

PROCEEDINGS, COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2026, 7:00 P.M.
CITY OF OAK CREEK
MILWAUKEE COUNTY

1. Council President Kenneth Gehl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the absence of Mayor Bukiewicz. Council President Gehl announced his intent to vote on all agenda items. On roll call, the vote was as follows: Ald. Loreck, aye; Ald. Ruetz, aye; Ald. Marshall, aye; Ald. Gehl, aye; and Ald. Guzikowski. Ald. Haase was excused.

Also present were City Attorney Melissa Karls, Deputy City Administrator / Finance Officer Maxwell Gagin, Administrative Services Director Sara Kawczynski, IT Director Thomas Kramer, Fire Chief Michael Kressuk, Marketing Communications Manager Kelly Schoff, Assistant City Administrator / City Engineer Matthew Sullivan, Human Resources Director Toni Vandenboom, City Administrator Andrew Vickers, and City Clerk Catherine Roeske.

2. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance being said by all present.
3. Ald. Marshall, seconded by Ald. Guzikowski, moved to approve the 1/20/26 minutes. On roll call, the vote was as follows: Ald. Loreck, aye; Ald. Ruetz, aye; Ald. Marshall, aye; Ald. Gehl, aye; and Ald. Guzikowski, aye.

4. **CITY HALL FRONT COUNTER HOURS CHANGE TO 8:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M. BEGINNING MARCH 2, 2026.**

Ald. Ruetz, seconded by Ald. Marshall, moved to concur with the Personnel and Finance Committee recommendation and establish new City Hall front counter hours to be open to the public, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., effective March 2, 2026. On roll call, the vote was as follows: Ald. Loreck, aye; Ald. Ruetz, aye; Ald. Marshall, aye; Ald. Gehl, aye; and Ald. Guzikowski, aye.

5. **COUNCIL APPROVES PURCHASE OF PHONE EQUIPMENT FROM CDWG IN AMOUNT OF \$149,999.88.**

Ald. Loreck, seconded by Ald. Ruetz, moved to approve the purchase of phone equipment from CDWG in the amount of \$149,999.88. On roll call, the vote was as follows: Ald. Loreck, aye; Ald. Ruetz, aye; Ald. Marshall, aye; Ald. Gehl, aye; and Ald. Guzikowski, aye.

6. **LICENSE COMMITTEE**

Ald. Ruetz, seconded by Ald. Loreck, moved to approve license recommendations as follows:

Grant an Operator license to:

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| * Nathan M. Johnson (Kwik Trip) | * Mollie R. Bigelow (Meijer) |
| * Riley J. Williams (BelAir Oak Creek) | * Jasbir Singh (BP W Discount Liquor) |
| * Pushpinder S. Ghotra (BP W Discount Liquor) | |

Grant a 2026 Transient Merchant License to Weed Man Lawn Care, 1425 Commerce Ave., Unit B., Brookfield, WI 53045, offering lawn care quotes and services, and to the following solicitors (favorable background reports received):

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| * Joshua Blackburn | * Rene Mejia-Townsend | * Kaleb Crotteau | * Benjamin Freeman |
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On roll call, the vote was as follows: Ald. Loreck, aye; Ald. Ruetz, aye; Ald. Marshall, aye; Ald. Gehl, aye; and Ald. Guzikowski, aye.

7. COUNCIL APPROVES VENDOR SUMMARY.

Ald. Marshall, seconded by Ald. Guzikowski, moved to approve the January 28, 2026 Vendor Summary Report in the amount of \$620,829.64. (Of this total, \$80,948.60 will affect fiscal year 2025, with the remaining \$539,881.04 affecting 2026). On roll call, the vote was as follows: Ald. Loreck, aye; Ald. Ruetz, aye; Ald. Marshall, aye; Ald. Gehl, aye; and Ald. Guzikowski, aye.

8. COUNCIL CONVENES INTO CLOSED SESSION.

Ald. Ruetz, seconded by Ald. Marshall, moved to convene into Closed Session at 7:10 p.m., pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes, Section 19.85 to discuss the following:

- a. Section 19.85(1)(g) Wis. Stats. for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the City is likely to become involved regarding claims of the Fire Department Battalion Chiefs.
- b. Section 19.85(1)(g) Wis. Stats. for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the City is likely to become involved regarding claims of Jordan Howard and Tamichale Paige related to a 2019 Toyota Rav4.
- c. Section 19.85(1)(e) and (g) Wis. Stats. to deliberate or negotiate 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, and for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel who will render oral or written advice with respect to litigation in which the City is likely to become involved, specifically, to discuss developer's fulfillment of the terms of the Tax Incremental District No. 11 Finance Development Agreement for the Emerald Row Project including Phase III (Parcels A & C) and the Phase III Agreement.

On roll call, the vote was as follows: Ald. Loreck, aye; Ald. Ruetz, aye; Ald. Marshall, aye; Ald. Gehl, aye; and Ald. Guzikowski, aye.

9. COUNCIL RECONVENES INTO OPEN SESSION.

Ald. Loreck, seconded by Ald. Marshall, moved to reconvene into Open Session at 7:51 p.m. On roll call, the vote was as follows: Ald. Loreck, aye; Ald. Ruetz, aye; Ald. Marshall, aye; Ald. Gehl, aye; and Ald. Guzikowski, aye.

10. COUNCIL APPROVES SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SCOTT KASTEN, AARON KRUKOWSKI, JEFFREY MALLAS, AND JOHN MARTIN AND CITY; DENIES CLAIMS OF JORDAN HOWARD AND TAMICHALE PAIGE RELATED TO 2019 TOYOTA RAV4 AS FILED WITH CITY ON JANUARY 5, 2026. NO ACTION TAKEN ON ITEM 10(c).

Ald. Ruetz, seconded by Ald. Loreck, moved to approve the Settlement Agreement between Scott Kasten, Aaron Krukowski, Jeffrey Mallas, and John Martin and the City of Oak Creek. On roll call, the vote was as follows: Ald. Loreck, aye; Ald. Ruetz, aye; Ald. Marshall, aye; Ald. Gehl, aye; and Ald. Guzikowski, aye.

Ald. Ruetz, seconded by Ald. Marshall, moved to deny the claims of Jordan Howard and Tamichale Paige related to their 2019 Toyota Rav4 as filed with the City of Oak Creek on January 5, 2026. On roll call, the vote was as follows: Ald. Loreck, aye; Ald. Ruetz, aye; Ald. Marshall, aye; Ald. Gehl, aye; and Ald. Guzikowski, aye.

No action was taken on Item 10(c).

ADJOURNMENT.

Ald. Loreck, seconded by Ald. Ruetz, moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. On roll call, the vote was as follows: Ald. Loreck, aye; Ald. Ruetz, aye; Ald. Marshall, aye; Ald. Gehl, aye; and Ald. Guzikowski, aye.

ATTEST:

Catherine A. Roeske, City Clerk

Daniel J. Bukiewicz, Mayor