

**CITY OF ANTIGO
COMMON COUNCIL
MARCH 12, 2025**

Common Council of the City of Antigo met in Regular Session on the above date at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Mayor Thomas C. Bauknecht presiding.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Barb Rebstock	Ward 1	Present	
Bill Brandt	Ward 2	Present	
Tim Kassis	Ward 3	Remote	
Mary Hayes	Ward 4	Present	
Mark Edwards	Ward 5	Present	
Joel Wagner	Ward 6	Present	
Glenn Bugni	Ward 7	Present	
Reinhardt Balcerzak	Ward 8	Present	
Scott Henricks	Ward 9	Present	
Thomas C. Bauknecht	Mayor	Present	

Department Managers in attendance were: Karin Derauf, City Administrator; Kaye Matucheski, Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director; Kirk Packard, Street Commissioner; Elizabeth McCarthy, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator; Charley Brinkmeier, Land Surveyor/Project Manager; Toni Edge, Interim Library Director; and Sarah Repp, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Director.

Others in attendance were: Jeanne Jensen, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; Joseph Husnick, Police Sergeant; Rhonda K. Christian; Carol Bardo; Cathy LeBrun; Rick LeBrun; and Darla Hoerman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve Minutes from the February 12, 2025 Meeting

Aldersperson Brandt moved, Aldersperson Wagner seconded, to approve the February 12, 2025 Council Minutes.

RESULT:	CARRIED - VOICE VOTE
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PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment Application to Amend Ordinance No. 1095B, the Municipal Code of the City of Antigo, so as to Classify the Property at 1014 Fourth Avenue as R-3, Two-Family Residence District Instead of B-2, Community Service District for Correction of Zoning to Residential Property Rather Than Community Service/Business Property for Buyer's Lender to Approve Appraisal and to Rezone the Property to a Zoning District that Permits Residential Use (Parcel #201-0252)

Pursuant to notice, a public hearing was held to discuss the Zoning Amendment Application to Amend Ordinance No. 1095B, the Municipal Code of the City of Antigo, so as to classify the property at 1014 Fourth Avenue as R-3, Two-Family Residence District instead of B-2, Community Service District for correction of zoning to residential property rather than community service/business property for buyer's lender to approve appraisal and to rezone the property to a zoning district that permits residential use (Parcel #201-0252).

There being no individuals wishing to address this matter and after complying with statutory procedures, Aldersperson Brandt moved, Aldersperson Balcerzak seconded, to close the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

RESULT:	CARRIED-VOICE VOTE
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CITIZEN COMMENT

1. Subjects on the Current Agenda
2. Subjects Not on the Current Agenda

UPDATE ON CITIZEN'S REFERRALS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AGENDA

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

CONSENT AGENDA

Aldersperson Brandt thanked Sarah Repp, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Director, for all her hard work on securing the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grants.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Scott Henricks, Ward 9
SECONDER:	Reinhardt Balcerzak, Ward 8
AYES:	Hayes, Rebstock, Brandt, Kassis, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 19-25: Change Wellness Reimbursement for Employees Who Utilize the Facility at Least Ten Times Per Month

WHEREAS, the City has been reimbursing employees for wellness participation at two area fitness centers as long as they attend at least ten times per month; and,

WHEREAS, the two programs reimbursed are for Welfit at Aspirus Langlade Hospital and Anytime Fitness Center and both of these programs are changing rates; and,

WHEREAS, the Finance, Personnel & Legislative Committee has considered the different fee structures and have approved reimbursing \$40 per month with at least ten visits and leaving it up to employees to choose where to attend and on what plan; and,

WHEREAS, other programs will be considered for reimbursement if they are able to provide a list each month of the employees attending and how many times they attend.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to change the wellness reimbursement for employees to \$40 per month with attendance at least ten times per month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in order to consider other programs besides Aspirus Langlade Hospital and Anytime Fitness Center, the program must be able to verify how many visits per month the employee has and be willing to certify this to the City.

Resolution No. 20-25: Approve Bid from GFL Environmental for the 2025 Spring Curbside Clean-Up Landfill Hauling/Tipping Fees at \$84 Per Ton

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo held successful curbside clean-up efforts in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 and has budgeted in 2025 to conduct a curbside clean-up; and,

WHEREAS, staff have updated the guideline document and map detailing the requirements, pick-up dates, and location maps to assist the public as attached to this resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the scheduled curbside pick-up dates are for the week of May 5th for residents located on the north side of Fifth Avenue to the northern City limits and for the week of May 12th for residents located on the south side of Fifth Avenue to the southern City limits; and,

WHEREAS, bids for the temporary storage, hauling, and landfill tipping fees were again solicited and considered at the February 26, 2025 Public Works Committee meeting; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee recommends awarding the bid to GFL Environmental in the amount of \$84.00 per ton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to award the bid to GFL Environmental in the amount of \$84.00 per ton for the temporary storage site, hauling, and landfill tipping fees as detailed in the Request for Proposals.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the funds will be derived from the 2025 Budget for the City's Spring Curbside Pick-up effort.

CONSENT AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

Department Manager Reports

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 21-25: Resolution In Support Of Reauthorization Of State Funding For Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Legislature created the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 1989 to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and fisheries, and expand opportunities for outdoor recreation. Per Ch. 23.09 I 5(2c)(d), Wis. Stats.; and,

WHEREAS, the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program is set to expire in 2025 and the program has supported land acquisition and capital development by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), local governments, and nonprofit conservation organizations to preserve valuable natural areas and wildlife habitat, protect water quality and expand outdoor recreation for public benefit around the state; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo has directly benefited over the years having received Stewardship grant funds to develop Lake Park Campground, Saratoga Park, Springbrook Trail, Heinzen Peaceful Valley Pavilion, and Lakeside Park; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo is a designated Ice Age Trail Community, which understands the importance of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail in driving visitation to its community and supports efforts to complete the Trail which will require Stewardship funding; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo considers the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program a valuable tool to preserve and restore natural areas, wildlife habitat, and water quality while supporting the development of public nature-based outdoor recreation opportunities that promote economic development and enhance quality of life, including the Ice Age National Scenic Trail; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Antigo Elected Officials to express its support of the reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program in 2025 with sufficient funding allocated to fund projects over the next 10 years to our State Legislators and the Governor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that City of Antigo Elected Officials do hereby express to the Wisconsin Legislature and Governor our full support for the reauthorization of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and request that *sufficient funding/\$100 million annually* be allocated to support projects over the next 10-year period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Antigo Elected Officials directs that the Ice Age Trail Alliance forward a copy of this resolution to the offices of each of our State Legislators and the Office of the Governor.

Aldersperson Brandt moved, Aldersperson Bugni seconded, to approve Resolution No. 21-25.

RESULT:	CARRIED - VOICE VOTE
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LICENSES

Approve Agent Change for Krist Oil Company (dba Krist Food Mart #57 at 104 Superior Street) Class "A" Beer/Fermented Malt Beverage and Cigarette Licenses ~ New Agent David H. Stark (Contingent Upon Receipt of Responsible Beverage Server Training Course Completion Certificate)

Aldersperson Bugni moved, Aldersperson Balcerzak seconded, to approve David H. Stark as the new agent for Krist Oil Company contingent upon receipt of Responsible Beverage Server Training Course Completion Certificate.

RESULT:	CARRIED - VOICE VOTE
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ORDINANCES

Ordinance No. 1374B: Amend Ordinance No. 1095B, the Municipal Code of the City of Antigo, so as to Classify the Property at 1014 Fourth Avenue as R-3, Two-Family Residence District Instead of B-2, Community Service District for Correction of Zoning to Residential Property Rather Than Community Service/Business Property for Buyer's Lender to Approve Appraisal and to Rezone the Property to a Zoning District that Permits Residential Use (Parcel #201-0252)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Brandt, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Reinhardt Balcerzak, Ward 8
AYES:	Hayes, Rebstock, Brandt, Kassis, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

Ordinance No. 1375B: Ordinance Amendments to Allow Dwelling Units Above the Ground Floor in a Building Located in a B-3 or B-4 Zoning District

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Scott Henricks, Ward 9
SECONDER:	Glenn Bugni, Ward 7
AYES:	Hayes, Rebstock, Brandt, Kassis, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

Ordinance No. 1376B: Amendment of the City of Antigo's Electrical Fee Schedule to Include a Fee for Residential Solar System Installations

Elizabeth McCarthy, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator, stated the City currently does not have a fee for solar installations. She stated the City is generally 50% lower than surrounding area fees, noting Wausau's solar fee is \$200.00 so \$100.00 seems reasonable. Ms. McCarthy stated a structural analysis is needed if the solar structure is placed on a roof. She stated it can be very time-consuming with electrical inspections and structural analysis for solar system installations depending on age of the house.

Aldersperson Hayes questioned if this is a way of tracking solar installations. Ms. McCarthy stated you would be able to track them, however, the intent of this permit is to ensure the solar installation is installed safely and the structure can handle the additional weight.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [9 TO 1]
MOVER:	Glenn Bugni, Ward 7
SECONDER:	Barb Rebstock, Ward 1
AYES:	Hayes, Rebstock, Brandt, Kassis, Edwards, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks
NAYS:	Joel Wagner

Ordinance No. 1377B: Approve Structuring the Abatement Portion of the Fee Schedule to Include a \$125 Administrative Fee

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Brandt, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Reinhardt Balcerzak, Ward 8
AYES:	Hayes, Rebstock, Brandt, Kassis, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

PAYMENT OF BILLS

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Barb Rebstock, Ward 1
SECONDER:	Glenn Bugni, Ward 7
AYES:	Hayes, Rebstock, Brandt, Kassis, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

1. Direct Deposits for February 14 and February 28, 2025 Payrolls
2. BMO Bank Accounts Payable Check Nos. 83467- 83639
3. Self-Funding Health Insurance Check Nos. 2160-2162
4. Block Grant Revolving Loan Check Nos. 3784-3788

COMMITTEE REFERRALS

Aldersperson Kassis commented on information received about a post stating ALDI and Ace Hardware had demands made on them by Council. He stated Council is so happy to have these businesses and asked Karin Derauf, City Administrator, what Council is doing that someone would make comments that the City is turning new businesses away. Ms. Derauf stated this was the first she had heard of it. She noted that she is surprised because the City has had a number of new businesses come in. Aldersperson Brandt commented this post does not make it true and should be treated as an untruth. Ms. Derauf noted that Aldersperson Kassis can forward the information to her and she can contact the person. Aldersperson Kassis

stressed Council wants new businesses coming into the City and are willing to work with them.

Alderson Edwards stated that maybe the post is coming from a City Plan Meeting with ALDI where there was discussion on a driveway placement and a statement was made by ALDI about not moving forward depending on driveway placement.

Alderson Bugni commented Council never put in any road blocks or barriers for these businesses and he wants it to be made clear that Council did not interfere.

Alderson Wagner asked if the City can petition the state government to have a turning lane put in by ALDI. Charley Brinkmeier, Land Surveyor/Project Manager, commented the issue is that there is not enough room there for that. There is not enough road to change anything without purchasing an easement from the property owner next to ALDI. Ms. Derauf commented that ALDI does their homework prior to building on whether something will be impeding traffic, etc.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session: Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(g), Wisconsin Statutes, and Upon Proper Motion, Council will Convene into Closed Session to Confer with Legal Counsel for the City of Antigo to Render Oral or Written Advice Concerning Strategy to be Adopted with Respect to Litigation in which it is or is likely to Become Involved to Discuss a Subrogation Claim. Upon Completion of Discussion in Closed Session, Council will Reconvene into Open Session to Act on Matters Discussed, If Necessary, and Proceed with the Regular Order of Business

Alderson Bugni moved, Alderson Wagner seconded, that the Common Council convene into closed session at 6:23 p.m. in accordance with Section 19.85(1)(g), Wisconsin Statutes, to confer with Legal Counsel for the City of Antigo to render oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved to discuss a subrogation claim.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Glenn Bugni, Ward 7
SECONDER:	Joel Wagner, Ward 6
AYES:	Hayes, Rebstock, Brandt, Kassis, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks

2. Any Action on Items Discussed in Closed Session

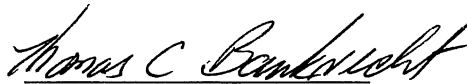
Upon completion of discussion in closed session, a motion was made and carried to reconvene into open session at 6:26 p.m. to act on matters discussed, if necessary, and to proceed with the regular order of business.

No action was taken on the closed session discussion.

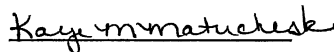
ADJOURNMENT

Alderson Brandt moved, Alderson Balcerzak seconded, to adjourn at 6:27 p.m. Carried.

Approved:


Thomas C. Bauknecht, Mayor

Attest:



Clerk - Treasurer