

The Common Council for the City of New Lisbon met in regular session on Monday, October 20, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the New Lisbon Community Room with the following members present: Mayor Mark Toelle, Alderpeople Marv Newlun, Sheldon LaBudda, Morgan Reichhoff, and Ken Southworth. Also present: City Administrator Angie Schultz and City Clerk/Treasurer Jen Pedersen. A motion was made by Newlun, seconded by Reichhoff, to approve the City of New Lisbon meeting minutes from September 15, 2025. With a voice vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion carried.

During the public comment, Myelle Dubosq-Vogt suggested the need for a safe space for the Boys and Girls Club and an animal care facility. She recommended using the Police Station once they move to the new facility and is looking for grants to help fund it.

Alderperson Newlun made a motion, seconded by Reichhoff, to open the Public Hearing at 7:03 PM to rezone Parcel #292610527 from A-1 to R-1 for a single-family housing development. No comments were provided. Newlun made a motion, seconded by Southworth, to adjourn the public hearing at 7:05 PM. With a voice vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion carried.

Ordinance 1020-25-01 was introduced to rezone Parcel 292610527 from A-1 to R-1. Ordinance 1020-25-02 was introduced to amend Chapter 229 – Bicycles and Play Vehicles to include the terms "electric bicycle, electric scooter, and electric personal assistive mobility device."

A motion by Southworth, seconded by LaBudda, was made to approve the Seasonal Campground Site Agreement beginning in the 2026 season. With a voice vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion carried.

Newlun made a motion, seconded by Southworth, to table the requirement of a down payment for camping reservations until the City website can be updated to a more user-friendly format. With a voice vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by LaBudda, seconded by Newlun, to keep the allocations for the City Administrator's wages equally split among the City, Water, Sewer, and Electric Departments. In a roll call vote, LaBudda, Newlun, Southworth, and Reichhoff voted "aye." Motion carried.

After a second letter was sent to the Grandview Mobile Home Owner for nonpayment, a motion by Newlun, seconded by LaBudda, was made to revoke his mobile home permit license if payment was not made within 10 days of receiving the certified letter. In a roll call vote, LaBudda, Newlun, Southworth, and Reichhoff voted "aye." Motion carried.

A motion was made by Newlun, seconded by Southworth, to schedule the 2026 General Fund Budget Public Hearing on November 17, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the Community Room at City Hall. With a voice vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion carried.

Newlun made a motion, seconded by LaBudda, to table the percentage increase for 2026 employee wages and requested Clerk Pedersen to calculate a 4% increase. With a voice vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion carried.

The approval of Sherry Fitzpatrick for an Operator's License at Dollar General was made by Newlun, seconded by Reichhoff. With a voice vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion carried.

City Administrator Angie Schultz reported the City Property Insurance company reassessed municipal properties and determined the existing policy was undervalued. She also provided updates on the recent hail damage, upcoming road projects, and the need for updates to both the City website and accounting software. Clerk Pedersen requested the creation of a Resolution to transfer funds from the Cemetery budget to the Streets Operating Expense, noting that the City employees were responsible for Cemetery maintenance. She also informed the Council of upcoming attorney rate increases for the following year and raised the question of whether commercial properties should be included in the upcoming Garage and Waste Disposal RFP. The opening of RFP bids is scheduled for November 15, 2025, at 2:00 PM in the Community Room at City Hall. Alderperson Southworth provided an update from the Pool and Park meeting. He highlighted the need to paint the picnic tables and install fascia to cover shelter beams. He also stated the importance of beginning fundraising efforts for a potential pool refurbishment in the coming years. Alderperson Newlun shared service call updates from the Police and Fire Commission (PFC), details on a recent fire department vehicle extraction training exercise, and updates from the Mauston Area Ambulance meeting. Alderperson LaBudda stated that the Utility Commission is disputing a bill from Peaker Services. A second contractor had to be called to resolve the issue, leading to concerns over the original service provided.

Reichhoff made a motion, seconded by Newlun, to approve payment of \$42,095.01 in monthly invoices. In a roll call vote, LaBudda, Newlun, Southworth, and Reichhoff voted "aye." Motion carried.

At 8:09 PM, Reichhoff made a motion, seconded by Newlun, to enter into closed session to discuss possible Department Lead Position wage increases. With a voice vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion carried. At 8:37 PM, a motion to reconvene in open session was made by Southworth, seconded by Newlun. No action was taken. At 8:38 PM, a motion to adjourn was made by Reichhoff, seconded by Newlun.