

A Regular Meeting of the Boscobel Common Council Monday, July 21, 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 Milt Cashman, Alder Gary Kjos, Alder R. Brown, Alder Steve Fritz, Alder Stephanie Brown and Alder Jessie Esser. Absent: Alder Cody Trumm & Alder Caleb Langner.

Others Present: DPW/City Engineer Mike Reynolds, City Administrator Patricia Smith, Chief of Police Travis Dregne 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 July 7, 2025: Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Kjos to approve minutes from July 7, 2025, Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Approve Resolution #07-21-2025, A Resolution to Vacate Valley St.: Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Kjos to approve Resolution #07-21-2025, A Resolution to Vacate Valley St. Motion carried.

Registered Comments & Concerns: None.

Business:

Administrative Reports:

DPW Report: DPW/City Engineer Reynolds stated that the 2025 Street Project was completed before the deadline of June 30, 2025. The total project was \$24,000.00 and Reynolds did get everything submitted for reimbursement. Reynolds shared that \$2,000.00 was spent on storm sewer repairs with the City employees completing that portion with some landscaping. Reynolds confirmed that the reimbursement the City will receive is \$9,000.00. Reynolds informed that the micro sealers are doing prep work for the City and will be in on the week of July 28th and communication will go out to the business owners impacted by the micro seal work. Reynolds communicated that the Substation Project is about 20% complete. Reynolds further informed that some materials and equipment are still out and/or being ordered. Reynolds stated that he is working on the Wastewater Rate Increase which will be approximately 16%. Reynolds communicated that it would go before the Board of Public Works and then to the Common Council. Reynolds stated expenses have increased by 55% though the increase will keep us still competitively low compared to our surrounding municipalities. Reynolds updated the last increase was in 2014. Reynolds further shared that the Electric Rate Increase will be 9%. The issue is now since the Substation is not complete, we will have to come back in 2026 for an additional rate increase.

Administrator's Report: City Administrator Smith communicated that dates are set for the Capital Planning Meeting. Smith stated the goal is to get a specific identified list to execute over a 3-year period. Smith stated she will engage the Finance Committee to review the proposed plan and \$\$ amount of funding needed which will need to be complete before the budgeting process starts. Smith updated that Personnel Committee will be set once Chief Dregne selects a date for interviews for the open Police Officer position and to start planning the date for Reynolds retirement. Smith further shared she attended a meeting that was set up through Harvest Food Bank. The meeting was a listening session to see how the community was doing since the SWCAP Food Pantry closed in Boscobel. Currently the Harvest Foodbank comes monthly with their local food truck. Smith shared the discussion does prompt the need to coordinate a permanent foodbank within the City of Boscobel that would be its own 501(C) and will be exploring the idea with follow-up meetings with members from other churches and select individuals from Harvest Foodbank who have offered to assist.

Police Chief's Report: Chief Dregne updated that Officer Dan Andrews did submit his resignation due to not wanting to work nights. Dregne stated that Officer Andrews is leaving in good standing. Dregne does have an active job posting and would like to hold interviews in August. Dregne would also like to create an eligibility list for future needs to ensure that there is appropriate coverage. Dregne further communicated that he and Officer Schaefer attended a training course in Platteville where the Mt. Horeb Chief discussed an active shooter event to determine best practices. Chief Dregne stated he will create a program with defined roles from that session for the Boscobel PD. Dregne closed with shared data, which is in the packet, to reflect call volume for the department.

Library Director: None.

Mayor: None.

Ratify Emergency Storm Sewer Repairs: Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Fritz to approve ratifying the Emergency Storm Sewer Repairs on E. LeGrand St., in the amount of \$7,444.00. Motion carried.

Approve 2026 Grant County Road Aid: Motion by alder Kjos second by Alder Cashman to approve 2026 Grant County Road Aid. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on Street/Alley Closing Requests:

- a. Block Party on LeGrand, August 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., close W. LeGrand from Wisconsin Ave. to Elm St., parts of Kansas and Walnut, see map, barricades needed and 15 picnic tables needed, Cas Kirshbaum.
- b. Boscobel Athletic Boosters Steak Feed, September 6, 2025, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., close alley behind Pour House Oak St., to behind property line on the South, barricades needed and 12 picnic tables, Todd Bell.

Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Kjos to approve Street/Alley Closing Requests as presented. Motion carried.

Approve Licenses:

- a. Operator License for Robin Baumeister, Individual.
- b. Operator License for Kaitlyn Marie Larson, New Horizons.
- c. Operator License for Rachel Ann Noel, Casey's.
- d. Public Consumption Permit, Block Party on LeGrand, August 10, 2025.
- e. Peddlers Permit for Old 61 Diner Food Truck, Lacie Rutherford.
- f. Peddlers Permit for Boss Cow Coffee, LLC., Sarah Buckhaus

Motion by Alder Esser second by Alder Kjos to approve licenses as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion and Action on Committee Recommendation/Committee/Board Meetings Updates:

a. Approve Park Board Recommendation to Build Baseball Structure Near Ball Diamonds. Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Fritz to approve building baseball structure contingent on more detailed plans and exact location. Motion carried.

- b. Approve Park Board Recommendation to Address Parking on Wisconsin Ave., near Swimming Pool.

Motion by Alder S. Brown second by Alder Fritz to approve proceeding with pricing on creating more diagonal parking on the east side of Wisconsin Ave., in front of the brick wall. Reynolds will price. Motion carried.

Approve June 2025 Account Balance Reports: Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder R. Brown to approve June 2025 Account Balance Reports. Motion carried.

Approve June 2025 Financial Reports: Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Kjos to approve June 2025 Financial Reports. Motion carried.

Approve Special Pay Requests: None.

Approve Payment of Monthly Bills: Motion by Alder Fritz second by Alder Cashman to approve monthly bills, as presented, with the invoice amount of \$324,974.43 of which was paid in the amount of \$324,974.43. Upon roll call vote, all Alders present voted aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Adjourn: Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder R. Brown to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

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Brenda L. Kalish, Mayor

Patricia A. Smith, City Administrator