

The Common Council for the City of New Lisbon met in regular session on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 6:32 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 LaBudda, seconded by Newlun, to approve the City of New Lisbon meeting minutes from October 20, 2025. With a voice vote, all members present voted "aye." Motion carried.

During public comment, Angela Chance-McGee voiced concerns regarding the new development entrances off of the narrow, single-lane S. Washington Street.

The 2026 General Fund Budget Public Hearing began at 6:36 PM. Council members asked several questions about various expenditure and revenue accounts. Representatives from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Mutual Insurance presented on the increased property insurance costs due to unaccounted emergency vehicle equipment and a reassessment of the replacement cost appraisal. With a motion by Newlun, seconded by Southworth, the public hearing closed at 7:02 PM.

Aldersperson LaBudda made a motion, seconded by Newlun, to approve the rezoning of Parcel #292610527 from A-1 to R-1 for a single-family housing development. All members present voted "aye." Motion carried.

Aldersperson Newlun made a motion, seconded by Reichhoff, to approve Ordinance 1020-25-02 to amend Chapter 229 – Bicycles and Play Vehicles to include the terms "electric bicycle, electric scooter, and electric personal assistive mobility device." All members present voted "aye." Motion carried.

The City of New Lisbon received three proposals for Garbage and Waste Disposal Services. Representatives from both GFL Environmental and Republic Services were in attendance. After further discussion, LaBudda made a motion, seconded by Newlun, to award the contract to GFL Environmental for a five-year term, with an optional three-year renewal. With a roll call vote, LaBudda, Newlun, Southworth, and Reichhoff all voted "aye." Motion carried.

No action was taken with Ordinance 429 Solid Waste on multiple-unit dwellings.

LaBudda made a motion, seconded by Southworth, to approve a \$30/month cell phone reimbursement for the Lead Street Department, City Administrator, and City Clerk. With a roll call vote, LaBudda, Newlun, Southworth, and Reichhoff all voted "aye." Motion carried.

The approval of the 2026 employee wage increase, the mill rate, levy, and 2026 budget were tabled until after discussion in closed session.

A motion made by Newlun, seconded by Southworth, was approved to increase the Fire Chief's salary by \$1,000 per year effective immediately. With a roll call vote, LaBudda, Newlun, Southworth, and Reichhoff all voted "aye." Motion carried.

Resolution 1117-25-01 to amend the 2025 Budget to move \$12,000 from the cemetery to the street operating fund for maintenance of the cemetery by City employees was approved with a motion by Southworth, seconded by Newlun. With a roll call vote, LaBudda, Newlun, Southworth, and Reichhoff all voted "aye." Motion carried.

A motion by LaBudda, seconded by Newlun, to amend Resolution 0415-25-04 to change the law firm from Cross, Jenks, Mercer & Mafei to West & Dunn, effective January 1, 2026, to stay with Nicole Marklein as our Municipal Attorney. All members present voted "aye." Motion carried.

A motion by LaBudda, seconded by Newlun, was made to approve the Police Facility Pay App #7 and #8 in the amount of \$323,133.48 and \$30,155.30, contingent upon final approval from Rural Development. Five percent of the final due will be retained until the punch list is complete. With a roll call vote, LaBudda, Newlun, Southworth, and Reichhoff all voted "aye." Motion carried.

No action was taken with the discussion of snow removal contracts until it can be further reviewed.

City Administrator, Angela Schultz, reported that the City is awaiting the adjustor's specifications regarding hail damage. Crest View Nursing & Rehabilitation Center will be listed as an omitted property for 2025 tax year. The City is in the process of upgrading its website and accounting software. Water/Sewer and Electric Departments are upgrading their computers to ensure GIS compatibility. Administrator Schultz has been conducting grant research, working on city beautification initiatives, and updating emergency/crisis plans. Clerk/Treasurer Pedersen reported that incumbents Mark Toelle, Ken Southworth, and Morgan Reichhoff are up for election in the Spring Election. She noted that nomination papers may be circulated beginning on December 1, 2025, and must be filed by 5:00 PM on January 7, 2026. Pedersen also informed the Council that the Community

Lunch will be served in the Community Room at City Hall on November 18 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. She also stated that the Public Works Department is responsible for the employee gifts this year, not to exceed \$75. Mayor Toelle attended the Library Board meeting and was impressed with the creative programming and community involvement that the library is fostering.

Newlun made a motion, seconded by Reichhoff, to approve the monthly invoices of \$49,071.94. With a roll call vote, LaBudda, Newlun, Southworth, and Reichhoff all voted “aye.” Motion carried.

Newlun made a motion, seconded by Reichhoff, to enter into closed session at 8:10 PM to discuss department lead position wages and employee wage increases. The Council reconvened at 8:35 PM with a motion by LaBudda, seconded by Newlun. Newlun made a motion, seconded by LaBudda, to increase the wage for the Street Department Lead by \$1.00 and add 40 hours of vacation. With a roll call vote, LaBudda, Newlun, Southworth, and Reichhoff all voted “aye.” Motion carried. Southworth made a motion, seconded by Newlun, to approve a 3% wage increase for all city employees. The library’s budget was approved for \$167,876.00. If wage expenses exceed this amount, the City will be reimbursed from the Library Appropriations. With a roll call vote, LaBudda, Newlun, Southworth, and Reichhoff all voted “aye.” Motion carried.

LaBudda made a motion, seconded by Newlun, to approve a municipal levy of \$726,675 with a mill rate of 7.13 per thousand of assessed value, for a total budget of \$2,616,626.00. Property owners will see an increase of about \$10 per \$100,000 in taxes. With a roll call vote, LaBudda, Newlun, Southworth, and Reichhoff all voted “aye.” Motion carried.

At 8:39 PM, a motion to adjourn was made by Reichhoff, seconded by Newlun.