

Alan Marcoux mentioned that he believed that the process of having a Committee of the Whole meeting over a Common Council meeting for budget was incorrect and that he felt there was not adequate notice of the budget public hearing. He reached out to a League of Municipalities attorney to discuss the topic. The clerk corrected this and mentioned that

The clerk then followed up with a secondary question asking if the budget meeting should be held as a Committee of the Whole or as a Special Statutory Council meeting. Marcoux said that the meeting has always been done as a council meeting. The clerk mentioned that she was asking this question for clarification as she did this process as a Committee of the Whole last year as well with the help of the accountant and she did not receive any notification that this was noncompliant. Abts said that since both groups are comprised of the same members that this was not a violation but that for future purposes that it should be noticed as a Special Council meeting. The clerk noted this for next year and thanked him for the clarification.

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

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

1. *Recommend installing a streetlight at the intersection of the railroad tracks and Wilhorn Rd.*
2. *Recommend approval of the Fairview Lane construction project for 2026 for approximately \$1,437,822. Discussed funding through a matching CDBG grant and other options such as loans or self-funding through Capital Improvement Fund.*
3. *Recommend approval of the Vierbicher engineering consultants' contract for final engineering, bidding, and construction administration for the Fairview Lane project.*

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

Motion by: Mike Kumm Seconded by: Larry Krubsack Motion carried unanimously.

1. Discussed new contract and pricing for the Nekoosa Community Center.

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

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the Ways & Means Committee report of December 9th, 2025 be accepted as written.

Motion carried unanimously.

- 1.) Audited all the bills.
- 2.) Recommend application to serve fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquors to Aaron Jacoby for The Spot and Jessica Poupore for GPM (Bread and Butter gas station).
- 3.) Recommend \$4,000.00 donation for "For Nekoosa" for 2026.

Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business – Alan Marcoux asked a question on the Property Recreation and Human Affairs meeting minutes. He stated that he thought the community center updated rental agreement would be up for approval at the meeting so it could begin in January of 2026. Rick Schmidt, Director of Public Works stated that he planned to add the item on the January Property Recreation meeting for it to be approved.

Larry Krubsack obtained.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22pm