

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 2/9/2026

The Common Council of the City of Park Falls met in regular session at 5:00 PM on Monday, February 9, 2026. Mayor Tara Tervort called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and the following members were present:

Mayor:	Tara Tervort
Alderman:	Dan Greenwood Dennis Wartgow Terry Wilson James Corbett Anthony Thier - Excused Dixie Weidman Michael Mader Dina Bukachek
City Attorney:	Bryce Schoenborn
City and Zoning Administrator:	Scott Kluver

Staff present: Shannon Greenwood, Bill Hoffman, Marvin Nevelier, Becky Michels, Larry Reas, Jody Eckert

Also present: Amy Benedict, Gary Wollerman, Karen Langrehr

ADOPT THE AGENDA - Motion by Weidman/Mader to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Motion by Bukachek/Mader to approve the Minutes for the Common Council meeting on January 26, 2026. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Gary Wollerman noted that a local breeder appeared on the Westminster national dog show with Smokey, the American Water Spaniel, and Park Falls was mentioned during the sporting group.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. CSM – 344 Sherry Avenue & 350 Birch Street – CSM adjusts a portion of the property line between these two properties by three feet. Recommendation for approval from the Plan Commission. Motion by Greenwood/Wilson to approve. Motion carried.
- B. Review of City Owned Properties – Discussion on the future of eight city-owned parcels at the request of Alder Weidman. Motion by Mader/Wilson to relist Tax ID 23492 for \$7,500, open to negotiation. Motion carried. Motion by Wilson/Mader to list Tax ID 23476 & 23477 combined as one parcel at \$10,000, for structural use only. Motion carried. 23686 has water and sewer readily available. Would consider another RFP and rezone on 23552. 23684 and 23559 discussed. Ashland County PIN 006-00143-000 has an active permit for gravel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

1. Payment of Bills – Motion by Bukachek/Weidman to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$102,700.55. Motion carried, 7-0.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ITEMS

- A. Review and Recommendation of Concealed Carry Ordinance – Discovered that some of the facilities that the ordinance covers are not properly signed, so the ordinance is therefore not enforceable.

Additionally, the City cannot prohibit concealed carry in open air locations unless there is a special event occurring, and the prohibition is properly noticed. City Hall, Fire, Police, Pool, Library, DPW Garage, DNR Building, Airport Terminal Bldg. No unauthorized personnel stickers for other buildings.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Mayor -Met with Rob Summerfeld this last week at the League meeting. Discussion at the league level about imposing a local sales tax.

Jody Eckert – Excited to be part of a very vibrant and busy Library. Live Planning Series: Session One scheduled for February 24th at 3:00 with presentation by Speer law office on estate planning and elder law. Celebration of life for former Librarian on February 21st at the Library.

Becky Michels – Auditors will be on site Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Bill Hoffman - Notified 20 plus residents of the Let-Run order last week, and there have been no additional freeze-ups since.

Shannon Greenwood – There is not a February primary for Park Falls. Finished the Illness/Injury reports for 2025 on Monday.

Chief Nevelier – It has been quiet with the cold weather, and there have not been too many snowmobile issues just a few off the route.

Chief Reas – Provided mutual aid for two fires in Phillips last week.

At 6:21 p.m. there was a motion by Alderman Weidman and seconded by Alderman Wilson to convene into closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 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 a closed session. (Reviewing legal descriptions and ownership intent of 200 1st Avenue North). Motion carried.

At 6:44 there was a motion by Alderman Greenwood and seconded by Alderman Weidman to reconvene into open session. Motion carried.

Motion by Weidman/Wilson to authorize Attorney Schoenborn to reach out to property owners to correct the legal description. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

- C. Raze Permit – 200 1st Avenue North – Application submitted by demolition contractor for portions of the property. This will be the 3rd papermill they will have done demolition on. Applicant is requesting an exemption from Ordinance 354-9 (B)(5). Recommendation from Public Works committee to consider the proposed permit after questions were addressed by demolition contractor, including the requirement of a bond. Motion by Weidman/Wilson to approve the permit on condition that they secure a bond in the amount of \$1,000,000. Motion carried. Motion by Wilson Bukachek to allow working through the weekends during the established hours. Motion carried.
- D. Ordinance 26-002 Amending Requirement on Building Code 209-3 – Motion by Wartgow/Corbett to adopt Ordinance 26-002. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59.

Prepared by: Shannon Greenwood, City Clerk