



# Common Council Organizational Agenda

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 @ 7:00 PM

415 Main Street, Onalaska WI 54650

Meeting in person in Council Chambers & remotely on Zoom

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Members of the public wishing to attend remotely and provide public input:

**Meeting Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89935137435?pwd=SUWqdZkopMJfdVub7C8y4aXKuGRib.1>

**Phone Number:** 1-312-626-6799 **Meeting ID:** 899 3513 7435 **Password:** 349330

1. Call to Order and roll call.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Rules of the City of Onalaska Common Council and its Sub Committees – Harassment Free Forum.
4. Public Input (limited to 3 minutes per individual).
5. **REPORT FROM THE MAYOR:**
  - A. Recognition of public service by standing boards and committees.
  - B. Oath of Office for newly elected officials.
  - C. Recognition of Council Seniority: Diane Wulf, Steven Nott, Jim Binash, Larry Jiracek, Mike Mielke, and Kathleen Loendorf.

## **CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:**

6. Election of Council President.
7. Appointments to standing committees, boards, commissions and other committees.
8. **Resolution 13-2025** – Designating Public Depositories and Authorizing Withdrawal of City Monies.
9. Discussion and possible action on: Notice of Filing Petition for Incorporation and Notice of Hearing regarding Town of Campbell. *Note: The Common Council may convene in closed session under Section 19.85(1)(g) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel. The Council may reconvene in Open Session to take the necessary action and/or continue with the printed agenda.*
10. Adjournment.

Notice is hereby given that members of and possibly a quorum of members of other governmental bodies may attend this meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision making responsibility. No action will be taken by any governmental body at the above stated meeting other than the governmental body specifically referred to above in this notice.

Notices also provided to: Common Council (Ald. Jim Binash, Ald. Mike Mielke, Ald. Kathleen Loendorf, Ald. Diane Wulf, Ald. Steven Nott, Ald. Larry Jiracek), Mayor Kim Smith, City Administrator Rick Niemeier, City Attorney Amanda Jackson, Department Heads, Media

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## 2025 – COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

### Admin & Finance Committee

Steven Nott –Admin Chair, Finance VC  
Mike Mielke– Finance Chair, Admin VC  
Kathleen Loendorf

### Long Range Planning Commission

Steven Nott  
Kristen Odegaard (2026)  
Erik Archer (2026)

### Board of Public Works

Diane Wulf  
Jim Binash  
Larry Jiracek

### Municipal Harbor Commission

Mayor  
Sam Scinta (remainder term 2026)  
Erik Sjolander (2028)

### Board of Review

Steven Nott  
Larry Jiracek  
Mike Mielke

### Onalaska Enhancement Foundation

Jim Binash

### Onalaska School Liaison

Steven Nott

### Board of Zoning Appeals

Diane Wulf - Chair  
Jim Binash – Alternate  
(Alder who serves on Plan Commission)  
Vicki Burritt (2028)  
Erik Archer (2028)

### Parks, Recreation & Library Board

Larry Jiracik  
Andrea Benco (2028)  
Ohbe Johnson (2028)  
Samuel Schmidt (remainder term 2026)

### Community Development

#### Authority

Mike Mielke (Alder on A&F)  
Diane Wulf (Alder NOT on A&F)  
Nick Kirking (2029)  
Deb Carlson (2029)

### Plan Commission

Jim Binash  
Bill Leathen (2028)

### Police & Fire Commission

Wendy Gamble (2030)  
Leanne Stokes (remainder term 2029)

### La Crosse County Convention &

#### Visitors Bureau

Mike Mielke

## 2025 – COMMITTEE/BOARD/COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

### Public Transit Committee

Diane Wulf

Steven Nott

Kathleen Loendorf

### Room Tax Commission

Mike Mielke

Peg Binash (2026)

Jay Patel (2026)

Kapena Faitau (Hotel/Motel Rep) (2026)

Shawn McAlister (2026)

### **Community Development Authority**

I'm Nick Kirking, Relationship Manager at State Bank Financial where I help people build strong financial relationships and reach their goals. I currently live in Onalaska and am a proud father of two. Outside of work, I enjoy hunting, golfing and playing with my kids. I believe in being genuine, having fun in life and build strong connections personally and professionally.

### **Parks, Recreation & Library Board**

Samuel Schmidt – Moved to Onalaska in 2020. He attended UW-L as an undergrad from 2009-2013, where he met his eventual-wife (Linh). From UW-L, Sam attended the University of Louisville to earn a Masters and Doctorate in Sport Administration and Organizational Leadership. Sam and Linh lived in Wilkes-Barre, PA where Sam was a professor in the Sport Management program at Wilkes University from 2018-2020. Sam and Linh had the opportunity to move back home and moved to Onalaska after getting jobs at UW-L right before the pandemic hit in 2020. Sam currently teaches in the Sport Management program within the Exercise & Sport Science department at UW-L. He has taught sport law, sport facilities, revenue generation, organizational behavior, and sport marketing for UW-L.

### **Police & Fire Commission**

Wendy Gambel – Thank you for taking the time to meet with me regarding the Police and Fire Committee. I truly enjoyed our conversation and appreciated the opportunity to learn more about the committee's work.

As a lifelong resident of Onalaska, I care deeply about our community and the people who serve it. I currently work in Human Resources at a local company, and I believe my professional background, combined with my personal investment in our city, would allow me to contribute meaningfully to this committee.

I see this as a great opportunity to support and give back to the community that has given so much to me. Thank you again for your time and consideration.

Leanne Stokes – Retired Citizen. Previous 1<sup>st</sup> District Alderperson. She has lived in Onalaska since the 1970's and is passionate about government and civic minded.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-2025****A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES AND  
AUTHORIZING WITHDRAWAL OF CITY MONIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Onalaska, Wisconsin, has designated the following banks/investment pools/credit unions/financial institutions as qualified public depositories under Chapter 34 of Wisconsin Statutes for all public monies ear-marked for the City General Fund, Checking and Savings Accounts, City Utility, coming into the hands of the current and/or any successor to the City Treasurer.

- **ASSOCIATED WEALTH MANAGEMENT – GREEN BAY**
- **DANA INVESTMENTS**
- **CHARLES SCHWAB & CO**
- **CITIBANK NA**
- **COULEE BANK OF LA CROSSE**
- **STATE BANK FINANCIAL OF LA CROSSE/ONALASKA**
- **STATE OF WISCONSIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT POOL**
- **BREMER BANK**
- **US BANK**
- **CHASE PAYMENTECH**
- **NCOURT**
- **PAYPAYL**
- **VENMO**

or any other bank, credit union or investment pool that is deemed advantageous to the City of Onalaska, Wisconsin, as well; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council has granted the City Treasurer authority to use the depositories interchangeably as they deem most advantageous to the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Onalaska that funds shall be drawn by check or written transfer order only as provided in Wis. Stat. 66.042 and upon the signature of the Mayor and/or the President of the Common Council and the City Clerk countersigning, except that the City Treasurer be authorized to make draws for investment of funds not immediately needed; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Treasurer is designated as the “Local Official” authorized to transfer funds to the State Treasurer for deposit in the Local Government Investment Pool and that that the State Treasurer is authorized to accept on-line and telephone requests, including facsimile transmissions, for withdrawal of funds from the Local Government Investment Pool.



**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Clerk be and is hereby directed to certify such bank(s), State Investment Pool, credit union(s) and financial institutions the proper and authentic signatures of said Mayor, President of the Council, City Clerk and City Treasurer, under Seal of the City.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a certified copy of this resolution may be delivered to each of the named depositories and that said depositories may rely on this resolution until changed by lawful resolution.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2025.

**CITY OF ONALASKA**

**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Smith, Mayor

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JoAnn Marcon, City Clerk

Passed:  
Approved:  
Published: N/A

**NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR INCORPORATION****AND NOTICE OF HEARING****TOWN OF CAMPBELL, LA CROSSE COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

Please take Notice that a Petition for Incorporation of territory described below was filed, pursuant to sec. 66.0203 of the Wisconsin Statutes, with the Circuit Court for La Crosse County, Wisconsin on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2024.

The territory which is the subject of the petition for incorporation is generally described as follows: Part of Sections 6, 7, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 30 of Township 16 North, Range 7 West; part of Sections 1 and 25, Township 16 North, Range 8 West; all of Sections 33, 34 and 35 of Township 17 North, Range 8 West and all of Sections 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 23 and 24 of Township 16 North, Range 8 West, Town of Campbell, La Crosse County Wisconsin.

The metes and bounds legal description of the territory is on file with the Circuit Court. A scale map depicting the territory is available by contacting Town of Campbell Clerk Michelle Stahl at [mstahl@townofcampbellwi.gov](mailto:mstahl@townofcampbellwi.gov) or 608-783-0050 and is on file with the Circuit Court. The Town of Campbell is the only City, Village or Town in which territory subject to the petition is located.

The name and post office address of the representatives of the petitioners are as follows:

Mary Jo Werner, 3337 Hanson Ct., La Crosse, WI 54603  
Ralph Thoren, 600 Plainview Rd., La Crosse, WI 54603

A hearing on the Incorporation Petition will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2025, at 2:30 pm before the Honorable Scott L. Horne in his courtroom at the La Crosse County Courthouse, Branch 4 Courthouse & Law Enforcement Center, 333 Vine St., La Crosse, WI 54601.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

Michelle Stahl, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Campbell  
2219 Bainbridge St.  
La Crosse, WI 54603