

## **A Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of the Boscobel Common Council Tuesday April 22, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Boscobel, Wisconsin was called to order by Mayor Brenda Kalish at 7:00 p.m. Members Present: Alder Roger Brown, Alder Gary Kjos, Alder Milt Cashman, Alder Cody Trumm, Alder Steve Fritz, Alder Jessie Esser, Alder Brian Kendall, Alder Caleb Langner and Alder Stephanie Brown. Absent: None.

Others Present: DPW/City Engineer Mike Reynolds, City Attorney Ben Wood, City Administrator Patricia Smith, Street Superintendent Luke Brown, Water Foreman Hershell Marks, Library Directory Jenelle Miller, Chief of Police Travis Dregne, Nicolle Kass, Amber Stanek, Bart Nies and Joe Hart. Virtual: None.

*Agenda:* Proof in the form of a certificate of public notice given as required by § 19.84, Wis. Stats., as to the holding of this meeting, was presented by the Clerk.

*Minutes April 7, 2025:* Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Kjos to approve minutes from April 7, 2025, Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried.

*Registered Comments & Concerns:* None.

*Business:*

*Administrative Reports:*

*DPW Report:* DPW/City Engineer Reynolds provided an update on the Multi-use Trail for WRTO that the last land seller did sign the agreement and the Real Estate Agent recorded the transaction on April 21, 2025. Reynolds sent the land acquisition to the DNR. Reynolds shared that the Depot Shelter is complete with plumbing and landscaping being finalized in this current week. Reynolds communicated that the new downtown trees will be coming in mid-May and there will be 6 trees replaced on Wisconsin Ave. Reynolds updated that the sale of the spec building in the Industrial Park did finalize to Chiasson Smoke. Reynolds shared that tree cutting and mowing will start this week. Reynolds closed by stating the Recycling Grant was submitted on today's date and the bids will be opened on May 5, 2025, for the Street Project, Street Maintenance and Stump Removal.

*Administrator's Report:* City Administrator Smith communicated that included in the packet is an invitation for Open House by the Boscobel School District to celebrate the new addition. Smith also shared she has loaded the 2025 budgets into the financial software and will start producing monthly financial reports to the Common Council. Smith updated that the 2025 Board of Review/Open Book schedule is set and new assessments will go out only to residents who had permits in 2024.

*Police Chief's Report:* Chief Dregne updated that he met with the Boscobel School District and the School Resource Officer program was approved. Officer Schaefer will now be the only School Resource Officer. Dregne informed that in the next Common Council meeting there will be discussion/action on the Hemp-CBD products. Dregne shared that there are no laws on the books for Hemp-CBD products and these items are showing up at the school. Dregne informed that the Boscobel School District is asking for assistance in this area to place an age limit for purchase and consumption of these products. Dregne closed by stating there was a K9 donation in the amount of \$20,000 from the Wisconsin Canine Vest Foundation in memory of Marla K. Lichtenburg. Dregne also updated dates of May 21, 2025, 3:00pm – 6:00pm to Stuff the Cruiser Food Donation and June 1, 2025, K9 Fundraiser Breakfast.

*Library Director:* Director Miller shared that the library received a \$10,000 Grant from the SW Library Association. Miller shared the Grant will be used to create a space for children that require extra needs and assistance. Miller will obtain data from listening sessions. Miller informed the

Summer Library Program will start June 1, 2025, the theme is Color Our World, which will include artists and musicians.

*Mayor:* None.

*Proposed 2026 Street and Utility Project, Grant and Engineering Services, Bart Nies, Delta 3:* Bart presented the details of the 2026 Street and Utility Project. The 3 streets to complete are parts of Wisconsin Avenue, Brindley Street and Parker Street. No action.

*Senior Life Solutions Presentation, Nicolle Kass, Boscobel Gundersen Hospital:* Nicolle Kass and Amber Stanek presented a new program offered by Boscobel Gundersen, Senior Life Solutions. No action.

*Oath of Office: Alder Gary Kjos, Alder Steve Fritz, Alder Milt Cashman, Alder Caleb Langner:* The new Alders were sworn in and signed their certificates for the 2-year term. Alder Brian Kendall was recognized for his service to the Common Council as he did not run for his Alderperson #4 position. Alder Caleb Langner was voted to be the new Alderperson #4.

*Resolution #04-22-2025, A Resolution electing Council President:* Motion by Alder Kjos second by Alder Trumm to approve Resolution 04-22-2025, Alder Cashman was voted Council President. Upon roll call vote, all Alders present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

*Resolution #04-22-2025A, A resolution designating the official City Newspaper: The Boscobel Dial:* Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Trumm to approve Resolution 04-22-2025A. Upon roll call vote, all Alders present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

*Resolution #04-22-2025B, A Resolution designating official City Depositories: Clare Bank, Community 1<sup>st</sup> Bank, Peoples State Bank, Local Government Investment Pool:* Motion by Alder Fritz second by Alder Kjos to approve Resolution 04-22-2025B. Upon roll call vote, all Alders present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

*Approve Committee Appointments / Mayoral Appointments:*

- a. Airport – Alder R. Brown
  - b. Board of Public Works – Alder Cashman
  - c. Board of Review – Alder Fritz
  - d. Boat Landing – Alder Trumm, Alder Fritz, Jerry Vial
  - e. Fire District – Alder Kjos
  - f. Housing Authority - Alder Fritz
  - g. Library Board – Alder R. Brown
  - h. Park Board – Alder S. Brown
  - i. Plan Commission – Alder Esser
  - j. Room Tax – Alder Cashman
  - k. Tuffley Center – Alder Kjos
  - l. UDAG – Alder Cashman
  - m. Finance Committee – Alder Cashman, Alder Fritz, Alder R. Brown and Alder Kjos
  - n. Improvement and Services – Alder R. Brown, Alder Esser, Alder Trumm and Alder Langner
  - o. Protection and Welfare – Alder S. Brown, Alder Trumm, Alder Esser and Alder Langner
  - p. Personnel Committee – Alder Kjos, Alder Cashman, Alder S. Brown and Alder Fritz
- Motion by Alder Kjos second by Alder Cashman to approve Committee Appointments/Mayoral Appointments. Motion carried.

*Review/Approve Transfer of Ownership or Control, Town and Country Sanitation:* Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Fritz to approve transfer of ownership of control, Town and Country Sanitation. Motion carried.

*Discussion and Action on Street/Alley Closing Requests:*

- a. Summer Vendor Event, June 8, 2025, Closure Superior St., to Oak St., 7:30am to 5:00pm, 12 Barricades, Gina Miller, Purple Dreams.
- b. Use of Parking Lot Next to Hideaway Bar & Grill for Tables/Chairs/Umbrellas during Summer Months, Melissa Martin, Hideaway Bar & Grill.

Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Kjos to approve Summer Vendor Event and Use of Parking Lot next to Hideaway Bar & Grill. Motion carried.

*Approve Licenses:*

- a. Application for Peddlers, Canvassers and Transient Merchants Permit for Capelle's Cuisine, 12-months, John Capelle.
- b. Application for Temporary Class B/Class B Retailer's License, Boscobel Antique Club, Smoke in the Valley, June 7, 2025, Brian Copus.
- c. Application for Alcohol Beverage Operator's License, Thomas Charles Moravitz, Tall Tails.
- d. Application for Alcohol Beverage Operator's License, Hayden James Loomis, New Horizon's.

Motion by Alder Esser second by Alder Kjos to approve applications a, b, c & d. Motion carried.

*Discussion and Action on Committee Recommendation/Committee/Board Meetings Updates:* None.

*Approve Special Pay Requests:* None.

*Approve Payment of Monthly Bills:* Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Trumm to approve monthly bills, as presented, with the invoice amount of \$133,869.29 of which was paid in the amount of \$133,869.29. Upon roll call vote, all Alders present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

*Adjourn:* Motion by Alder Fritz second by Alder Kjos to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:48 p.m.

Date Published: \_\_\_\_\_

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Brenda L. Kalish, Mayor

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Patricia A. Smith, City Administrator