

Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of all Department Reports**

**A motion was made to approve the various monthly reports from the Police Chief, Public Works Director, Fire Department, Community Center, Airport Commission, and Charles & JoAnn Lester Library.**

Motion by: Brad Hamilton

Seconded by: Garrett Kuhn

Motion carried unanimously.

**Audit Bill List / Approval of Bills**

**Pooled Cash:**

Check #63773-63911 and other voucher payments from 07/09/2025-08/12/2025

**Total Expenditure from all Funds = \$593,235.10**

**Payroll:**

Check #56245-56252 Voucher #V13583- V13687 payments from 07/08/2025– 08/12/2025

**Total: \$155,540.75**

**A motion was made to approve the bills for the month.**

Motion by: Brad Hamilton

Seconded by: Anthony Carlson

Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment**

**A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.**

Motion by: Brad Hamilton

Seconded by: Anthony Carlson

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm