CITY OF SHULLSBURG, WISCONSIN
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 4, 2026

A special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shullsburg was held November 4, 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 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, Griffin Wiegel, Cheryl Mulcahy – Present; Others present- Joe Bailie, Emily Pedley Fecht, Josh Jerry, Andy Foley, Jen Detra, Nathan Russell, Nick Doyle, and Janelle Schumacher.

Pledge of Allegiance

Badger Park Improvement Project Change Order – Joe Bailie from Delta 3 Engineering presented the Council with a change order for a change to the dimensions of the mine entrance room due to discovering bedrock where the original plans had the foundation being poured. The cost of the change is $12,153.75. There had been discussion about increasing the number of electrical boxes in the floor of the museum, but that was returned back to just four. There was further discussion changes to the ballfield netting and moving the installation of the poles for the netting from Contract #1 to Contract #3. The addition of the cost will be reflected in Contract #3 in this change order, but a future change order will show a reduction in Contract #1. *Motion by Reilly second by Mulcahy to approve Change Order #2 to Contract #3 for the Badger Park Project. All aye, motion carried.*

Badger Park Improvement Project Pay App #1 – Bailie reviewed the first pay application for Contract #3 of the Badger Park Improvement Project in the amount of $158,317.50 to be paid to Gronen Restoration, Inc. Schumacher commented that half of the amount would be requested from the DOA grant and half would be paid for from insurance recoveries. *Motion by Reilly second by Wiegel to approve Pay App #1 for Contract #3 to Gronen Restoration, Inc. All aye, motion carried.*

Infrastructure Improvement Project Pay App #5 – Bailie presented the Council with Pay App #5 to JI Construction in the amount of $89,651.00 for the Infrastructure Improvement Project. Bailie gave a brief update regarding the project being mostly completed and should be wrapped up very soon. *Motion by Wedige second by Mulcahy to approve Pay App #5 to JI Construction as discussed. All aye, motion carried.*

Police Department Hiring Advertisement – The Council discussed a hiring advertisement to fill a potential vacancy in the police department. Russell Law provided the advertisement language. Wedige questioned a discrepancy between the job description and hiring advertisement related to the timeline of required residency within 15 miles of the City. Nathan Russell advised the discrepancy was something the Council could discuss and decide on. Reilly commented on being ok with three months, but could include both to read three to six months. Morrissey commented that some flexibility should be offered so a potential candidate isn't moving in the middle of winter. Reilly asked about advertising on Wilenet and if there was a cost to do so. *Motion by Reilly second by Wiegel to approve the proposed hiring advertisement with changes as discussed. All aye, motion carried.*

Closed Session – *At 5:19 p.m. a motion was made by Wedige second by Reilly to convene into closed session.* Roll Call - Wiegel-yes, Wedige-yes, Reilly-yes, Morrissey-yes, Mulcahy-yes. Motion carried. Closed Session is Pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.85 (1)(g) for the Purpose of Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Open Session – *At 5:33 p.m. a motion was made by Reilly second by Wedige to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Wedige-yes, Reilly-yes, Wiegel-yes, Mulcahy- yes. Motion carried.*

Action on Closed Session – None.

Closed Session – *At 5:34 p.m. a motion was made by Mulcahy second by Reilly to convene into closed session.* Roll Call - Wiegel-yes, Wedige-yes, Reilly-yes, Morrissey-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 of 2027 Employment Contracts.

Open Session – *At 6:05 p.m. a motion was made by Mulcahy second by Wedige to reconvene into open session. Roll Call- Morrissey-yes, Wedige-yes, Reilly-yes, Wiegel-yes, Mulcahy- yes. Motion carried.*

Action on Closed Session – None.

Felderman Tree Planting Proposal – The Council discussed a proposal from Felderman Lawn & Care for 20 trees to be planted this Fall in the City of Shullsburg at $250 each. Schumacher commented there has been interest from someone to donate towards the purchase of two trees. There was further discussion as to whether 20 trees is too many. Reilly suggested negotiating to purchase and plant 10 this year and 10 next year at the same price. *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to approve negotiating for 10 this year and 10 next year at the price discussed. All aye, motion carried.*

EDA Grant Award – The Council discussed a notice of award from the EDA to fund the Industrial Park Expansion project. The award is in the amount of $1,300,000 but must be matched by $880,000 in local funding. The Council questioned whether an RFQ would need to be completed again for an engineer and whether or not the local match is still feasible. Morrissey will discuss with the audit team and requested it be added to the next meeting agenda.

2027 Proposed Budget – The Council discussed the budget, specifically upcoming street projects and needing funding in Street Outlay. *Motion by Reilly second by Wedige to publish the budget and schedule the public hearing with changes as discussed. All aye, motion carried.*

At 6:41 p.m. a motion was made by Wedige second by Mulcahy to adjourn. All aye, motion carried.

Janelle Schumacher
Clerk/Treasurer