



City of MONDOVI

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PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

December 30, 2025

CALL TO ORDER:

Public Hearing was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Brady Weiss, presiding over the meeting at the Marten Center, 120 S. Franklin St, Mondovi, WI 54755.

ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Council members present David Schultz, Duey Bauer, Greg Bauer, Gary Stanton, Lori Larson and Nathan Nelson. Also, present was City Administrator Michelle Loken. Councilwoman Ginny Gunderson appeared by phone.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS LAW:

Loken advised Council that the Buffalo County News was provided the agenda notice and it was posted in the public posting locations on Wednesday, December 10th, 2025.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Comments were made by the following citizens during Public Hearing: Chris Pichler, Dale Isaccson, Kathie Lowenhagen, Ricardo Aguiar, Trystan Meyer, Rob Talbot, Jim Rud, Randy Poeschel, Brad Schmidtknecht, Bob Meren, Joann Bockin, Terri Vettrus, Dale Poeschel, Jason Weiss and Joann Gavin.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- I. Motion by Larson and seconded by Schultz to open Public Hearing at 5:31 pm. Motion carried.

Mayor Weiss gave a background on the topic of the Public Hearing. The Mondovi Fire Station has outgrown the footprint of the current location going back over a decade. The department has added more equipment and the building that was built in the early 1960's has not changed. The department is very condensed and packed in the current location. Over the past few years, there has been discussion on opportunities to either build or purchase within the community as well as grants. Last year, a comprehensive plan was done to find the cost of a new department and assess the needs of the department, including how much acreage would be needed, square footage, decontamination concerns for testing that is required by the department. While working on some of the equipment, Tony Poeschel asked if there was any interest in acquiring his building for a potential department. His building does meet the Wisconsin Building Code and could be utilized as a fire station. The city did reach out to the financial advisors to see what the financing package would be, so those questions could be answered by taxpayers.

Fire Chief Bauer gave a recap of the calls for the past five years. During 2025, there have been 126 calls to date and runs have been increasing every year. Bauer also gave comparison of the current location to the potential new location.

Location of the Property

- Questions on what streets would be used to access the building.
- Concerns of the trucks going through a residential area, vehicles travelling fast and safety.
- Possibility of keeping the fire department at the current location and relocating the city shop.

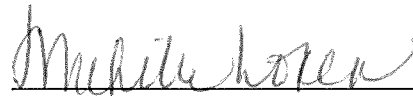
Poeschel Building Logistics

- Building was constructed in 2019, State approved commercial building, approximately 8,400 square feet, in-floor heat, air conditioning throughout, steel frame building.
- There would need to have the water line updated going into the building to fill tenders.
- Would fit the needs of all apparatus that the department has.

Tax Implications and Financing

- Asking price is \$2.5 Million
- Appraisal will be completed on January 5th
- Current mill rate is \$5.54 per \$1,000.00, would increase to \$6.52 per \$1,000.00.
- City would borrow through a G.O. Note, which is tax exempt debt and allows lower interest rate.
- A 20 year debt, would be approximately \$197,283.00 in principal payment plus interest per year.
- Payments would commence in 2027.
- Discussion of the City being 75% responsible and Towns 25% responsible, which would lower the City's portion of payment.

- II. Motion by Schultz and seconded by Larson to close the Public Hearing at 7:12 p.m. for the potential purchase of 450 Madison Street to serve as a Municipal Fire Department. Motion carried.



Michelle Loken, City Administrator
December 30, 2025