

**ABSTRACT/SYNOPSIS OF THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE OFFICIAL
ACTIONS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITEWATER,
WALWORTH AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES, WISCONSIN.**

February 19, 2019

The regular meeting of the Common Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Singer. MEMBERS PRESENT; McCormick, Schulgit, Binnie, Palmer, Singer, Allen. MEMBERS ABSENT: Grady. LEGAL COUNSEL PRESENT: Wallace McDonell.

It was moved by Allen and seconded by Binnie to acknowledge receipt and filing of the Public Works Committee Minutes of 1/8/19; the Finance Committee Minutes of 12/11/2018; and the Parks and Recreation Board Minutes of 12/5/2018. AYES: McCormick, Schulgit, Binnie, Palmer, Singer, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: Grady.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES. It was moved by Allen and seconded by Binnie to approve payment of city invoices in the total sum of \$64,820.07. AYES: McCormick, Schulgit, Binnie, Palmer, Singer, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: Grady.

CITY MANAGER UPDATE. City Manager Clapper gave his bi-weekly update on city activities.

STAFF REPORTS: None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING RELATING TO INCREASE IN SHARED RIDE TAXI SERVICE FARES. Whitewater Finance Director Steve Hatton and Brown Cab General Manager Carl Schulte reported that the Finance Committee has reviewed materials regarding shared ride taxi cab fares, and determined it is necessary to increase fares. Research has shown that Whitewater's agency fares are lower than those charged in other communities. Finance Director Hatton indicated that there was a \$9,490 shortfall in the taxi cab fund. Councilmember Binnie said that the original proposal included an increase in regular passenger fares, but the Finance Committee is only recommending increases in a few of the fares at this time. Binnie indicated that the taxi cab service is one of the most important services the City provides for citizens.

Council President Singer opened the Public Hearing. Resident Brienne Brown of 156 N. Fremont Street stated that she has been told there are some people disappointed with the service. Concerns noted were times of operation and concerns about service for disabled individuals. Finance Director Hatton responded that all vehicles are handicapped accessible. Carl Schulte indicated that the service ends at 7:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, when UWW is not in session. It was noted that it is the **City**, not the taxi service, that sets the hours of operation for the cabs. Being no further requests for input, Council President Singer closed the Public Hearing.

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE PROHIBITING INTENTIONAL ACTIVATION
OF FALSE ALARMS.**

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING INTENTIONAL ACTIVATION OF FALSE
ALARM**

The Common Council of the City of Whitewater, Walworth and Jefferson Counties, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Whitewater Municipal Code Chapter 14.14, Section 14.14.125, is hereby created to read as follows:

14.14.125– Intentionally activating or causing a false alarm.

(a) No person shall intentionally activate or contribute to the activation of a false alarm.

Ordinance introduced by Council Member Allen, who moved its adoption. Seconded by Council Member McCormick. AYES: McCormick, Schulgit, Binnie, Palmer, Singer, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: Grady. ADOPTED: February 19, 2019.

Cameron L. Clapper, City Manager

Michele R. Smith, City Clerk.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DOWNTOWN WHITEWATER, INC.

It was moved by Binnie and seconded by Allen to approve the 2019 Memorandum of Understanding with Downtown Whitewater, Inc. (DTWW). The agreement is for a one-year period, lists specific events the group will organize and manage, commits the organization to fundraising minimums, and commits the City to contribute \$30,000 to DTWW in 2019. AYES: McCormick, Schulgit, Binnie, Palmer, Singer, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: Grady.

SHARED RIDE TAXI SERVICE FARES. It was moved by Allen and seconded by Binnie to approve the increases to taxi service fares as proposed by the Finance Committee. (Agency and Package delivery fares - \$9.50 per trip; Out of town mileage fare at \$2.25 per mile; Additional wait time – 40 cents per minute). AYES: McCormick, Schulgit, Binnie, Palmer, Singer, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: Grady

LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN MUNICIPALITIES LOBBY DAY. City Manager Clapper reported that he will be attending the February 20 Lobby Day in Madison. This event provides an opportunity for local government leaders to meet with State Representatives regarding issues impacting communities. Clapper provided a brief update on the 2019-20 Legislative agenda. He noted that Highway 12 is intended be a topic of discussion during meetings with Legislators.

APPROVAL OF LICENSE FOR COZUMEL MEXICAN RESTAURANT OF WHITEWATER, LLC.

It was moved by Allen and seconded by McCormick to approve a license transfer (“Class B” Beer and Liquor) to Cozumel Mexican Restaurant of Whitewater, LLC, Jose Lopez, Agent, at 1139 W. Main Street, Whitewater. AYES: McCormick, Schulgit, Binnie, Palmer, Singer, Allen. NOES: None. ABSENT: Grady.

COUNCILMEMBER REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR FUTURE POLCO QUESTIONS. None.

ADJOURNMENT. It was moved by Schulgit and seconded by Palmer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele R. Smith, Clerk