

CITY OF SHULLSBURG, WISCONSIN
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2026

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held March 18, 2026 in the Community Room of the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center, 190 N. Judgement Street, Shullsburg, Wisconsin. Mayor Verne Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted at the Townsend Center, Shullsburg Post Office and Turpin's Home Town Grocery. Roll Call- Duane Wedige, Emmett Reilly, Cheryl Mulcahy, Dan Morrissey - Present. Others present- Jen Detra, Tom Lethlean, Mark Doyle and Janelle Schumacher.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes – *Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2026 Council Meeting. All aye, motion carried.*

Police Report – A report had been emailed, and there were no further questions.

Approve Bills – *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to approve the bills for General, Water, Sewer, Electric, Pool, Museum, Library & TIF Funds. All aye, motion carried.*

Public Comment – None

Tie Yard Parking Lot Reconstruction – Mark Doyle from Delta 3 Engineering presented plans for reconstruction of the Tie Yard parking lot. The Council reviewed options for straight parking stalls and angled parking stalls. Angled parking stalls would result in having one-way traffic through the lot, as well as fewer parking spots. The Council discussed contacting abutting property owners to discuss paving the area behind the businesses at the same time the project is being done. Alderman Wedige offered to contact those property owners to discuss. Reilly commented that he likes the 90-degree angle parking stalls. Doyle asked about size of the stalls and recommended 10'x 20' stalls. Doyle confirmed with the group there would be no EV charging station based on past discussions. Doyle recommended adding curb on the west side of the parking lot, where there is currently no curb, stating this will help with overall drainage in the area. Doyle also brought a price estimate to include reconstruction of the portion of Mineral Street that runs along the parking lot, due to its deteriorated condition. Doyle also recommended replacing the Storm Sewer that runs underneath the parking lot with a larger size due to the amount of drainage that occurs to that area. Morrissey asked what diameter the storm sewer pipe would be. Doyle confirmed 24". There was additional discussion about needing to increase the size based on drainage from Parkview Subdivision and additional drainage from Badger Park to that area. Doyle believes 24" is sufficient based on the engineering calculations, but he will get a price to increase it to 30". The addition of the Mineral Street reconstruction, Mineral Street curb and gutter and the storm sewer upsize has a proposed cost of \$83,650 with the total Tie Yard Lot reconstruction project estimated at \$315,250. *Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to approve proceeding with the bid process on April 9, 2026 using the plans, specs and estimates provided by Delta 3 for the Tie Yard Lot reconstruction. All aye, motion carried.*

Shullsburg School District Referendum – After a presentation at the last meeting regarding the school district referendum, Alderman Reilly requested an agenda item to take formal action regarding the support of the referendum. *Motion by Reilly, second by Morrissey to support the Shullsburg School District Referendum. Mayor Jackson called for a roll call vote: Mulcahy – yes, Reilly – yes, Wedige – yes, Morrissey – yes; motion carried.*

Museum Interior Design Proposal – The Council briefly referenced moving forward with the museum interior design process with the next step being surveying the community to gather input before moving forward. No action taken.

Room Tax Ordinance – The Council briefly reviewed and discussed moving forward with implementing a room tax ordinance for short term rental properties. Sample ordinances, permit applications and procedures were also discussed. The Council had reviewed the state room tax report which includes the room tax rate charged by all municipalities. Morrissey suggested a starting tax rate of 6%. The process will move forward by obtaining recommendations from legal counsel. No action taken.

Lafayette County Development Corporation – Mayor Jackson announced the need to fill his vacancy on the LCDC board after his resignation in April. The Council briefly discussed options and agreed it is typically the mayor who acts as the representative from each municipality. *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to nominate Dan Morrissey to fill the vacancy as the representative from Shullsburg. All aye, motion carried.*

Resolution 2026-03 Appointing Election Inspectors – *Motion by Mulcahy second by Reilly to approve Resolution 2026-03 to appoint additional election inspectors for the current election cycle. All aye, motion carried.*

Cold Storage Building – *Motion by Reilly second by Mulcahy to advertise for bids to build a cold storage building shared by the Electric and Street departments. All aye, motion carried.*

IT Service & Support Contract – The Council considered proposals from three companies to provide IT service and support – Netux Solutions, TC Networks and VC3. *Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to approve the agreement with TC Networks. All aye, motion carried.*

Burning Grounds Open Date – *Motion by Morrissey second by Mulcahy to approve opening the burning grounds on Saturdays beginning Saturday, April 4, 2026. All aye, motion carried.*

Clerk/Treasurer Report – The reports were emailed and there were no questions. Election is coming up on April 7, 2026.

Closed Session – *At 8:05 p.m. a motion was made by Wedige second by Mulcahy to convene into closed session. Roll Call - Morrissey-yes, Wedige-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy-yes. Motion carried. Closed Session is Pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85 (1)(c) for the Purpose of Considering Employment, Promotion, Compensation or Performance Evaluation Data of any Public Employee over which the Governmental Body has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility- Discussion on 2026 Seasonal Employment Positions.*

Open Session – *At 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Wedige second by Mulcahy to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Wedige-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy- yes. Motion carried.*

Action on Closed Session – *Motion by Mulcahy second by Reilly to hire the seasonal employees as discussed in closed session. All aye, motion carried.*

Closed Session – *At 8:11 p.m. a motion was made by Reilly second by Wedige to convene into closed session. Roll Call - Morrissey-yes, Wedige-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy-yes. Motion carried. Closed Session is Pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85 (1)(e) for the Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: Consideration of a revolving loan application.*

Open Session – *At 8:27 p.m. a motion was made by Reilly second by Mulcahy to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Wedige-yes, Reilly-yes, Jackson-yes, Mulcahy- yes. Motion carried.*

Action on Closed Session – *Motion by Wedige second by Mulcahy to approve the application for revolving loan #38 with the contingencies as discussed. All aye, motion carried.*

At 8:28 p.m. a motion was made by Reilly second by Mulcahy to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Janelle Schumacher

Clerk/Treasurer