

CITY OF SHULLSBURG
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 2026

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held August 26, 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 5:00 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 – Present; Others present – Ben Rakestraw, Matt Anderson, Joe Bailie, Bart Nies, Andy Foley and Janelle Schumacher.

Badger Park & Museum Improvement Project Bid Awards – Bart Nies of Delta 3 Engineering presented the Council with bids for review. Contract #1 for Utility & Site Construction had two bids; one from Owen's Excavating for \$1,365,148.27 and one from Meise Construction for \$1,952,214.00. Contract #2 for Athletic Field Lighting had two bids; one from MZ Construction for \$395,000, one from Gronen Restoration for \$366,000 and one from Tricon General Construction for \$370,000. Contract #3 for Building Construction had three options for cost – one with no alternates, one with base alternates and one with all alternates. Contract #3 with Base Alternates had three bids; one from MZ Construction for \$2,436,000, one from Gronen Restoration for \$2,276,000 and one from Tricon General Construction for \$2,574,000. Nies commented that putting the project out for rebid resulted in a decrease of approximately \$500,000. The Council discussed the differences in Contract #3 with Base Alternates and All Alternates. Joe Bailie confirmed that the additional alternates included making renovations to the exterior of the bathrooms, shelter houses and pavilions to match the look of the new museum building. The Council discussed the process for securing in-kind donations once the sub-contractors had been confirmed. Wedige asked about a start date and it was expected to be 2-3 weeks after the contracts were signed. Morrissey asked about the completion dates. Nies confirmed that sod would be laid by May 14th, with all other components being finished by June 11th. There would be a \$2000 per day penalty for extending beyond the completion date. Ben Rakestraw and Matt Anderson were present from Gronen Restoration. Morrissey asked them what projects they have completed similar to this. They reported having worked on the Field of Dreams recent renovations, the Galena History Museum and Simmons Pet Food. The Council had further discussion about the storm sewer, the round house and whether or not rock blasting would be needed on the North side of the ball field. Reilly asked if anything could be taken out; Nies explained the change order process, noting that change orders can be done as long as that specific work hasn't been done. *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to award the bid for Contract #1 to Owens Excavating in the amount of \$1,365,148.27. All aye, motion carried.*

Motion by Wiegel second by Reilly to award the bid for Contract #2 to Gronen Restoration in the amount of \$366,000. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Wedige second by Reilly to award the bid for Contract #3 with all the alternates, which was \$2,814,700. There was additional discussion about the implications, differences and details between the base alternates and additional alternates. Nies clarified the alternates should be decided on as soon as possible, but could be done through change orders as the project progresses. Wiegel commented that each alternate needs to be looked at and discussed before a final decision is made. Morrissey called for a roll call vote; Mulcahy – no, Reilly – no, Wedige – no, Wiegel – no.

There was further discussion about how to move forward in making a decision about the alternates. Nies recommended they approve the alternates and schedule another meeting to decide if any should be removed or changed. *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to award the bid for Contract #3 with All Alternates in the amount of \$2,814,700 to Gronen Restoration, which was the low bid for that option. All aye, motion carried.*

The Council confirmed a meeting would be set the following Monday, August 31st to review the alternates and make possible changes.

TC Networks Proposal – The Council reviewed a proposal from TC Networks to expand WiFi capabilities in the park, as well as keyless entry systems on several doors. The cost ranged from \$21,259 to \$28,281 depending on where WiFi is routed to. Joe Bailie from Delta 3 had reviewed the proposals and believe

they look in line with other projects he's seen. Morrissey suggested getting additional proposals. No action taken.

Lifeline Audio System Proposal – The Council reviewed an audio system proposal for Badger Park. Morrissey said this needs to be discussed with the school district as they would be the primary users of it. He will take it to the administration. No action taken.

Pay Application #2 for JI Construction – *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to approve Pay Application #2 for JI Construction for the Infrastructure Improvement Project. All aye, motion carried.*

At 6:16 p.m. a motion was made by Mulcahy second by Wiegel to adjourn. All aye, motion carried

Janelle Schumacher
Clerk/Treasurer