

City of Pittsville
Official Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 20, 2026
Pittsville Community Hall, 5291 3rd Ave

The City Council meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Mayor Nichols.

Alderspersons present by roll: Mark Darr, Mike Hobbs, Brian Kissner, Casey Krohn, Bob Schooley and Dennis Todd.

Also Present: Peter Petersen DPW, Diana Schooley, Dan Schooley

The mayor led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hobbs identified a conflict with #8a. Review of Banners for 250th USA Birthday July 4th for purchase and will abstain if a vote is taken.

Motion by Todd, second by Kissner to approve council minutes from 12.16.25. Motion carried.

No Public comments were heard.

Mayor Nichols informed the council and community members that he will not be seeking re-election for a 7th term this April.

Schooley commented that he, as well as others, received an email from Robert Lopez III regarding the recent interaction with Pittsville School. He reviewed the police report and feels that Chief Duerr did nothing wrong and we support our Police Department that is doing a fine job.

The following reports were presented for approval: Clerk/Treasurers report, Water/Sewer Treasurers Report/Minutes from 1.14.26 Police Report and Department of Public Works Report. Mayor asked for the Water/Sewer minutes to be pulled and he would like it noted that Sewer rates for the city are lower than 60% of others in Wi. Mayor also asked for the DPW report to be pulled as there were questions from Peter. Motion by Krohn, second by Hobbs to approve the removing of trees in the park that are a liability. Motion carried. Motion by Schooley, second by Darr to approve the reports as presented. Motion carried.

Hobbs presented information on the banners for the 250th USA Birthday. Options and Pricing were given to the council. Council asked Hobbs to bring back designs in February.

An email from Terry Christen, our insurance agent, was reviewed regarding Job Shadowing/Volunteering with the city. Terry clarified council's questions and the Volunteer/Job Shadow Liability Agreement will be on February agenda.

Krohn was able to speak with the baseball committee and an updated agreement will be presented at the February meeting.

Todd presented the idea of having rope lights for July 4th holiday. Motion by Todd, second by Krohn to purchase red and blue ropes lights not in excess of \$400. Motion carried.

Chapter 2 of the personal manual we reviewed. Updates to Sec 2.6, Vacancies and Job Postings, will be made along with uniform wording of Chair of Committee to Chair of Committee/Commission. The section will be on the February agenda after updates are made.

Discussion on Carryover/2026 Budget numbers was had. Krohn commented that we need to be approve budgets in green and not in red. Schooley commented that we need to be following the budget and not adding extra to it. Contingency fund is for in a pinch or emergency. Mayor Nichols pointed out that we did put just over \$79,000 to savings for future projects or needs.

First reading for Ordinance # 1-2026, An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing in its entirety, Article III of Chapter 34, Solid Waste, as to Mandatory Recycling per the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recommendations and requirements. No action was taken

Darr would like to see 1st Ave from Veedum to Bower open to snowmobile traffic. Motion by Darr, second by Hobbs to have the ordinance amended to include sec 42.227 (a) (3) 1st Ave from Veedum to Bower St., 42.227 (a) (4) Bower St, from 1st Ave to Forest St. by Pittsville High School. Clerk will bring to February council meeting.

Motion by Schooley, second by Kissner to approve Resolution #2026 – 01: Reducing the Tax Equivalent Payable to the City by the Water Utility to Zero. Motion carried and the mayor signed the resolution.

An update from American Transmission Company regarding power line rebuilding that was approved by the PSCW. They will not be going through City of Pittsville.

Motion by Schooley, second by Krohn to move Mayor Expense line item to Mayor Wage line item. Motion carried with Darr abstaining.

Motion by Krohn, second by Darr to approve the Election Provider Agreement with Wood County. Motion carried and the mayor signed the agreement.

Motion by Hobbs, second by Todd to Sign MSA Service Agreement for the 2026 year. Motion carried and the mayor signed the agreement.

Motion by Kissner, second by Schooley to approve the Operator License Applications for Julia Peaslee & Tina Strandmark. Motion carried. Diana and Dan left.

Announcements of Christmas cards that were received and presented to council, Thank You card from PAFA for our donation and reminder water/sewer payments are due today. Pete Orgel passed away, a sympathy card was sent to Charlene, Haas Builders Supply donated materials \$1450 to the Market Village, the January tax settlement was sent out with \$161,835.81 to Wood County, \$325,127.69 to Pittsville School, \$24,377.09 to Mid-State and \$217,598.30 being the city portion. Future Agenda items to include Banners for 250th, Job Shadow/Liability Agreement, Light up the Pit agreement, Chapter 2 of the personnel manual, and Snowmobile ordinance update.

Motion by Hobbs, second by Darr to approve the payment of bills from 12.17.25 – 1.20.26 totaling \$859,260.58. Motion carried.

Motion by Kissner, second by Todd to adjourn at 7:15pm. Motion carried.

Renee Losievski
City Clerk/Treasurer