

**October 27, 2025**

The West Bend City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Monday, October 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Linda Thilges presiding.

**ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

Roll call of the City Council was answered by Joe Montag, Chris Newton, Grant Gearhart, Linda Thilges and Brooke Winkelhorst.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Moved by Chris Newton, seconded by Brooke Winkelhorst to approve the agenda of the meeting. Roll call of vote, all present voting in the affirmative. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Grant Gearhart, seconded by Joe Montag to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Roll call of vote, all present voting in the affirmative. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION WHEREBY THE CITY OF WEST BEND SHALL OPERATE THE 2025-2026 WEST BEND ICE-SKATING AND HOCKEY PROGRAM AT THE SITE OF THE GROTTO OF THE REDEMPTION:**

Moved by Joe Montag, seconded by Grant Gearhart to adopt Resolution #2025-42, a Resolution Whereby The City Of West Bend Shall Operate The 2025-2026 West Bend Ice-Skating And Hockey Program At the Site Of The Grotto Of The Redemption. Roll call of vote, "Ayes" – Joe Montag, Chris Newton, Grant Gearhart, Linda Thilges, Brooke Winkelhorst; "Nays" – None. Resolution duly adopted.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING QUOTATION FOR THE REMOVAL OF ASH TREES:**

Moved by Brooke Winkelhorst, seconded by Joe Montag to adopt Resolution #2025-43, a Resolution Approving Quotation For The Removal Of Ash Trees. Roll call of vote, "Ayes" – Joe Montag, Chris Newton, Grant Gearhart, Linda Thilges, Brooke Winkelhorst; "Nays" – None. Resolution duly adopted.

**APPROVE RESIGNATION OF APPRENTICE LINEMAN:**

Moved by Joe Montag, seconded by Chris Newton to approve the resignation of Apprentice Lineman, Clinton Schneider effective October 31, 2025. Roll call of vote, all present voting in the affirmative. Motion carried. City Clerk, Lisa Sewell has posted an advertisement for the Apprentice/Journeyman Lineman position on the City of West Bend's website, IAMU's classifieds and in the West Bend Journal.

**APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN THE IPPA TRANSMISSION INVESTMENT PROJECT THROUGH NIMECA AND AUTHORIZE THE INITIAL PAYMENT OF \$6,200.00 FOR WEST BEND MUNICIPAL UTILITIES' PROPORTIONAL SHARE IN SUCH PROJECT:**

Moved by Joe Montag, seconded by Grant Gearhart to approve participation in the IPPA Transmission Investment Project through NIMECA and authorize the initial payment of \$6,200.00 for West Bend Utilities' proportional share in such project. Roll call of vote, all present voting in the affirmative. Motion carried.

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS – CDBG APPLICATION:**

The City Council held discussion regarding the submittal of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application for the wastewater treatment facility improvements project, in the amount of \$500,000.00. ISG feels the BABA compliance required with the CDBG would cause an increase in project costs and would not be worth filing a grant application. A letter from ISG showing how they think BABA regulations would affect the project costs was given to the Council. Moved by Joe Montag, seconded by Grant Gearhart to not pursue the application for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project as recommended by ISG. Roll call of vote, all present voting in the affirmative. Motion carried.

**GAS/PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS REPORT:**

Gas/Public Works Foreman, Trevor Bruhn prepared the Gas/Public Works Operations Report for the City Council to review. Employees exposed a gas main and installed protective wrap, calibrated gas CGI, test pump for Well #8, installed new brooms on sweeper, swept streets, replaced the fire hydrant near Family Practice Clinic, created a list of ash trees in the easement for removal, mowed, read meters, monthly sampling and winterized the pool and splash pad. Monthly water and wastewater reports have been completed.

**COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE UPDATES:**

Council Member Linda Thilges shared information she received from Homes for Iowa and a Legislative round table meeting she attended. Council Member Brooke Winkelhorst also attended a KCEDC Board Meeting and discussed the Homes for Iowa.

**COUNCIL REPORT:**

The Council received a copy of an updated report from ISG showing the progress that is being made on the different projects they are working on for the City. A copy of the minutes of the September 8<sup>th</sup> Library Board Meeting was included in the Council packet. A list of training sessions the Iowa League of Cities will be holding to assist City's with meeting the state requirements for newly elected or appointed officials on "Open Meeting/Open Records" was included in the Council packet. The City Council will need to be prepared to make suggestions at the next Council Meeting as to what projects they would like to use the PACGDC City Award Grant and Per Capita Grant funds for. The City Council would like to forego the last meeting in December and reschedule the first meeting to December 15<sup>th</sup> instead of December 8<sup>th</sup>.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

No other business was discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Brooke Winkelhorst, seconded by Joe Montag to adjourn the meeting to Monday, November 10, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. Roll call of vote, all present voting in the affirmative. Motion carried.

**ATTEST:**

/s/ Kim Elbert  
Deputy Clerk

/s/ Linda Thilges  
Mayor Pro Tem