

**CITY OF ANTIGO
COMMON COUNCIL
OCTOBER 09, 2024**

Common Council of the City of Antigo met in Regular Session on the above date at 6:19 PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Mayor Thomas C. Bauknecht presiding.

ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Barb Rebstock	Ward 1	Excused	
Bill Brandt	Ward 2	Present	
Tim Kassis	Ward 3	Present	
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; Daniel Duley, Police Chief; Kirk Packard, Street Commissioner; Corey Smith, Fire Chief; Elizabeth McCarthy, Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator; Charley Brinkmeier, Land Surveyor/Project Manager; and Sarah Repp, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Director.

Others in attendance were: Michael Winter, City Attorney; Jeanne Jensen, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer; Angie Close, Langlade County Economic Development Corporation; Glenda Oginski, Jake Lieterman, Jill Mattek Nelson, and Kelly Fassbender, Antigo School District; and for a portion of the meeting, Austin Perkins, Ron Pizl, and Micah Zuk, Antigo Fire Department; Korrie Perkins; Erika Perkins; James Perkins; Josh Perkins; Cliff Perry; Cheryl Perry; Lukas Perkins; Jenna Imig; and Benjamin Imig.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

A moment of silent meditation was held with Mayor Bauknecht asking everyone to keep the people of Florida in their thoughts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes from the September 11, 2024 Council Meeting and September 11 and September 25, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meetings

Aldersperson Brandt moved, Aldersperson Wagner seconded, to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2024 Council meeting and the September 11 and September 25, 2024 Committee of the Whole meetings.

RESULT: CARRIED - VOICE VOTE

PRESENTATION

1. Swearing in of FF/AEMT Austin Perkins

Corey Smith, Fire Chief, reviewed the accomplishments of FF/AEMT Austin Perkins during his 18 month probationary period.

Kaye Matucheski, Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director, administered the oath of office to FF/AEMT Austin Perkins with his wife Korrie pinning on his badge.

2. Presentation by Representatives for the Group Providing Information on the Antigo School Referendum on the November 5, 2024 Ballot

Glenda Oginski, Jake Lieterman, Jill Mattek Nelson, and Kelly Fassbender from the Antigo School District were in attendance and played a presentation regarding the Antigo School Referendum on the 11/5/2024 ballot. Information was also distributed to those in attendance.

Aldersperson Edwards asked about drawings of what is being proposed. The School District representatives stated they did not have blueprints due to the expense of having blueprints and drawings rendered. They did state they do have a list of rooms that would be included in the construction of a new elementary school on the school district website. Jake Lieterman explained that the school district is working with architects on this project, and the process is being done in a way that local contractors can bid on the project.

Aldersperson Hayes asked the School District representatives a question regarding the State funding. Kelly Fassbender explained the School District referendum is asking for tax authority. She stated this is an \$80,000,000 total project, funded with bonds and state aid that the School

District qualifies for due to being a low spending district and low property values. At the end of 20 years the State will have paid \$49,000,000.

Alderpersion Brandt asked what amount the taxpayer will actually have to pay on with it being a \$54,000,000 referendum. Ms. Fassbender responded regarding what taxpayers will actually have to pay over a 20-year period, the taxpayers will be paying \$31,000,000 and the State will be paying \$49,000,000.

Alderpersion Kassis asked, if approved, what the anticipated construction date is. Mr. Lieterman stated the students should be in the school for the 2026-2027 school year.

Ms. Matucheski questioned what the City will have to do with roads in the area of the new school. Mr. Lieterman stated the school district would be working with Charley Brinkmeier, Land Surveyor/Project Manager, during the process. Mr. Brinkmeier stated Western Avenue does have the infrastructure to support a school.

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

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Brandt, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Tim Kassis, Ward 3
AYES:	Hayes, Brandt, Kassis, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks
EXCUSED:	Barb Rebstock

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 89-24: Kwik Trip Kares Donation of \$1,000 to be Used for Drug Investigation Equipment

WHEREAS, the Antigo Police Department applied for a Kwik Trip Kares donation in August 2024 and on September 9, 2024, the Department was notified the donation of \$1,000 was approved; and,

WHEREAS, the donation request was for the purchase of drug investigation related equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo to accept the \$1,000 Kwik Trip Kares donation and the funds will be utilized to cover the cost of drug investigation equipment.

Resolution No. 90-24: Tax Increment Finance District #3 Surplus Funds after Termination to be Distributed to Other Taxing Entities and the City's Portion to be Used for a Law Enforcement Evidence Building

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo closed Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) 3 in September of 2023 as the TIF had paid back the debt service advances to the City; and,

WHEREAS, when the final accounting for TIF 3 was completed, it was determined the surplus is \$293,425 and these funds need to be returned to each taxing entity based on the percentage of the tax base for each as follows:

Langlade County	\$ 70,401.46
School District of Antigo	\$ 88,473.51
Northcentral Technical College	\$ 15,891.90
City of Antigo	\$116,727.40
Antigo Lake District	\$ 1,930.73

WHEREAS, the funds being returned to the City should be earmarked for a one-time purchase instead of a recurring cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo to transfer the \$116,727.40 to the Capital Equipment/Improvement Fund Budget for the Law Enforcement Evidence Building in order to complete this project in 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the payments to the other taxing entities will be processed on October 10, 2024.

Resolution No. 91-24: Apply a Sewer Credit for a New Home at 2021 First Avenue Once There is a Three-Month Average Baseline in Which to Base the Credit

WHEREAS, the City allows a summer sewer credit for the water used by homeowners that does not enter the sewer system such as for watering lawns; and,

WHEREAS, the owners of a new home at 2021 First Avenue have installed a lawn and have been watering it but because it is a new home there is no winter average so a credit is not automatically applied; and,

WHEREAS, the installation of a lawn at the new home greatly improves the aesthetics of the area and a sewer credit should be applied even though there is no winter average; and,

WHEREAS, a three-month average can be determined once the water usage levels out after the lawn watering is no longer required and the Public Works Committee has approved basing a credit on this average.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to authorize a sewer credit for the new home at 2021 First Avenue based on a three-month average as soon as a baseline can be established.

CONSENT AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS

Department Managers Reports

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 92-24: Cost of Living Adjustment for Non-Exempt, Non-Represented Employees of 1% as of January 1, 2025, and 2% as of July 1, 2025 and Exempt, Non-Represented Employees of 1% as of the first pay period of 2025 and 2% as of the first pay period of July, 2025 (pending approval from the Committee of the Whole at the meeting on October 9, 2024)

WHEREAS, Common Council reviews the proposed Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) for all non-represented staff as part of the annual budget process; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee of the Whole, at their October 9, 2024 meeting, was presented with a draft of the City's 2025 budget document including the associated budgetary impacts reflecting a wage increase for exempt staff (including the City Attorney & Assistant City Attorney) and full-time non-exempt/non-represented, year-round part-time, and seasonal employees; and,

WHEREAS, the 2025 COLA is to be distributed as a 1% increase on January 1, 2024 and a 2% increase on July 1, 2024 for full-time non-exempt/non-represented, year-round part-time and seasonal employees with the same percentages distributed to exempt employees on the full payroll nearest these dates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, that a 1% cost-of-living increase for full-time non-exempt/non-represented, year-round part-time, and seasonal employees be effective on January 1, 2025 followed with a 2% increase on July 1, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to authorize a 1% cost-of-living increase for the exempt staff (including the City Attorney & Assistant City Attorney) effective upon the first payroll of 2025 followed with a 2% increase for the payroll coinciding with July 1, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds needed to implement this cost-of-living increase be derived from each Department's respective fund/wage accounts.

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

Resolution No. 93-24: Increase the Langlade County Economic Development Corporation's 2025 Contribution by \$5,000 to \$80,000 (pending approval from the Committee of the Whole at the meeting on October 9, 2024)

WHEREAS, the City of Antigo has contributed \$75,000 toward the Langlade County Economic Development Corporation (LCEDC) to handle the City's economic development in lieu of having a City position for this; and,

WHEREAS, the LCEDC was formed in 2008 in conjunction with Langlade County and the initial contribution of \$75,000 each has not increased; and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of LCEDC has requested a \$5,000 increase in the contribution from both Langlade County and the City of Antigo for the rising cost of doing business; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council feels this is a reasonable request as there has never been an increase and feel this would be a good use of funds from the 20% for Economic Development portion of the Hotel/Motel Tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to increase the 2025 Contribution to the Langlade County Economic Development Corporation to \$80,000 with the additional \$5,000 from the 20% for Economic Development portion of the Hotel/Motel Tax.

Motion to approve Resolution No. 93-24 with amendment that the additional \$5,000 come out of the regular City budget funds unless there is a shortfall then any additional amount is to come from the 20% for the Economic Development portion of the Hotel/Motel Tax.

RESULT:	CARRIED [7 TO 1]
MOVER:	Bill Brandt, Ward 2
SECONDER:	Reinhardt Balcerzak, Ward 8
AYES:	Hayes, Brandt, Kassis, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks
NAYS:	Mark Edwards
EXCUSED:	Barb Rebstock

Resolution No. 94-24: City to Request the Opt Out Provision of Langlade County's Tax for the Library (pending approval from the Committee of the Whole at the meeting on October 9, 2024)

WHEREAS, State Statute allows for the City to opt out of the Langlade County's portion of the tax for the Library but when the joint Library agreement was established one of the provisions was the City would not exercise this opt out provision; and,

WHEREAS, during a Library Task Force meeting, the topic of the City opting out of Langlade County's portion of the tax for Library was discussed and the City was asked to submit a request for consideration of opting out of this tax; and,

WHEREAS, the opt out amount is approximately \$61,000 so there would be a small savings to the City property owners and eliminate the City taxpayers from paying twice for the Library.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COMMON COUNCIL, City of Antigo, to request Langlade County and the Joint Library Task Force to allow the City to opt out of the County's tax for the Library in the earliest tax year possible.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Tim Kassis, Ward 3
SECONDER:	Scott Henricks, Ward 9
AYES:	Hayes, Brandt, Kassis, Edwards, Wagner, Bugni, Balcerzak, Henricks
EXCUSED:	Barb Rebstock

LICENSES

Approve Agent Change for Kwik Trip, Inc. (Kwik Trip #1143 located at 815 S Superior Street) "Class A" Beer/Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor Cider Only and Cigarette Licenses ~ New Agent Rebecca J. Briskie

Aldersperson Wagner moved, Aldersperson Bugni seconded, to approve Rebecca J. Briskie as the new agent for Kwik Trip, Inc.

RESULT:	CARRIED - VOICE VOTE
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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

1. Direct Deposits for September 13 and September 27, 2024 Payrolls
2. BMO Bank Accounts Payable Check Nos. 82526 - 82687
3. Self-Funding Health Insurance Check Nos. 2150 - 2151
4. Block Grant Revolving Loan Check No. 3772

COMMITTEE REFERRALS

Aldersperson Kassis asked about concerns with Aldi's access from Highway 45. Charley Brinkmeier, Land Surveyor/Project Manager, noted on the site plan it does have a wider driveway which should help.

Aldersperson Wagner referred to the Finance, Personnel, and Legislative Committee discussion on ordinances that need to be updated to 2024/2025 edition. To which Karin Derauf, City Administrator, noted it is a significant expense and requires a significant amount of time to do this. She explained this would require hiring an outside company to take this on. She further commented she has seen costs of \$80,000 just for review and not the actual updates which is also very labor intensive for staff. Ms. Matucheski noted that the City does review ordinances as needed and updates them when necessary. Aldersperson Wagner withdrew his referral. Ms. Derauf noted if there is a specific ordinance that someone has a question on, they should let staff know.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session: Pursuant to Section 19.85, Wisconsin Statutes, and Upon Proper Motion, Council will Convene into Closed Session for the following:
 Sec. 19.85(1)(g) Confer 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 regarding the building located at 717/719 Fifth Avenue
 Sec. 19.85(1)(g) Confer 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 to consider the negotiations to settle a claim denied by the Insurance Review Committee
 Sec. 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or Negotiating the Purchasing of Public Properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require to discuss the Hogan Street Solar Farm.

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.

Aldersperson Bugni moved, Aldersperson Henricks seconded, that the Common Council convene into closed session at 7:11 p.m. in accordance with Sections 19.85(1)(g), and 19.85(1)(e), Wisconsin Statutes, to discuss matters as listed.

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

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 7:40 p.m. to act on matters discussed and to proceed with the regular order of business.

Alderson Brandt moved, Alderson Wagner seconded, to approve Michael Winter, City Attorney, to proceed with petitioning the court to declare the property at 717/719 Fifth Avenue a nuisance.

RESULT: CARRIED - VOICE VOTE with Alderson Hayes casting a no vote.

Alderson Brandt moved, Alderson Balcerzak seconded, to enter agreement with Corey Mattek to settle his claim which was denied by the Insurance Review Committee in the amount of \$9,773.32 with waiver of payment of any future claims on the parcel.

RESULT: CARRIED - VOICE VOTE

Alderson Bugni moved, Alderson Wagner seconded, to approve assignment of the Hogan Street Solar Farm from eDF Renewables to One Energy.

RESULT: CARRIED - VOICE VOTE with Alderson Edwards casting a no vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderson Brandt moved, Alderson Henricks seconded, to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Carried.

Approved:


Thomas C. Bauknecht, Mayor

Attest:



Clerk - Treasurer