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Office of the City Administrator

**PUBLIC WELFARE COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 - 5:30 PM
South Conference Room**

Agenda

- 1) Call to Order and Roll Call**
- 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a) Meeting minutes of December 9, 2025
- 3) Resolution**
 - a) **RESOLUTION 4255** A Resolution Consolidating the Pieper Power Education Center Polling Site and the Weyenberg Library Polling Site into One Location at Mequon City Hall for the February 17, 2026 Primary Election
- 4) Discussion Items**
- 5) Adjourn**

DATED: January 13, 2026

/s/ Dale Mayr, Chair

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Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 9, 2025 - 5:15 PM
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Minutes

1) Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mayr at 5:15 p.m.

Present:

Chair Mayr

Alderman Bach - Excused

Alderman Parrish

Also present: Assistant City Administrator Wolff, City Attorney Sajdak, Alderman Gebhardt, Alderperson Tolocko and Executive Assistant Kong.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a) Meeting minutes of November 11, 2025

MOTION:	Motion to approve the meeting minutes of November 11, 2025
MOVER:	Alderman Brian Parrish
SECONDER:	Chair Dale Mayr
AYES:	Alderman Brian Parrish, Chair Dale Mayr
RESULT:	Approved by Voice Acclamation

3) Discussion Items

- a) Deer Population Management

Alderman Gebhardt said a number of residents in his district have called with concerns about the deer population, the damage they cause to property and landscaping as well as issues related to

driving safety. He has told residents to also share their concerns with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) but he wanted to know what the City does to also help address these issues.

Assistant City Administrator Wolff gave a summary of her findings regarding the increased deer population over the last 10 years. She gathered data from the DNR as well as County Sheriff statistics that showed a fairly consistent number of collisions over the last 6 years, which has averaged 75 per year. A map with the location and number of collisions shows a greater number occurring on Port Washington and Pioneer Roads. The DNR has several resources related to this issue including the Citizen Deer Advisory Council, a Deer Advisory Committee and the Urban Wildlife Damage Abatement and Control Grant. The deadline for the annual Control Grant for 2025 was December 1; however, this could be a worthwhile avenue to pursue for 2026. The grant is designed to help municipalities develop and implement control measures. The City had culling programs in 2012 and 2014, and such programs require approval from the DNR.

The committee discussed the residents having mixed feelings about prior culling efforts, but past programs were successful in reducing the population. The State has seen an increase in the deer population and a decrease in the number of people hunting. The question was raised regarding more humane solutions than sharpshooters or other culling efforts, but chronic wasting or other diseases means deer cannot be relocated. The Committee should look into applying for the DNR grant and determine if the sharpshooter services are still available. It can also be helpful to educate residents to discourage the feeding of wildlife. After gathering additional information about services, deer population and public education, the Committee can bring this item back for discussion in January or February and later present its findings to the Committee of the Whole.

b) 2026 Work Calendar

The Committee reviewed the 2026 Work Calendar. Alderman Parrish raised concerns regarding radon and wanted to promote testing and awareness of potential radon issues in the area. He suggested the promotion of public education about testing and the importance of monitoring radon in homes.

Chair Mayr said the Committee needs to review the full list of 2026 items and set some priorities at the meeting in January to determine when items will be addressed next year. A review of the 2025 Community Survey will also help identify and prioritize the goals for 2026.

4) Work Calendar

a) 2025 Work Calendar

5) Adjourn

MOTION:	Motion to adjourn at 5:46 p.m.
MOVER:	Alderman Brian Parrish
SECONDER:	Chair Dale Mayr

AYES:	Alderman Brian Parrish, Chair Dale Mayr
RESULT:	Approved by Voice Acclamation

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Kong



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City Clerk

TO: Public Welfare Committee
FROM: Caroline Fochs, City Clerk
DATE: January 13, 2026
SUBJECT: A Resolution Consolidating the Pieper Power Education Center Polling Site and the Weyenberg Library Polling Site into One Location at Mequon City Hall for the February 17, 2026 Primary Election

Background

On February 17, 2026 a primary election will be held in the City of Mequon for County Supervisory District 24. There are three (3) candidates that need to be narrowed to two (2) for the April 7, 2026, Spring Election. Because turnout is anticipated to be very low, and due to the high use of absentee ballots, staff sees an opportunity to reduce costs and labor by consolidating polling sites for this election. If approved, this consolidation will be for the February 17, 2026 election only, and election day voting will return to regular polling locations for the April 7, 2026 Spring Election.

Analysis

Last year, on February 18, 2025, an election was held in Mequon with only the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Cedarburg School Board Member races on the ballot. The Common Council approved the consolidation to one polling site, City Hall, and the election ran very smoothly. During this election, the City saw a 15% voter turnout which equated to 2,900 total voters. The total number of registered voters in Supervisory District 24 is 2,700. Assuming a similar turnout in 2026 with a typical 50% absentee vote, election day walk-in traffic is projected to be approximately 200 residents.

Consolidation saves not only tax dollars but also staff time and energy. Public Works crews are responsible for set-up and take-down of polling sites, and the process is very labor-intensive. By consolidating sites crews are freed up to work on other City projects. Also, on election day, staff from the City Clerk's Office can remain at City Hall instead of visiting each site several times throughout the day. This frees up staff time for other duties and decreases overtime, while allowing staff to more closely monitor election day activities.

Making the public aware of the change is of course very important. In order to inform Mequon residents, efforts will be made to give notice in a variety of ways, including use of the City's website, the Community Sign, the *Weekly Bulletin*, Facebook, newspaper articles and sending a postcard to all registered voters in Supervisory District 24.

Fiscal Impact

The savings for the City include a reduced need for election workers and less overtime, among other savings, and an increase in staff availability. The savings are estimated to be \$6,900; however, this figure is offset by the cost of sending postcards to affected residents, which is estimated to be approximately \$1,000.

Recommendation

A recommendation is forthcoming from the Public Welfare Committee on January 13, 2026.

Attachments:

None

COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF MEQUON

RESOLUTION - 4255

A Resolution Consolidating the Pieper Power Education Center Polling Site and the Weyenberg Library Polling Site into One Location at Mequon City Hall for the February 17, 2026 Primary Election

RECITALS

- A. A Local Primary Election will be held on February 17, 2026.
- B. The City of Mequon will have one race on the ballot, County Supervisor, District 24.
- C. City staff anticipates the voter turnout will be such that an opportunity exists to consolidate polling sites, resulting in a savings of labor costs and tax dollars.

BASED UPON THE FORGOING RECITALS, IT IS RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, Wisconsin, that:

- 1. The affected polling sites of Pieper Power Education Center, 8200 N. County Line Road, and Weyenberg Library, 11345 N. Cedarburg Road, in the City of Mequon are consolidated into a single location at Mequon City Hall, 11333 N. Cedarburg Road, Mequon, Wisconsin, 53092 for the February 17, 2026, Primary Election.
- 2. Subsequent to the February 17, 2026, Primary Election, all polling locations will return to their regular locations unless changed by future action of the Common Council.
- 3. City staff are authorized and directed to effectuate this change in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 5.25 and guidance from the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

Approved by: Andrew Nerbun, Mayor

Date Approved: January 13, 2026

I certify that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Mequon, Wisconsin, at a meeting held on January 13, 2026.

Caroline Fochs, City Clerk