

City of Kewaunee Newsletter

April 2026

City Hall Info:
Mon-Thurs: 8:00am - 4:30pm
Friday: 8:00am - Noon
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MAYOR'S REPORT

by Mayor Jeff Vollenweider

Thank you for voting in this recent election. I appreciate the time the voters, poll workers and candidates took to be involved in this election. Our council reorganization meeting took place on April 21. At this meeting we swore in the new council members and appointed council members and citizens to committees, boards and commissions.

At present, our big activity in town is the Dodge Street and Main Street reconstruction projects. During the next couple months, the committees and council will work to determine our priorities for the coming year. This will include updating our Capital Improvement Plan which provides for infrastructure and equipment purchases over the next five years. I will be sure to update you on our progress.

MAYOR & COUNCIL MEMBERS

MAYOR

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DISTRICT FOUR

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Meeting & Events Calendar

May 7 - Public Works Committee 5:30 PM
May 11 - Finance Committee 5:00 PM
May 11 - Common Council 6:00 PM
May 20 - Library Board 4:30 PM
May 20 - Personnel Committee 6:00 PM
May 22 - Plan Commission 6:30 PM

June 4 - Public Works Committee 5:30 PM
June 4 - Public Properties Committee 6:00 PM
June 11 - Finance Committee 5:00 PM
June 11 - Common Council 6:00 PM
June 17 - Library Board 4:30 PM
June 17 - Personnel Committee 6:00 PM
June 25 - Plan Commission 6:30 PM
June 30 - Board of Review 4:00 PM



Preschool Storytime at Public Library
Fridays at 10:30 AM

Boards, Committees & Commissions

The Mayor recommends the appoints of members to the boards, committees and commissions. The council votes on the Mayor's recommendations. All meetings are held at city hall unless otherwise noted and open to the public. Agendas, Packets and Minutes are posted on the city website.

COMMITTEES

Only city council members can serve on committees. The committees meet monthly.

Finance Committee – oversees the city's budget, taxation, revenue generation and audits.

Members: Scott Oftedahl (Chair), John Blaha, Aaron Drouse, Edward House

Personnel Committee - oversees and provides guidance on human resources, labor relations, and compensation

Members: Jeffery Kohnle (Chair), Scott Oftedahl, Edward House, Mike Bories

Public Works Committee – oversees critical infrastructure including street maintenance, water and sewer management and sanitation

Members: John Blaha (Chair), Jeffrey Kohnle, Thomas Schneider, Joseph Mills

Public Property Committee – oversees public properties owned and operated by the City

Members: Joseph Mills (Chair), Mike Bories, Thomas Schneider, Aaron Drouse

BOARD & COMMISSIONS

Include citizens appointed by the Mayor and have a council representative.

Public Library Board – Meets at 4:30 p.m. third Wednesday of each month at Kewaunee Public Library

Members: Joseph Mills (Council), Janet Tess, Roberta Jeanquart, Scott Fritz, Ben Gerold, Dolly Paine, Jennifer Schlies, Abby Schaller

Board of Zoning Appeals – meets as needed

Members: Arthur Schiller (Chair), Dale Franson, Mark Stangel, Joe Nemecek, Nick Titel, Adam Harrell (Alternate 1), Jim Brewster (Alternate 2)

Plan Commission – responsible for land-use planning, zoning, and development recommendations. They review site plans, rezonings, land divisions, and public improvements. Meets at 6:30 on the fourth Thursday of the month

Members: Laura Gerold (Chair), John Blaha (Council), John Mastalir, Claude Stangel, Chris Holterman, Cindy Tang, Jeff Welhouse

Police and Fire Commission – meets as needed

Members: Roger Zimmerman (Chair), Dan Kruse, Frank Salentine, Ron Pelnar, Bernie Jadin

Board of Review – must meet within 30 days after the second Monday of May. City Council members serve on the Board of Review. The board acts as a local board of appeal for property assessments.

Members: Mayor Vollenweider, Jeffery Kohnle, John Blaha, Scott Oftedahl, Clerk/Treasurer Schreiber

Historic Preservation Commission – meets as needed

Members: Joe Mills, Edward House, Addie Bernard, Jim Brewster, Janie West, Ben Gerold, Pattie Walecka

Community Center Committee – meets as needed

Members: Edward House, Kaye Shillin, Donna Wallace, Janice Gilbertson, Roberta Jeanquart

April Council Meeting Recap

City Council met on April 13. An update on the Dodge Street and Main Street construction was provided by the Public Works Superintendent and Cedar Corporation in the meeting packets. A public meeting on the project was held on March 11. To date, Dodge Street and Main Street tree removal is complete and erosion control and traffic control have been installed. Sanitary sewer installation began on April 13 on Dodge Street. Sanitary sewer installation is complete on Main Street. Upcoming work for Main Street includes installation of water service and sanitary sewer laterals and installation of the storm sewer.