



Common Council Minutes

The Common Council met at the City of Nekoosa Office
Location: Council Chambers, 951 Market St. Nekoosa, WI 54457
Time: Tuesday, October 14th, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Daniel J. Carlson. 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, Rick Schmidt – Director of Public Works, Darla Allen – Library Director, Shawn Woods – Police Chief, Thomas Savage, and Gerry Carlson

Attendance via Zoom: Bobbi Hertzberg – Treasurer

Citizen Comment – Gerry Carlson discussed a pond he owns and that he is experiencing some pollutants in this pond. He sought the council for advice on the matter, but the council said he needs to look into some environmental legal action.

Approval of Previous Common Council Minutes – September 9th, 2025

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

Motion by: Brda Hamilton 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.

TREASURER’S FINANCIAL REPORT
GENERAL FUND
SEPTEMBER 2025

<u>BOAT LAUNCH PERMIT</u>	595.00	<u>SPECIAL ASSESSMENT REQUESTS</u>	50.00
<u>BUILDING/ZONING PERMITS</u>	1,448.00	<u>UTILITY PAYMENTS</u>	169,130.18
<u>CHARLES & JOANN LESTER LIBRARY</u>		<u>WISCONSIN SURPLUS ONLINE AUCTION</u>	21,165.00
Library Sales	745.80	<u>WOOD, COUNTY OF</u>	
<u>CITATION PAYMENTS</u>	4,691.99	August 2025 Special Charges	774.98
<u>EMC INSURANCE</u>		Dog Lister Fee	<u>68.50</u>
Claim Recovery	89,015.76		843.48
<u>FORFEITURES</u>	318.32	<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	352,932.16
<u>GRANT</u>		<u>GENERAL</u>	
Legacy Foundation for Boat Pier	58,145.00	8/31/2025 Balance	3,114,904.96
<u>LAWN MOWING SERVICES</u>	233.87	Checks	-775,132.75
<u>MOBILE HOME TAXES</u>		Receipts	352,932.16
Moccasin MHP	561.62	9/30/2025 Balance	2,692,704.37
<u>NEKOOSA POLICE DEPARTMENT</u>		<u>LONG TERM INVESTMENT</u>	
K-9 Cash Donation	20.00	<i>Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank</i>	
K-9 Donation - Kiwanis	1,800.00	<i>CD #40532, Maturity 12 Months - \$20,479.27 Owned jointly with the Town</i>	
K-9 Stuffed Animals	280.00	<i>Of Port Edwards for the future closure of the landfill.</i>	
Parking Tickets	10.00	<i>Local Government Investment Pool – Water Account</i>	
Records Request	<u>2.00</u>	Balance \$1,044,183.97	
	2,112.00		
<u>NEKOOSA PORT EDWARDS STATE BANK</u>			
Interest on NOW Account	256.14		
<u>OPERATOR LICENSES</u>	20.00		
<u>RECYCLE PICKUP</u>	50.00	Respectfully submitted,	
<u>RIVERSIDE CEMETERY</u>	1,500.00		
<u>SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER</u>	2,050.00	Bobbi Hertzberg	
		Treasurer, City of Nekoosa	

Committee Reports

Committee of the Whole

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Committee of the Whole report of September 30th, 2025 be accepted as written.

Motion by: Anthony Carlson Seconded by: Brad Hamilton Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

- 1.) *Discussion of 2026 budget planning with departmental budgets. (See Committee of the Whole meeting minutes for further details)*

No motion as there was nothing recommended for action.

Personnel

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Personnel report of September 30th, 2025 be accepted as written.

Motion by: Brad Hamilton Seconded by: Larry Krubsack Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

- 1.) *Motion by Carlson, seconded by Kumm to go into closed session pursuant to WI Stats. 19.85 (1) @ to negotiate wages with the Nekoosa Public Works Union. All members voted yes.*
- 2.) *Motion by Carlson, seconded by Kumm to go into open session pursuant to Wi Stats. 19.85 (2) @ to make possible recommendations from closed session.*
- 3.) *Recommend 4% wage increase effective January 1st, 2026 to December 31st, 2026. Increase uniform allowance by \$150.00 a year. Recommend accepting DPW hourly workers as General Teamster Union Local 662. Recommend removing summer help bullet point.*
- 4.) *Motion by Carlson, seconded by Kumm to go into closed session pursuant to WI Stats. 19.85 (1) @ to discuss full and part-time wages and benefits.*
- 5.) *Motion by Carlson, seconded by Kumm to go into open session pursuant to WI Stats. 19.85 (2) @ to make possible recommendations on closed session items.*
- 6.) *Recommend 4% increase for full-time staff and Fire Chief’s years of service be retroactive to 1992 for vacation purposes. Increase of City Clerk vacation to 3 weeks.*
- 7.) *Recommend Resolution No. 14-2025 to correct hours in WRS for the Nekoosa Fire Chief and Assistant Chief.*

Motion that Items 3, 6, and 7 of the 09/30/2025 Personnel Committee Meeting be adopted for action.

Motion by: Brad Hamilton Seconded by: Anthony Carlson Roll call vote: 8 Ayes,
0 Nays.
Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Personnel report of October 7th, 2025 be accepted as written.

Motion by: Brad Hamilton Seconded by: Larry Krubsack Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

- 1.) *Committee moved to go into closed session per WI Stats. 19.85 (1) @. Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Lytner, all voted yes.*
- 2.) *Committee moved to go to open session per WI Stats. 19.85 (2) @. Motion by Kuhn, seconded by Lytner, all voted yes.*
- 3.) *Recommend accepting resignation agreement as written.*
- 4.) *Discussed updates to employee handbook.*

Motion that Item 3 of the 10/07/2025 Personnel Committee Meeting be adopted for action.

Motion by: Brad Hamilton Seconded by: Larry Krubsack Roll call vote: 5 Ayes, 3 Nays.
Aye: Larry Krubsack, Brian Lytner, Dan Downing, Garrett Kuhn, and Brad Hamilton
Nay: Al Marcoux, Mike Kumm, and Anthony Carlson
Motion carried.

Planning Commission

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Planning Commission report of September 30thnd, 2025 to be accepted as written.

Motion by: Brad Hamilton Seconded by: Anthony Carlson Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

- 1. *Motion to go into closed session to deliberate on purchase of public property – 117 Ward Street.*
- 2. *Motion to come out of closed session to make recommendations on purchase of public property.*
- 3. *Recommendation to not purchase 117 Ward Street.*
- 4. *Discussion of Peckham Road project.*

Motion that Item 3 of the Planning Commission meeting be adopted for action.

Motion by: Brad Hamilton Seconded by: Anthony Carlson 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 October 7th, 2025 to be accepted as written.

Motion by: Larry Krubsack Seconded by: Anthony Carlson Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

- 1. *Recommend Ordinance No. 640 – Recycling Regulations for adoption.*
- 2. *Recommend spending \$41435.00 on installing a speed control/flow pacing of ferric chloride for the SCADA project at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.*
- 3. *Recommend replacing 3 Variable Frequency Drives for a total of \$15,091.00.*
- 4. *Discussion on closure of the joint landfill with the Town of Port Edwards and the wait on the DNR to look at the wells on the site.*
 - a. *Al Marcoux elaborated on this at the meeting stating that the him, Rick Schmidt, and Randy Moody from the Town of Port Edwards figured out that the CD is locked for 40 years, so it will be released in 2034.*

Motion that Items 1, 2, and 3 of the Public Works Committee Meeting be adopted for action.

Motion by: Larry Krubsack 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 October 7th, 2025 to be accepted as written.

Motion by: Anthony Carlson Seconded by: Brad Hamilton Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

- 1. *Discussion with Wisconsin Rapids Fire and EMS on 2026 and 2027 contract for EMS services.*
- 2. *Discussion on the ISO audit rating for the Fire Department.*
- 3. *Recommend trading current pistols to purchase 8 handguns, optics, and holsters for approximately \$2,000.00 total.*

Motion that Item 3 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.

Property Recreation and Human Affairs

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Property Recreation and Human Affairs Committee report of October 14th, 2025 to be accepted as written.

Motion by: Mike Kumm Seconded by: Brad Hamilton Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Minutes:

- 1. *Recommend selling lot #33 (855 Brook Trout Court) to Tom and Larissa Savage for \$4,500.*
- 2. *Recommend removing old baseball fencing at Riverside Park, leaving the backstop fence.*
- 3. *Recommend setting layout for west area of Riverside Cemetery.*
- 4. *Recommend closing Kautzer Pavillion for the winter.*

Motion by: Mike Kumm Seconded by: Anthony Carlson Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by: Daniel Downing Seconded by: Anthony Carlson Motion carried unanimously.

- 1.) Audited the bill lists.
- 2.) Recommend \$1,500.00 donation to the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce for the Nekoosa Holiday Parade and Fireworks.
- 3.) Recommend applications for beverage operator licenses to: Timothy Oleson for the Edge, Brandon Jacoby for The Jacoby Open event at the Community Center, and Brandon Lamb for GPM Investments (BP Gas Station).
- 4.) Recommend \$800.00 advertisement in the Visitor's Guide of the Wisconsin Rapids Convention and Visitor's Bureau, splitting costs with For Nekoosa.

Motion by: Daniel Downing Seconded by: Brad Hamilton Roll call vote: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays.
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm