

CITY OF SHULLSBURG
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 28, 2026

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held May 28, 2026 in the Community Room of the Shullsburg Community Townsend Center, 190 N. Judgement Street, Shullsburg, Wisconsin. Mayor Dan Morrissey called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Notice of the meeting was posted at the Townsend Center, Shullsburg Post Office and Turpin's Home Town Grocery. Roll Call- Cheryl Mulcahy, Emmett Reilly, Duane Wedige, Griffin Wiegel (via phone) – Present; Others present- Tim Wren, Jen Detra, Konrad Strzalka, Jeff Doyle and Janelle Schumacher.

Museum Interior Design Proposals – The Council reviewed a proposal from Edwards Creative to consult on museum exhibit design for the new museum. Tim Wren was representing Edwards Creative and gave a brief introduction to the company, stating they have over 25 years' experience working with museums. Wren explained their team would lead a workshop process to help the City-appointed committee with conceptual design, exhibit and content development. Wren explained they would custom select a designer from their team who would be the best fit. The Council discussed the need to make the museum more modern and relevant and Wren explained they could design the interior to fit the budget. Mayor Morrissey commented on the self-guided tour in Colona that was intriguing and something we might consider in lieu of needing to have so many employees to work at the museum. Wren showed examples of the materials they are able to print in their shop, as well as showed deliverable materials that can be used for fundraising. The Phase 1 proposal includes interpretive planning workshops, conceptual exhibit development and renderings of the exhibits, supported by narratives and descriptions for each concept. A rough order of magnitude budget will also be provided to help with budgeting for exhibit development and fabrication. The Phase 1 cost from Edwards Creative is \$30,000. There was further discussion regarding the appropriate size of a committee to work on the project as well as whether meetings would be in person or virtual. Wren went on to explain they are currently working on the Dubuque Children's Museum and Dubuque Museum of Art.

Mayor Morrissey went on to review the list of proposals received from PrairieWorks, McCullough Creative, FEH and Edwards Creative, for exhibit design consulting. He reiterated that funding for \$15,000 was received by the WEDC to assist with the project.

Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to approve hiring Edwards Creative for Phase 1 of the museum exhibit design consulting. All aye, motion carried.

Special Event Permit Application & Expansion of Premise – The Council reviewed a special event permit application and expansion of premise for alcohol beverages submitted by Second Chance Coffee for a live music event on June 20, 2026. *Motion by Reilly second by Mulcahy to approve the proposed special event permit and expansion of premise. All aye, motion carried.*

Use Restriction & Grant Agreement for Museum – The Council reviewed a grant agreement and use restriction agreement for the \$1,000,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Administration for the construction of the Badger Mine & Museum. The use restriction agreement will be in place for twenty years in order to guarantee the grant funds will be used for their intended purpose. *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to approve the Use Restriction and Grant Agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Administration. All aye, motion carried.*

Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to approve the standing committees as appointed by the mayor. All aye, motion carried.

At 2:53 p.m. a motion was made by Mulcahy second by Reilly to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Janelle Schumacher
Clerk/Treasurer