

## **A Regular Meeting of the Boscobel Common Council Monday, October 6, 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 Gary Kjos, Alder Roger Brown, Alder Steve Fritz, Alder Stephanie Brown, Alder Milt Cashman, Alder Caleb Langner, Alder Cody Trumm and Alder Jessie Esser. Absent: None

Others Present: DPW/City Engineer Mike Reynolds, City Administrator Patricia Smith, Chief of Police Travis Dregne and Street Superintendent Luke Brown. Virtual: Joe Hart.

*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 September 15, 2025:* Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Kjos to approve minutes from September 15, 2025, Common Council meeting as presented. Motion carried. Alder Trumm abstained.

*Registered Comments & Concerns:* None.

*Business:*

*Administrative Reports:*

*DPW Report:* DPW/City Engineer Reynolds informed that October 6, 2025, is Public Power Week. There will be a cookout on October 7, 2025, from 11:00am to 1:30pm for customer appreciation during Public Power Week. Reynolds provided an update on the Construction Report which will need to be submitted on October 8, 2025. Reynolds shared regarding the WRTO and the Railroad. Without a word from the Railroad, Reynolds reached out and was informed that the DOT did not approve the trail going under the bridge. Reynolds resent the proposal back to the DOT to re-review the project and recommendations. Reynolds communicated they have included Travis Tranel and Howard Marklein on the communications in hopes to have some political support. Reynolds closed that the Utility had approved a \$1,250,000.00 loan for the Sub-Station. The documents were drafted as a general obligation loan, however, it needs to be through a revenue bond loan. The resolution for this loan will be approved in the next Common Council Meeting.

*City Administrator:* City Administrator Smith communicated that Open Enrollment for 2026 Benefits starts October 6th – 31<sup>st</sup>. Smith attended a meeting with Employee Trust Funds to go over the plans and create the packets for the employees to make selections for 2026. Vision is a newly offered benefit to the City of Boscobel employees. Smith informed that the costs for health insurance to the employee has gone up 12%. Smith will factor the increased insurance costs to the City into the 2026 budget process. Smith closed in stating the Finance Committee did approve the 3-Year Capital Plan which is later on the agenda for Common Council to review and take action.

*Chief of Police:* Chief Dregne communicated that he was fully staffed for 45 minutes before an incident on a call caused one of the officers to be injured and due to the severity of the injury, will be on leave for a long period of time, until fully recovered. Dregne did share that the bad guy was apprehended. Dregne informed that he will be participating in a Death Investigation Training. Dregne closed in stating they had a final planning meeting for the Critical Incident Exercise with the area first responders and the school. This will be a surprise simulation in the community.

*Library Director:* None.

*Mayor:* None.

*Approve Paving Part of Alley in Block 31:* Motion by Alder Kjos second by Alder Cashman to approve paving part of alley in Block 31. Motion carried.

*Review/Approve Contract with Republic Services:* Contract not provided by meeting time. No action.

*Review/Approve Job Description for City Engineer/Director of Public Works (CE/DPW):* Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Fritz to approve job description for City Engineer/Directo of Public Works. Motion carried.

*Discussion/Action on G. Freymiller Building Inspection, 701 Morrison Dr., Boscobel, WI 53805:* Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Kjos to approve proceeding with building inspection. Motion carried.

*Ratify Street/Alley Closing Requests:*

- a. The Hideaway Bar & Grill, Fireman's Fun Run, Close Alley Behind Hideaway on October 4, 2025, 7:00am to 10:00am, 4 Barricades Needed. Mellisa Martin.

Motion by Alder Cashman second by Alder Fritz to ratify the Street/Alley Closing Request as presented. Motion carried.

*Approve Licenses:*

- a. Approve Alcohol Beverage Operator's License, Cheryl Ann Dekoning, Piggly Wiggly.
- b. Approve Alcohol Beverage Operator's License, Claire Elyse Punke, Piggly Wiggly
- c. Approve Alcohol Beverage Operator's License, Terity Dianne Welsh, Piggly Wiggly
- d. Approve Alcohol Beverage Operator's License, Heather Rae Kliesner, Pour House.

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

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

- a. Approve UDAG Commissions Recommendation for \$20,000 loan @ 5.5%, 10-year Amortization, Willow & Ivy, 912 Wisconsin Ave., Cas Krischbaum.

Motion by Alder Fritz second by Alder Cashman to approve UDAG Loan for Willow & Ivy. Motion carried.

- b. Approve Plan Commission Recommendation to Approve Certified Survey Map, Bob Bremer, Parcel #206-01057-0000, 501 Chestnut St., Boscobel, WI.

Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Kjos to approve Certified Survey Map for Bob Bremer. Motion carried.

- c. Approve Finance Committee Recommendation for Funding of 3-Year Capital Improvement Plan, General Obligation Debt in the amount of \$1,400,000, 2026 – 2028.

Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Fritz to approve Funding of 3-Year Capital Improvement Plan. Motion carried.

*Approve Special Pay Requests:* None.

*Approve August 2025 Account Balance Reports:* Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Fritz to approve August 2025 Account Balance Reports. Motion carried.

*Approve August 2025 Financials:* Motion by Alder R. Brown second by Alder Cashman to approve August 2025 Financials. Motion carried.

*Approve Payment of Monthly Bills:* Motion by Alder Langner second by Alder Cashman to approve monthly bills, as presented, with the invoice amount of \$232,265.45 of which was paid in the amount of \$232,265.45. Upon roll call vote, all Alders present voted aye. Motion carried 8-0.

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

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:24 p.m.

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

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Brenda L. Kalish, Mayor

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Patricia A. Smith, City Administrator