

CITY OF SHULLSBURG, WISCONSIN
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2026

A re-organizational meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held April 21, 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 5:30 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, Dan Morrissey, Cheryl Mulcahy – Present; Others present- Andy Foley, Bart Nies, Griffin Wiegel and Janelle Schumacher.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes – *Motion by Reilly second by Morrissey to approve the minutes of the March 17, March 18 and April 1, 2026 Council Meetings. All aye, motion carried.*

Committee Reports – Mulcahy gave an update on the Police Committee meeting.

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

Public Comment – Bart Nies thanked Verne Jackson for his years of service on the Council and as Mayor and wished him well moving forward.

2026 Proposed Infrastructure Improvement Project – Bart Nies of Delta 3 Engineering briefly discussed construction bids for the project, however the bid cannot be awarded yet because we need Utility Easements signed by property owners and we are waiting on LRIP funding. The bid will be awarded at the May meeting. Nies continued by discussing the DNR funding options for the project which are grant and low interest loan opportunities. The City of Shullsburg was awarded funds through both the Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water Funds. Based on the funding available and the city's cash reserves, the Council discussed accepting the Safe Drinking Water funds, but declining the Clean Water Funds to help pay for this project. Nies confirmed a public informational meeting about the project would be held on Wednesday, May 20th at 6:00 P.M. Regarding the bond counsel agreement Nies recommended a proposal from Quarles to supply bond counsel for the Safe Drinking Water Loan through the DNR. Their estimated fees would be \$12,300. Quarles also provided a bond counsel proposal for the Clean Water loan, however it will not be needed if the funds are declined. *Motion by Wedige second by Reilly to hire Quarles for bond counsel for the Safe Drinking Water loan program. All aye, motion carried.*

Motion by Morrissey second by Mulcahy to decline Clean Water Program funds and associated bond counsel and use City funds for the remainder of the project. All aye, motion carried.

Tie Yard Lot Construction Bids – Nies continued with the results of the bid process for the Tie Yard Parking Lot construction project. The lowest bid was submitted by Rule Construction, Ltd. with a bid of \$278,931.25. Nies stated the project would likely start in early August and be completed in early November. *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to approve the construction bid submitted by Rule Construction for the Tie Yard Lot project. All aye, motion carried.*

WWTF Final Clarifier Project Funding – Additional DNR grant and loan funding was awarded for the WWTF final clarifier project, however Bart Nies explained the grant award must be signed and the bid must be awarded by June 30th in order to accept the funds. Nies stated that given the other large projects being planned in 2026, the Council may want to consider reapplying the funding in the Fall of 2026 and scheduling the project for 2027. *Motion by Morrissey second by Reilly to decline the Clean Water Funding award for 2026, and to reapply for 2027. All aye, motion carried.*

Open Burn Dates – *Motion by Morrissey second by Mulcahy to approve open burning according to city ordinance from April 22 through May 24, 2026. All aye, motion carried.*

Water Quality Trading Project – Nies, continuing to speak on behalf of Delta 3 Engineering gave an update to the Council regarding the Water Quality Trading Project for the Sewer Department, which consists of stream bank restoration to help lower the phosphorus levels and meet the limits set by the DNR. *Motion by Wedige second by Reilly to give Delta 3 Engineering approval to move forward with Water Quality Trading Project #2. All aye, motion carried.*

Administer Official Oath to Alderpersons – Clerk Schumacher confirmed that the official oath had been administered in the office to Dan Morrissey for a two year term as Mayor, and Duane Wedige & Emmett Reilly for two year terms as Alderpersons.

Elect Council President – *Motion by Wedige to nominate Cheryl Mulcahy as Council President second by Reilly. All aye, motion carried.*

Appointment of Alderperson to Complete Unexpired Term – Dan Morrissey being elected mayor resulted in an Alderperson vacancy for one year ending in April 2027. Morrissey would like the Council to consider appointing Griffin Wiegel to fulfill the vacancy. *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to appoint Griffin Wiegel as alderperson through April 2027. All aye, motion carried.*

Official City Newspaper - *Motion by Wedige second by Mulcahy to approve the Republican Journal as the official newspaper of the City of Shullsburg. All aye, motion carried.*

Resolution Approving Financial Depositories – *Motion by Reilly second by Mulcahy to approve the Resolution Designating Public Depositories and Custodians of Funds, naming Clare Bank, Shullsburg Community Bank, Woodford State Bank and Wisconsin Local Government Investment Pool as authorized depositories. All aye, motion carried.*

Appoint City Attorney & Secondary Attorney – *Motion by Mulcahy second by Reilly to approve Russell Law Offices as City Attorney and Bartholf Law Offices as secondary attorney. All aye, motion carried.*

Clerk/Treasurer Report – Reports were emailed prior to the meeting.

At 6:15 p.m. a motion was made by Wiegel second by Mulcahy to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Janelle Schumacher
Clerk/Treasurer