

City of Antigo
Common Council
Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Common Council of the City of Antigo met in Regular Session on the above date at 6:27 PM in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Mayor Thomas C. Bauknecht presiding.

Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Barb Rebstock	Ward 1	Remote	6:37 p.m.
Roy Dieck	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	
Kevin Smith	Ward 8	Present	
Scott Henricks	Ward 9	Present	
Thomas C. Bauknecht	Mayor	Present	

Department Managers in attendance were: Kaye Matucheski, Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director; Joseph Husnick, Police Sergeant, 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; Shannon Smith, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, and for a portion of the meeting Paul Norris and Fred Clark.

Pledge of Allegiance**Moment of Silent Meditation****Approval of Minutes**

1. Approve Minutes from the March 11, 2026 Meeting and March 26, 2026 Special Meeting

Aldersperson Bugni moved, Aldersperson Wagner seconded, to approve minutes from the March 11, 2026 Meeting and March 26, 2026 Special Meeting

Result:	Carried - Voice Vote
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Citizen Comment

2. **Subjects on the Current Agenda**

None.

3. **Subjects Not on the Current Agenda**

Mayor Bauknecht acknowledged long-term council member Tim Kassis, noting his more than 25 years of service as an Aldersperson and presented him with a plaque of appreciation honoring his years of service.

Aldersperson Kassis thanked the people of the third ward, the City of Antigo and the residents of the City for letting him represent them on the Council. He stated it has been his pleasure to work with City staff over the years and believes that Council and staff have made great accomplishments in maintaining and improving the City of Antigo.

Fred Clark, Candidate for the Seventh Congressional District, stated that Tom Tiffany will be vacating his Seventh Congressional District seat as he is running for Governor. He noted current issues that are often debated by Congress. However, Mr. Clark stated he feels it is more important that Congress and the federal government makes sure local governments have what they need to operate.

He stated he is a 36-year Wisconsin resident and has been working in the Wisconsin State Assembly since 2009. Mr. Clark stated he will be hosting a Town Hall session at the Antigo Public Library at 5:30 p.m. on April 9, 2026, stating anyone is welcome and thanked Council for their time.

**Update on Citizen's Referrals from Previous Council Agenda-None
Committee Reports**

Aldersperson Bugni stated the March 16, 2026 Weather Warning Siren Committee meeting started at 4:40 p.m. and noted the committee did not have enough members for a quorum. He stated a key member had resigned from the committee due to feeling the City was not doing enough to support the Siren project. Aldersperson Bugni noted when the Council approved restarting the Weather Warning Siren Committee, the Committee stated they would not be requesting funds from the City. Aldersperson Bugni stated that the committee anticipated that the Remington Grant would be key for the project's success. However, he noted the Grant Writer the Committee hired did not apply for the Remington Grant. Aldersperson Bugni stated when he spoke with a key member of the Remington Grant Committee, they wondered why the City is not providing funding.

He noted that it was the opinion of the Weather Warning Siren Committee to postpone the Fish Fry Fundraiser. Aldersperson Bugni stated it was also the opinion of the Committee not to refund the \$10,000.00 in donations yet, as they may still continue the project.

Consent Agenda

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda

Result:	Carried (9 to 0)
Mover:	Joel Wagner
Secunder:	Glenn Bugni
Ayes:	Barb Rebstock, Roy Dieck, Tim Kassis, Mary Hayes, Mark Edwards, Joel Wagner, Glenn Bugni, Kevin Smith, Scott Henricks
Nays:	None

Consent Agenda Resolutions

Resolution No. 21-26 Waive Bidding Requirements to Purchase a Used Loader for the Street Department

Whereas, the Street Department has budgeted funds available in the Capital Improvement/Equipment Budget to purchase a loader with the purchase expected to exceed the \$6,000 bid requirement as stated in the City of Antigo purchasing policy; and,

Whereas, the Street Department has the opportunity to purchase a used loader; and,

Whereas, because the loader is used compiling a bid specification would be very difficult so the Street Department is requesting to waive the bidding requirements; and,

Whereas, the Finance, Personnel & Legislative Committee approved waiving the bidding requirements.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, By The Common Council, City of Antigo, to approve waiver of the bidding requirements to purchase a used loader for the Street Department.

Resolution No. 22-26 Waive Bidding Requirements to Purchase a New Tandem from Quinlan's Equipment Inc.

Whereas, the Street Department has budgeted funds available in the Capital Improvement/Equipment budget to purchase a tandem truck with the purchase expected to exceed the \$6,000 bid requirement as stated in the City of Antigo purchasing policy; and,

Whereas, Quinlan's Equipment Inc. has contacted the Street Department with a large incentive on International trucks; and,

Whereas, because International is offering an incentive, the purchase cannot wait for the bidding process and would need to occur in a short time period to be able to take the offered incentive.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, By The Common Council, City of Antigo, to waive the bidding requirements and purchase an International tandem from Quinlan's Equipment Inc. using budgeted funds.

Resolution No. 23-26 Purchase of 1013 6th Avenue for One Dollar From Langlade County with the Intent of Razing the House and Garage

Whereas, the City of Antigo has been working with Langlade County to determine which tax-revert properties should be auctioned with the intent of resale as habitable dwellings and which homes are past the point of repair and should be torn down; and,

Whereas, City and county staff created a process in which both parties inspect the property and agree on which houses are salvageable and which ones need to be razed; and,

Whereas, the county's developer's agreement clearly states the predetermined use of the property, so bidders are aware prior to bidding; and,

Whereas, 1013 6th Avenue is a property that both government bodies agree is not salvageable and razing the house and garage is the best option; and,

Whereas, the city submitted the only bid of one dollar following two rounds of bids; and,

Whereas, the county's developer's agreement clearly states the predetermined use of the property, so bidders are aware prior to bidding; and,

Whereas, the county accepted the bid and is willing to sell the property to the city for one dollar; and,

Whereas, if the sale is approved, then the city is bound by the agreement, and the city must raze the house and the garage; and,

Whereas, financially, neither party benefits; and,

Whereas, the benefit in this case is removing blight and improving the quality of the community.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, By The Common Council, City of Antigo, to approve the purchase of 1013 6th Avenue for one dollar and accept the terms of Langlade County's Developer's Agreement.

Resolution No. 24-26 Request to Extend the Noise Ordinance to 12 a.m. During the Langlade County Motorplex Off-Road Races for the Dates of May 28 - May 31, 2026

Whereas, the Langlade County Motorplex is hosting the Langlade County Motorplex Off Road Races; and,

Whereas, Langlade County Motorplex is requesting an extension of the noise ordinance until 12am for the dates of May 28 – May 31, 2026; and,

Whereas, typically the races will conclude by 7pm each night, but noise ordinance until 12am will account for any inclement weather or other extenuating circumstances that may cause delays ; and,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, By The Common Council, City of Antigo, to extend the noise ordinance to 12am for the dates of May 28 – May 31, 2026 for the Langlade County Motorplex Off Road Races.

Resolution No. 25-26 Purchase of Livestreaming Software from CivicPlus

Whereas, the new agenda/meeting management software (CivicPlus) has the capability to livestream meetings; and,

Whereas, the cost to add the livestreaming feature is \$4,975.00 for the initial investment plus an encoder that needs to be purchased; and,

Whereas, the annual cost will be \$5,500 for year 2 and then subject to a 5% uplift.

Whereas, the equipment currently in Council Chambers will be able to record the meetings and CivicPlus will store the data in the cloud.

Whereas, to start, the only meetings livestreamed will be the Common Council meetings.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, By The Common Council, City of Antigo, to authorize the purchase of livestreaming software from CivicPlus for a cost of \$4,975 plus the cost of an encoder with the funding to be derived from the Information Technology operating budget.

Be It Further Resolved, the start of livestreaming will be for Common Council meetings.

Consent Agenda Communications

4. Department Manager Reports

Consent Agenda Proclamation(s)

5. Proclamation by Mayor Bauknecht Declaring April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Antigo

New Business

Resolutions

Resolution No. 26-26 Install Additional Stop Signs Making Edison Street and Fifth Avenue and Dorr Street and Fifth Avenue Four-Way Stops

Whereas, there have been requests from downtown businesses and discussion to install four way stops at Edison Street and Fifth Avenue and Dorr Street and Fifth Avenue; and,

Whereas, the request for additional stop signs is believed to make the downtown safer for pedestrians and slow traffic speeds; and,

Whereas, no cost was determined by the Public Works Committee to install stop signs and no funding source was determined but the additional signs were approved.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, By The Common Council, City of Antigo, to authorize the installation of stop signs to make Edison Street and Fifth Avenue and Dorr Street and Fifth Avenue four-way stops.

Aldersperson Kassis questioned why downtown would need more stop signs. Aldersperson Edwards stated he spoke with Abigail Arrowood, Owner of Antigo Childcare Center and provided a letter she wrote for Council noting safety concerns in front of her business. Aldersperson Edwards noted he personally surveyed approximately 130 people with the majority in favor of stop signs.

Aldersperson Kassis stated he feels it would be more unsafe and with more congestion if additional stop signs are added.

Aldersperson Rebstock stated the problem is the parking not the lack of stop signs.

Aldersperson Edwards stated the citizens are asking for stop signs and the Council is supposed to do what the citizens are asking for to some point.

Mayor Bauknecht stated the Police Department, Fire Department and Street Department all feel it is not a good idea and he agrees with them.

Aldersperson Bugni stated diagonal parking is the issue and noted the letter submitted by Abigail Arrowood noted other safety solutions and he feels eliminating diagonal parking would be a solution.

Aldersperson Kassis questioned if there have been a lot of accidents due to diagonal parking, noting when diagonal parking was put in that was what the downtown businesses wanted.

Joseph Husnick, Police Sergeant, stated from January 1, 2026, to April 1, 2026, there has been one property damage crash between Dorr Street and Superior Street. He stated over the course

of 10 years, from 2016 to 2026, there have been 28 crashes and since 2019 there have been 23 crashes between Dorr Street and Superior Street.

Sergeant Husnick noted the Police Department responds most frequently to crashes at the corners of Superior Street and Fifth Avenue, Hwy 64 and Hwy 45, and the corner by the southside Kwik Trip.

Sergeant Husnick stated when this issue was first brought forward, he had personally ran radar downtown with only one incident of high speed.

Aldersperson Edwards noted the lack of traffic slowing or yielding for pedestrians.

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 26-26

Result:	Failed (3 to 6)
Mover:	Mark Edwards
Secunder:	Joel Wagner
Ayes:	Roy Dieck, Mark Edwards, Joel Wagner
Nays:	Barb Rebstock, Tim Kassis, Mary Hayes, Glenn Bugni, Kevin Smith, Scott Henricks

Resolution No. 27-26 Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Department of Natural Resources Principal Forgiven Financial Assistance Agreement

Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Department of Natural Resources Principal Forgiven Financial Assistance Agreement

Whereas, the City of Antigo wishes to undertake a project to replace private lead service lines, identified as DNR No. 4754-17; and,

Whereas, the Municipality has applied to the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (the "SDWLP") for financial assistance in the form of a loan made by the SDWLP to the Municipality of which all the principal will be forgiven at the time that loan disbursements are made to the Municipality, pursuant to the DNR Financial Assistance Agreement; and,

Whereas, the SDWLP has determined that it can provide a loan with principal forgiveness in an amount up to \$550,000 that it has identified as being eligible for SDWLP funding.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, By The Common Council, City of Antigo, the City Mayor and City Clerk are authorized by and on behalf of the Municipality to execute the Principal Forgiven Financial Assistance Agreement that contains the terms and conditions of the SDWLP award for the Project. The Principal Forgiven Financial Assistance Agreement is incorporated herein by this reference.

Kaye Matucheski, Clerk-Treasurer/Finance Director stated this is the paperwork needed to continue the lead service grant, noting it is a principal forgiveness that does not need to be paid back.

Upon inquiry from Aldersperson Wagner, Charley Brinkmeier, Land Surveyor/Project Manager stated this is for replacing lead service lines from the boulevard to the house with either copper or cross-linked polyethylene (PEX).

Motion to Approve Resolution No. 27-26

Result:	Carried (9 to 0)
Mover:	Glenn Bugni
Secunder:	Joel Wagner
Ayes:	Barb Rebstock, Roy Dieck, Tim Kassis, Mary Hayes, Mark Edwards, Joel Wagner, Glenn Bugni, Kevin Smith, Scott Henricks
Nays:	None

Licenses

- Request to Close the 200 & 300 Blocks of North Avenue for May 28-May 31, 2026
Langlade County Motorplex Off-Road Races Pending Signatures

Alderson Dieck moved, Alderson Henricks seconded, to approve Request to Close the 200 & 300 Blocks of North Avenue for May 28-May 31, 2026 Langlade County Motorplex Off-Road Races Pending Signatures

Result: Carried - Voice Vote

7. Street Closure Request for Working Together, Inc and Art on the Ave for August 15, 2026 for the 500 Block of Clermont Street

Alderson Bugni moved, Alderson Smith seconded, to approve Street Closure Request for Working Together, Inc and Art on the Ave for August 15, 2026 for the 500 Block of Clermont Street

Result: Carried - Voice Vote

8. Street Closure Request for All Saints End of the Year Fun Day for the 200 Block of Aurora Street on May 27, 2026

Alderson Bugni moved, Alderson Hayes seconded, to approve Street Closure Request for All Saints End of the Year Fun Day for the 200 Block of Aurora Street on May 27, 2026

Result: Carried - Voice Vote

9. Street Closure Request for 5th Avenue 700 Block to 1000 Block for Flea Market on Friday, Sept 4, 2026

Alderson Bugni moved, Alderson Smith seconded, to approve Street Closure Request for 5th Avenue 700 Block to 1000 Block for Flea Market on Friday, Sept 4, 2026

Result: Carried - Voice Vote

10. Street Closure Request for 5th Avenue 700 Block to 1000 Block for Flea Market on Friday, July 3, 2026

Alderson Bugni moved, Alderson Henricks seconded, to approve Street Closure Request for 5th Avenue 700 Block to 1000 Block for Flea Market on Friday, July 3, 2026

Result: Carried - Voice Vote

11. Street Closure Request for 5th Avenue 700 Block to 1000 Block for Flea Market on Friday, May 22, 2026

Alderson Bugni moved, Alderson Hayes seconded, to approve Street Closure Request for 5th Avenue 700 Block to 1000 Block for Flea Market on Friday, May 22, 2026

Result: Carried - Voice Vote

12. Street Closure Request for 5th Avenue 700 Block to 1000 Block for Off-Road Truck Parade on Thursday, May 28, 2026

Alderson Bugni moved, Alderson Wagner seconded, to approve Street Closure Request for 5th Avenue 700 Block to 1000 Block for Off-Road Truck Parade on Thursday, May 28, 2026

Result: Carried - Voice Vote

13. Street Closure Request for 5th Avenue 700 Block to 1000 Block for Badgerland Car Show on Saturday, August 15, 2026

Alderson Bugni moved, Alderson Smith seconded, to approve Street Closure Request for 5th Avenue 700 Block to 1000 Block for Badgerland Car Show on Saturday, August 15, 2026

Result: Carried - Voice Vote

14. Street Closure Request for 5th Avenue 700 Block to 1000 Block for Spudfest on Saturday, August 8, 2026

Aldersperson Bugni moved, Aldersperson Henricks seconded, to approve Street Closure Request for 5th Avenue 700 Block to 1000 Block for Spudfest on Saturday, August 8, 2026

Result:	Carried - Voice Vote
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Miscellaneous Business

Payment of Bills

Motion to Approve Payment of Bills

Result:	Carried (9 to 0)
Mover:	Mark Edwards
Seconders:	Scott Henricks
Ayes:	Barb Rebstock, Roy Dieck, Tim Kassis, Mary Hayes, Mark Edwards, Joel Wagner, Glenn Bugni, Kevin Smith, Scott Henricks
Nays:	None

15. Direct Deposits for March 13 and March 27, 2026 Payrolls
16. BMO Bank Accounts Payable Check Nos. 85911-86084
17. Self-Funding Health Insurance Check Nos. 2190-2192
18. Block Grant Revolving Loan Check Nos. 3812-3814

Committee Referrals

Upon inquiry from Aldersperson Wagner, Sarah Repp, Parks, Recreation, and Cemetery Director, noted the City does a fireworks display annually on the Fourth and the Chamber usually handles the parade. She stated fireworks are scheduled for the fourth unless there is inclement weather, noting the fireworks contract includes a scheduled inclement weather date.

Closed Session

19. 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 for an Update with Legal Counsel Regarding Apostolic Adventures Litigation. 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
20. Closed Session: Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), Wisconsin Statutes, and Upon Proper Motion, Council will Convene into Closed Session to Consider Employment, Promotion, Compensation or Performance Evaluation Data of any Public Employee over Which the Governmental Body has Jurisdiction or Exercises Responsibility Regarding Discussion of Department Head Vacancy. 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 Henricks moved, Aldersperson Bugni seconded, that Common Council convene into closed session at 6:55 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 for an update with legal counsel regarding Apostolic Adventures litigation and Pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), Wisconsin Statutes, and upon proper motion, Council convene into closed session to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility regarding discussion of Department Head vacancy. Upon completion of discussion in closed session, Council will reconvene into open session to act on matters discussed, if necessary, and proceed with regular order of business.

21. Act on Matters Discussed in Closed Sessions

Alderson Bugni moved, Alderson Smith seconded, to post a job position for Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator with revisions to the job description.

Result:	Carried - Voice Vote
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Motion to Accept the Settlement Proposal with Apostolic Adventures

Result:	Carried (8 to 0)
Mover:	Joel Wagner
Second:	Glenn Bugni
Ayes:	Roy Dieck, Tim Kassis, Mary Hayes, Mark Edwards, Joel Wagner, Glenn Bugni, Kevin Smith, Scott Henricks
Nays:	None

Adjournment

Alderson Wagner moved, Alderson Smith seconded, to Adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

Result:	Carried - Voice Vote
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Approved:

Thomas C. Bauknecht

Thomas C. Bauknecht, Mayor

Attest:

Kay M. Matuckeski

Clerk-Treasurer