



City of Fort Atkinson
City Manager's Office
101 N. Main Street
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM
TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2025 – 7:00 PM
CITY HALL – SECOND FLOOR**

MINUTES

1. Call meeting to order

President Jaeckel called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. Roll call

Present: Council representatives Huckabee, Johnson, Lescohier, Schultz and President Jaeckel.
Also present: City Manager, City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director, Director of Public Works, Neighborhood Services Director, City Attorney, Park & Recreation Director and Fire Chief.

3. Public Hearings

None.

4. Public Comment

Robert Bell, N1729 S Main Street - Spoke in support of the Pledge of Allegiance being added to the City Council Agenda.

Christopher Minor, 525 Jackson Street - Supports the Pledge of Allegiance but does not feel it belongs on the City Council Agenda.

John Callan, 522 Robert Street - Spoke on the Pledge of Allegiance being added to the City Council Agenda. He referenced comments from the Ordinance Committee.

John Hausz, 104 Jefferson Street - Spoke on invasive species in wetlands and referenced an article years prior in the Daily Union. He referenced reciting the Pledge of Allegiance during City Council meetings.

Bill Camplin, 18 S. Water Street W - Spoke on the Pledge of Allegiance as a former Council member and does feel it should be added to the City Council Agenda.

David Frigo, 409 Milo Street - Spoke in support of the Pledge of Allegiance being added to the City Council Agenda.

Laurie Wohlgemuth, 307 E Milwaukee Avenue - Spoke in support of the Pledge of Allegiance

being added to the City Council Agenda.

5. Consent Agenda

Lescohier moved, seconded by Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda items 5.a through 5.c. as presented. Motion carried.

- a. *Review and possible action relating to the **minutes of the June 17, 2025 City Council meeting** (Ebbert, Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director)*
- b. *Review and possible action relating to the **minutes of the June 19, 2025 Board of Review meeting** (Ebbert, Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director)*
- c. *Review and possible action relating to the **minutes of the June 24, 2025 Plan Commission meeting** (Ebbert, Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director)*

6. Petitions, Requests, and Communications

- a. *Review and possible action relating to proclamation recognizing **July as Parks and Recreation Month** in the City of Fort Atkinson (Houseman, City Manager)*
Huckabee moved, seconded by Schultz to approve the Proclamation recognizing July as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Fort Atkinson. Motion carried.
- b. *Presentation relating to the City of Fort Atkinson's Lead Service Line Replacement Program (Navin, Director of Public Works)*
Director Navin provided a presentation on lead service replacement program. Updates will be on further agendas on available on the City's website. No action was taken.

7. Resolutions and Ordinances

- a. *Second reading of a proposed Ordinance amending Section 2-53 of the City of Fort Atkinson Code of General Ordinances relating to the **Order of Business for City Council meetings** (Houseman, City Manager)*
Manager Houseman stated this is the second reading to amend the Ordinance as several members of the City Council requested to review an amendment to Section 2-53 of the City's code of general ordinances relating to the Order of Business for City Council meetings to include the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Jaeckel stated if the Pledge of Allegiance is included on future City Council Agendas; it will not be forced but an option for attendees to recite it.

Johnson thanked those in attendance and had no intention of commanding others to recite it if it were to be included on City Council Agendas.

Schultz shared respect for those who recite, but is opposed to having it on a City Council Agenda, as it would appear a requirement to recite.

Lescohier proposed an amendment to the amendment of the Ordinance creating public comment for items on agendas and a later public comment period allowing comments for items not included on an agenda.

Lescohier moved, seconded by Huckabee to propose an amendment to the proposed Ordinance and amend agenda item #6 Public Comment to be for items related to Council agenda items and adding another Public Comment period after New Business for items not included on the Agenda. Motion carried, Johnson opposed.

President Jaeckel stated that Jefferson County added this item to their Agenda for efficiency and for respect of those in attendance for agenda items, specifically speakers or consultants.

Huckabee moved, seconded by Johnson to direct the City Manager to prepare the ordinance for a third and final reading at the meeting on July 15, 2025. Motion carried Lescohier and Schultz opposed.

- b. *Second and possible third/final reading of an Ordinance relating to a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district for a portion of the properties located west of Banker Road and east of Fort Atkinson High School (parcel number 226-0614-3322-000), from Single Family Residential (SR-2) to Multi-Family Residential (MRM-12), Single Family Residential (SR-5), and Conservancy (CON) (Draeger, Director of Neighborhood and Building Services)*

Director Draeger stated this request is for a Zoning Map Amendment for a portion of the parcel located West of Banker Road and East of Fort Atkinson High School. This amendment would change the zoning designation from Single-Family Residential (SR-2) to Multi-Family Residential (MRM-12), Single-Family Residential (SR-5) and Conservancy (CON). The requested change aims to support future development in the area and the planned storm water management areas. This proposed zoning map amendment is related to the approval process for the Preliminary Plat Review of Ridge View Estates, which was reviewed and recommended to the City Council for approval by the Plan Commission on May 13, 2025. While the Preliminary Plat establishes individual parcels, this Zoning Map Amendment determines their zoning classifications. Upon final approval of both the Preliminary Plat and the Zoning Map Amendment, the parcels will be available to be sold to Intrepid Investment per the Development Agreement approved by the City Council for \$18,000 per residential unit.

Huckabee moved, seconded by Schultz to suspend the rules and offer a third/final reading of this Ordinance. Motion carried.

Lescohier moved, seconded by Huckabee to adopt the ordinance relating to a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district for a portion of the properties located west of Banker Road and east of Fort Atkinson High School from Single Family Residential (SR-2) to Multi-Family Residential (MRM-12), Single Family Residential (SR-5), and Conservancy (CON). Motion carried.

- c. *Second and possible third/final reading of an Ordinance relating to a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district for the properties located at **1349, 1347 and 1345 Marigold Dr.** (parcel numbers 226-0614-3322-002, 226-0614-3322-003, 226-0614-3322-004), from Single Family Residential (SR-2) to Single Family Residential (SR-5) (Draeger, Director of Neighborhood and Building Services)*

Director Draeger presented the Zoning Map Amendment proposes to change the zoning classification of the properties located at 1349, 1347 and 1345 Marigold Dr., from Single Family Residential (SR-2) to Single-Family Residential (SR-5). A zoning change is being requested to accommodate the future development of the parcels with single-family dwellings per the approved Development Agreement between the City of Fort Atkinson and Intrepid Investments in the Ridge View Estates Subdivision. This proposed zoning map amendment is related to the Certified Survey Map Review which included Lots 3-5 which was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Plan Commission on February 11, 2025. While the CSM established the individual parcels, this Zoning Map Amendment determines their zoning classifications. Final approval of the Zoning Map Amendment will permit the sale and development of the individual lots under the new SR-5 zoning classification.

Huckabee moved, seconded by Johnson to suspend the rules and offer a third/final reading of this Ordinance. Motion carried.

Schultz moved, seconded by Lescohier to adopt the ordinance relating to a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning district for the properties located at 1349, 1347 and 1345 Marigold Dr. (parcel numbers 226-0614-3322-002, 226-0614-3322-003, 226-0614-3322-004), from Single Family Residential (SR-2) to Single Family Residential (SR-5). Motion carried.

8. Reports of Officers, Boards, and Committees

- a. *City Manager's Report (Houseman, City Manager)*
No action was taken.

9. Unfinished Business

None.

10. New Business

- a. *Review and possible action relating to Amendment No. 1 to the contract between the City of Fort Atkinson and MSA for the South Main Street Bike/Ped Path and Road Rehabilitation project (Navin, Director of Public Works)*

Director Navin updated that the City of Fort Atkinson awarded the design contract for the South Main Street Pedestrian Path and Road Improvements Project to MSA on February 20, 2024 as shown in attachment 1. In the spring of 2025, staff requested MSA amend the

contract to include the cost to hold a Public Information Meeting to present the upcoming project and collect feedback from residents, as well as for MSA to bid the project out as shown in attachment 2. The total cost for this work totaled \$12,800. Associated fees for this work will be attributed to Fund 5, Roadway improvements, and that portion that can be attributed to the Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Utilities.

Lescohier moved, seconded by Johnson to approve Amendment No. 1 to the South Main Street Pedestrian Path and Road Improvements Project with MSA at a cost not to exceed \$12,800. Motion carried.

11. Miscellaneous

None.

12. Claims, Appropriations and Contract Payments

- a. Review and possible action relating to the **Verified Claims** presented by the Director of Finance and authorization of payment (Ebbert, Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director)*

Schultz moved, seconded by Huckabee to approve the list of Verified Claims as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

13. Adjournment

Huckabee moved, seconded by Johnson to adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Michelle Ebbert

City Clerk/Treasurer/Finance Director