



City of MONDOVI

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COUNCIL MINUTES

June 23rd, 2026

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting 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, Ginny Gunderson, Greg Bauer, Lori Larson and Nathan Nelson. Also, present was City Administrator Michelle Loken. Councilmen Duey Bauer and Gary Stanton were absent.

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 Friday, June 19th, 2026.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mayor Weiss was informed that former City of Mondovi employee, Glenda Busch, passed away. On behalf of the City Council and City of Mondovi employees extend our deepest sympathies to her family. Toni McGee presented the city with a "Thank You" card from the Garden Club for the donation to flowers from the city.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- i. Accept or remove items from the posted Agenda
- ii. Approval of Regular City Council Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2026

Motion by Schultz and seconded by Larson to approve the consent agenda as posted. Motion carried.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA:

No items removed.

REGULAR AGENDA:

I. TESSA HARMON - OKTOBERFEST

Ms. Harmon addressed the council on the upcoming Oktoberfest requesting that the ordinance to suspend the restriction of open containers be lifted for the event as well as allow the committee to utilize a UTV or golf cart as an event vehicle. This would allow them to have the ability to move things around the event. A motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Nelson to allow the Oktoberfest Committee to utilize an event vehicle as long as it is flagged and/or signed and also allow the suspension of Section 9.01 of the Mondovi Code of Ordinances on Offenses Endangering Public Safety, paragraph 5 Open Bottle for the city sponsored Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 10, 2026. Motion carried.

II. BUFFALO COUNTY HUMANE ASSOCIATION DONATION

Representatives from the Buffalo County Humane Association spoke regarding an issue of feral cats within the city. Gruber had a resident come to them with numerous kittens that were feral. They are currently receiving a large number of kittens and cats that are running at large in this area on E. Main Street. They have an agreement with a local vet to spay or neuter as well as vaccinate them. If the animal has been on your property for more than a week and you are feeding them, the Humane Association asks for a surrender fee. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by G. Bauer to establish a target fund up to \$1,000.00 and work with the Buffalo County Humane Association for target management of feral cats. Motion carried. Schultz opposed.

III. AMERICAN PHOENIX TRANSPORTATION LLC – TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Administrator Loken received a request from Penny Sorenson the owner of American Phoenix Transportation LLC to set up a busing service in Mondovi to run Tuesdays and Fridays starting at 7:00 am. She will offer seven stops around Eau Claire, including Mayo Clinic on W. Clairemont Avenue, Marshfield Clinic on Craig Road, Mayo Clinic on Bellinger Street, downtown by the bus terminal, Woodman's, Walmart and Oakleaf Clinic on Mall Drive. The pick-up location will be at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds parking area. She owns and operates a 14-passenger bus that can seat 12 people and 2 wheelchairs. This will allow individuals to get to appointments and shopping that don't drive or like to drive to Eau Claire. She does background checks on drivers, drug testing, is fully insured and bonded. A motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Larson to approve American Phoenix Transportation LLC to operate a busing service from Mondovi to Eau Claire on Tuesdays and Fridays providing she submits proof of insurance on an annual basis and an operating schedule. Ms. Sorenson will change the location of services the week of the Buffalo County Fair to Tourist Park. Motion carried.

IV. AREA THRIFT STORE

Administrator Loken is on the Area Thrift Store Board, and being that the city owns the building, the board wanted city council to be apprised of the financial status of the store. In 2025, even with donations and volunteers, the store struggled financially with less than a \$300.00 profit. The board would entertain new board members as well. This is for informational purposes.

V. REQUEST OF OPENING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH WPPA

The city received a certified letter from WPPA Business Agent Roder that they wish to commence bargaining for a successor agreement with the police department. Mayor Weiss, Councilwoman Gunderson and Administrator Loken will serve as the bargaining committee late summer with the WPPA and Teamsters Union.

VI. SUMMER HELP APPLICATIONS

The city advertised for part-time summer help and received an application from a high school student that later accepted another job. Another application came in from a 16 year old that is interested in the position. Motion by Nelson and second by Larson to approve the hiring of Nicholas Wright. Motion carried.

VII. MONDOVI FIRE DEPARTMENT – RELIANT FIRE APPARATUS

Fire Chief Bauer presented a proposal from Reliant Fire Apparatus for a Pierce Enforcer PUC Pumper to replace the current engine that is from 1986 and has mechanical issues. The proposal that the MDF received is in the amount of \$1,277,326. Reliant Fire Apparatus stated that it takes approximately 4 years to complete the build of the engine. The best financing option is to pay off the 2020 Spartan Rescue Truck which will be in 2030 and then take delivery of the new engine with the annual payment approximately \$115,000.00. The township contracts are up for renewal in 2028 and the department will request additional funds towards the apparatus fund. Chief Bauer stated that there has been a 25% increase in trucks in the past five years. A motion was made by Nelson and seconded by Schultz to approve the ordering of the Pierce Enforcer PUC Pumper with financing beginning when delivered. Motion carried with unanimous support. G. Bauer abstained.

VIII. REPORTS OF MAYOR AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Weiss and Administrator Loken have been speaking with the WIDOT regarding upcoming street projects.

IX. RESOLUTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. WWTP Compliance Maintenance Annual Report
 - i. R-26-06-01 Resolution to approve the Wastewater Treatment Plant Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)

Motion by Larson and seconded by Gunderson to approve R-26-06-01 Resolution to approve the Wastewater Treatment Plant Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR) to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). Motion carried.

X. APPROVAL OF LICENSE APPLICATIONS

1. Alcohol Beverage and Cigarette Retail License Applications for July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

- i. Valley Golf & Events

Motion by Schultz and seconded by Larson to approve the listed Alcohol Beverage and Cigarette License applications. Motion carried.

2. Operator's License Applications for July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

- i. Rebecca A. Traun – White Pig Tavern
 - ii. Lisa Caturia – Dollar General

Motion by Schultz and seconded by G. Bauer to approve the listed Operator's License applications. Motion carried.

3. Temporary Class "B" Beer License

- i. Mondovi Youth Baseball Association for week of June 28–July 4, 2026 – Stephanie Prissel, Agent
 - ii. Mondovi Youth Baseball Association for week of July 5–July 11, 2026 – Stephanie Prissel, Agent
 - iii. Mondovi Youth Baseball Association for week of July 12–July 18, 2026 – Stephanie Prissel, Agent

Motion by G. Bauer and seconded by Larson to approve the listed Temporary Class "B" Beer License applications. Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER BUSINESS:

Gunderson stated that Past in the Park, a band concert and other festivities will be taking place in Tourist Park followed with the kiddie parade at 5:30 pm before the grand parade at 6:00 pm on Sunday, June 28th, 2026. Grand Marshals this year are Galen & Audrey Aase. The library will be sponsoring Jane Kirkpatrick, a local author on June 30th. There will be a movie at the Marten Center titled "A Great Awakening" Revolutionary History on Friday, July 3rd at 8:00 pm. On the 4th of July, there will be the EMT Fun Run and the Joe Roby Family will be singing before the fireworks over Mirror Lake.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE:

Next regular meeting of the Common Council will be held on July 14th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Larson and seconded by Schultz to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Motion carried.



Michelle Loken, City Administrator
June 23, 2026