MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL ON TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

A. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Neitzke at 7:00 PM.
Present: Alderpersons Andrew Drzewiecki, Karl Kastner, Pamela Akers, Shirley Saryan, Bruce Bailey
Also present: Jeff Katz, Director, Neighborhood Services; Jennifer Goergen, City Clerk

B. Opening Prayer

An opening prayer was given by Chaplain Leggett.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of the April 15, 2025 Common Council minutes

Motion by Alderperson Bailey, seconded by Alderperson Akers to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Approval of the April 30, 2025 Special Common Council minutes

Motion by Alderperson Bailey, seconded by Alderperson Kastner to approve. Motion carried unanimously.
Mayor Neitzke went to agenda item F1.

F. Mayor's Report

Mayor Neitzke spoke about the largest conference call regarding zip code legislation. It's up to 75 cities within the proposed legislation, and many have been at this for 20 years. There seems to be strong support in the House to pass the legislation. The Senate sounds like it will be a challenge. The Postal Service has been rigorously objecting to any changes. This is the best chance we've seen in the last 20 years. He will keep everyone informed.

He spoke about the county safety building that's downtown, replacement costs, public safety and efficiency issues, the tour of the old jail, and what it takes to maintain the justice system. He thanked County Executive Crowley and the deputy sheriffs who led the tour.

He stated that June 7th is the ribbon-cutting event for The TURF. There will be music and DJs. There will be a flyer coming out. They are putting in the tiles. He is encouraging people to ride-share as there will be a parking shortage, and they are working on that. There was a discussion of the use of the Park and Ride.
Mayor Neitzke went to agenda item G.

1. Appointment of Weed Commissioners.

   Motion by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Alderperson Drzewiecki to confirm appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

   Mike Wist and Garrett Olson were appointed as Weed Commissioners for a term to expire 5-14-2026.

2. Proclamation to proclaim May 2025 as Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) Awareness Month in the City of Greenfield

   Mayor Neitzke introduced and read the proclamation.

3. Proclamation to proclaim Friday, May 9, 2025 as National Knock Out® Rose Day in the City of Greenfield

   Mayor Neitzke introduced and read the proclamation. It relates to the event this Friday, May 9th, 2025, that starts at 2:00 PM. The proclamation will be read that day at 3:30 PM.

4. Proclamation to proclaim Saturday, May 10, 2025 as Arbor Day in the City of Greenfield

   Mayor Neitzke said that this Saturday, May 10, 2025, is Arbor Day at Pondview Park at 10:00 AM. He encouraged everyone to go.
   Mayor Neitzke circled back to agenda item F.

G. Aldermanic Reports

Alderperson Akers said that the Farmer's Market opened this past weekend and was well attended. There was a discussion about dogs in Konkel Park during the Farmer's Market and in the AMP area. They are not allowed on the playgrounds.

H. Announcements

I. Citizen Commentary

J. Old Business

1. Appointments to various committees and commissions:

   a. Mayor appointments, confirmed by Council:

      i. Two members to the Civil Service Commission for terms to expire 5/1/27 (formerly David Podeszwa and Paul Leu)

      Place on the next agenda.

      ii. One alternate member to the Plan Commission for a term to expire 5/1/27 (formerly Michael Braswell)

      Mayor Neitzke appointed Randy Lee, 3710 W. Abbott Ave.

      Motion by Alderperson Kastner, seconded by Alderperson Bailey to confirm appointment. Motion carried unanimously.

      Randy Lee was appointed as an alternate member to the Plan Commission for a term to expire 5-1-2027.

2. Appointment of Council President for a one-year term (currently Bailey)

   Alderperson Kastner nominated himself.

   Alderperson Drzewiecki nominated Alderperson Akers.

   Motion by Alderperson Kastner, seconded by Alderperson Bailey to nominate Alderperson Kastner. On a roll call vote, motion failed 2-3, with Alderpersons Kastner and Bailey opposed. Those in favor were Alderpersons Drzewiecki, Akers, and Saryan.

   On a roll call vote, motion carried 4-1 to nominate Alderperson Akers, with Alderperson Kastner opposed. Those in favor were Alderpersons Drzewiecki, Akers, Saryan, and Bailey.

K. New Business

1. Discussion and decision to approve an agreement between the City of Greenfield and its legal counsel, von Briesen & Roper, s.c. relating to their retention of Mueller Communications, LLC. (Neitzke/Foley)

   Motion by Alderperson Drzewiecki, seconded by Alderperson Bailey to approve. On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

2. Adopt an ordinance to incorporate state statue 86.025, prohibiting camping on or adjacent to public highways, into the Greenfield Code of Ordinances. (Geary)

   Motion by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Alderperson Drzewiecki to approve. On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

3. Adopt an ordinance to repeal the $35 Municipal Service Fee for private tows of vehicles from private lots. (Geary)

   Mayor Neitzke said that this is recommended by the Police Department. We seldom do this. Most of the time, it's for repossession. The repo towing company is supposed to alert the police department.

Motion by Alderperson Drzewiecki, seconded by Alderperson Saryan to approve. On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

4. Award bid for publishing legal notices. (Goergen)

   Mayor Neitzke said that Alderperson Bailey opened the bid. A bid was received from Gannett Milwaukee Journal for the *South NOW*. The rates remain the same. Mayor Neitzke and Representative Coolidge were working towards legislation treating cities like villages and towns. He spoke about meetings being canceled due to missed publications that were paid for and the havoc that it brings. The solution is for the legislature to change the rules to treat us like villages and towns.

   Motion by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Alderperson Kastner to approve.

   Under discussion, Mayor Neitzke said that the circulation rates are dropping.

   On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

5. Approve applications for 2024-2025 operator licenses (Goergen)

   Motion by Alderperson Drzewiecki, seconded by Alderperson Akers to approve agenda items K5-K6. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Approve applications for 2025-2026 operator licenses. (Goergen)

   Approved under agenda item K5.

7. Approve an application for a 2024-2025 Amusement Device Distributor License received from Bert's Amusement Inc., Ryan Larscheidt, Agent, 3540 S. Rivershire Dr., Apt. 6, to expire July 31, 2025. (Bert's Amusement) (Goergen)

   Motion by Alderperson Drzewiecki, seconded by Alderperson Akers to approve agenda items K7-K8.

   Under discussion, Alderperson Akers and Jennifer Goergen, City Clerk, discussed the expiration date and that they needed to get a license for this year since they didn't get one from last year. They will need to go through the renewal process.

   Motion carried unanimously.

8. Approve an application for a 2024-2025 Amusement Device Distributor License received from Games Are Us Inc., Steve Murphy, Agent, 4905 S. Woodlawn Pl., to expire July 31, 2025. (Games Are Us) (Goergen)

   Approved under agenda item K7.

9. Approve application for a Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License received from Harley Owners Group - Milwaukee Chapter to sell fermented malt beverages indoors at the Audio Work Shop event on May 10, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 6221 W. Layton Ave. Requesting Council approval to allow unaccompanied underage individuals on the licensed beer premises pursuant to Wis. Stat. 125.07(3)(a)12. (Goergen)

   Motion by Alderperson Kastner, seconded by Alderperson Drzewiecki to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Approve renewal applications for the following licenses to expire June 30, 2026: Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage, "Class A" Liquor (Cider Only), Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage, Combination "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage & Liquor, Class C Wine, Combination "Class A" Fermented Malt Beverage & Liquor, Reserve Combination "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage & Liquor, Dry Cleaning/Washing Machine, Entertainment, Pawnbroker/Secondhand Article Dealer, and Operator's Licenses (approval of all licenses should be subject to the City of Greenfield ordinances regarding code compliance and payment of all delinquent taxes and charges). (Goergen)

Motion by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Alderperson Drzewiecki to approve. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Approve an Outdoor Special Event application for the House of Harley Pet Fest & Support the Troops Ride, to be located at 6221 W. Layton Ave, May 17, 2025. Application includes the following combination of licenses/permits: Outdoor Special Event, Temporary Class "B" Retailer's License (beer), and Food. Requesting Council approval to allow unaccompanied underage individuals on the licensed beer premises pursuant to Wis. Stat. 125.07(3)(a)12. (Vlach)

    Motion by Alderperson Kastner, seconded by Alderperson Drzewiecki to approve as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Approve a sanitary easement agreement with Cobalt 92, LLC and RJ 92, LLC, on vacant land in the 4300 block of South 99th Street, Tax Key No. 607-9979-003. (Katz)

    Motion by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Alderperson Kastner to approve. On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

13. Approve a contract for the project #2327 Lighting Conversion with MP Systems in the amount of $ 521,093.15. (Katz)

    Motion by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Alderperson Drzewiecki to approve.

    Under discussion, Jeff Katz, Director of Neighborhood Services, said that this is the project for Edgerton Ave.

    On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

14. Approve an amendment to the three-party design engineering agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Ayres Associates for design of the W. Howard Avenue bridge. (Katz)

    Motion by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Alderperson Drzewiecki to approve. On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

15. Adopt a resolution recognizing World Migratory Bird Day and authorizing the Pollinator Protection Committee to continue participation in the Wisconsin Bird City program. (Katz)

    Motion by Alderperson Kastner, seconded by Alderperson Drzewiecki to approve. On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

16. Adopt an ordinance amending Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code by repealing Ordinance 244 regarding a 4-way stop at the South 35th Street and West Howard Avenue intersection. (BPW - 4/22/25 - Ald Bailey)

    Motion by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Alderperson Drzewiecki to approve.

    Under discussion, Alderperson Akers said that it's cleaning up the ordinance since there's a stoplight now.

    On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

17. Adopt an ordinance amending Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code by repealing Ordinance 2220 regarding Yield signs on South 31st Street at West Holmes Avenue. (BPW - 4/22/25 - Ald Bailey)

    Motion by Alderperson Kastner, seconded by Alderperson Akers to approve.

    Under discussion, Mayor Neitzke spoke about Holmes Ave. being a cut-through from 35th St. to 27th St. and that people would speed.

    On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

18. Adopt an ordinance amending Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code adding stop signs at the intersection of West Holmes Avenue and South 31st Street. (BPW - 4/22/25 - Ald Bailey)

Mayor Neitzke said that it's to slow down the traffic.

Motion by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Alderperson Drzewiecki to approve. On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

L. Items for future agenda

Audit completed, so Baker Tilly will be in.

M. Adjourn

Motion by Alderperson Drzewiecki, seconded by Alderperson Akers to adjourn at 7:34 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Goergen, City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 3073

AN ORDINANCE TO INCORPORATE STATE STATUTE 86.025, PROHIBITING CAMPING ON OR ADJACENT TO PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, INTO THE GREENFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. 86.025 makes it a violation of state law to camp on or adjacent to public highways; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 10 of the Greenfield Code of Ordinances incorporates many statutory prohibitions into the City's Code of Ordinances, so as to allow enforcement for statutory counterpart ordinance violations through Greenfield Municipal Court, but Wis. Stat. 86.025 is not currently so-incorporated.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Common Council of the City of Greenfield do ordain as follows:

PART I. Chapter 10 of the Greenfield Code of Ordinance be, and hereby is, amended to create new subsection:

"10.86.025 Camping on Highways and Lands Adjacent Thereto"

PART II. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Greenfield on the 6th day of May, 2025.

APPROVED:

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Michael J. Neitzke, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Goergen, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 3074

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL THE $35 MUNICIPAL SERVICE FEE FOR PRIVATE TOWS OF VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE LOTS

WHEREAS, state statute generally requires that before a private towing company may remove an illegally parked vehicle from private property at the request of the private property owner, the tow company must first report the vehicle's details to the local police department to determine whether the vehicle has been reported as stolen; and,

WHEREAS, state statute further requires the police department to maintain a record of all private towed vehicle details reported to it, and of the identity of the tow company involved, and that the municipality may charge a fee of up to $35 dollars for such work; and,

WHEREAS, Greenfield's code currently includes the $35 fee, but the Greenfield Police Department has indicated that (1) the work underlying the fee is minimal, (2) the work to track and collect the fee exceeds the value of the aggregate fee collected, and (3) the department's relationship with local tow companies is positive and would be furthered by the fee's repeal.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Common Council of the City of Greenfield do ordain as follows:

PART I. Subsection 8.09 (3) (b) of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Greenfield, creating a private property towing service fee, be, and hereby is, repealed; and,

PART II. Subsection 3.12 (11) (h), setting the amount of the private property towing service fee at $35, be, and hereby is, repealed; and,

PART III. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Greenfield on the 6th day of May, 2025.

APPROVED:

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Michael J. Neitzke, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Goergen, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 3075

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8.04 OF THE
MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD

The Common Council of the City of Greenfield do ordain as follows:

PART I. Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code is hereby amended by repealing Ordinance 244 which reads as follows:

> The intersection of South 35th Street and West Howard Avenue is hereby established as a 4-way stop. East and West bound traffic on West Howard Avenue shall stop at South 35th Street. North and South bound traffic on South 35th Street shall stop at West Howard Avenue.

City staff is hereby directed to modify the City's official parking map accordingly, and remove or modify signage as necessary to effectuate this ordinance.

PART II. The terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable. Should any term or provision of this ordinance be found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

PART III. All ordinances or parts of ordinances contravening the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

PART IV. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Greenfield on the 6th day of May, 2025.

APPROVED:

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Michael J. Neitzke, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Goergen, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 3076

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8.04 OF THE
MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD

The Common Council of the City of Greenfield do ordain as follows:

PART I. Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code is hereby amended by repealing Ordinance 2220 which reads as follows:

> Northbound and southbound traffic on South 31st Street shall 'Yield' to traffic on West Holmes Avenue.

City staff is hereby directed to modify the City's official parking map accordingly, and remove or modify signage as necessary to effectuate this ordinance.

PART II. The terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable. Should any term or provision of this ordinance be found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

PART III. All ordinances or parts of ordinances contravening the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

PART IV. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Greenfield on the 6th day of May, 2025.

APPROVED:

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Michael J. Neitzke, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Goergen, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 3077

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8.04 OF THE
MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREENFIELD

The Common Council of the City of Greenfield do ordain as follows:

PART I. Section 8.04 of the Greenfield Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

> At the intersection of West Holmes Avenue and South 31st Street, traffic on both West Holmes Avenue and on South 31st Street shall stop before entering the intersection.

City staff is hereby directed to modify the City's official parking map accordingly, and add or modify signage as necessary to effectuate this ordinance.

PART II. The terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable. Should any term or provision of this ordinance be found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining terms and provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

PART III. All ordinances or parts of ordinances contravening the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

PART IV. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Greenfield on the 6th day of May, 2025.

APPROVED:

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Michael J. Neitzke, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Goergen, City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 4065

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WORLD MIGRATORY BIRD DAY AND AUTHORIZING THE POLLINATOR PROTECTION COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE WISCONSIN BIRD CITY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, migratory birds are some of the most beautiful and easily observed wildlife that share our communities, and

WHEREAS, many citizens recognize and welcome migratory songbirds as symbolic harbingers of spring, and

WHEREAS, these migrant species also play an important economic role in our community, controlling insect pests and generating millions in recreational dollars statewide, and

WHEREAS, migratory birds and their habitats are declining throughout the Americas, facing a growing number of threats on their migration routes and in both their summer and winter homes, and

WHEREAS, public awareness and concern are crucial components of migratory bird conservation, and

WHEREAS, citizens enthusiastic about birds, informed about the threats they face, and empowered to help address those threats can directly contribute to maintaining health bird populations, and

WHEREAS, since 1993 World Migratory Bird Day (formerly International Migratory Bird Day) has become a primary vehicle for focusing public attention on the nearly 350 species that travel between nesting habitats in our communities and throughout North America and their wintering grounds in South and Central America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and the southern U.S., and

WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of people will observe WMBD, gathering in town squares, community centers, schools, parks, nature centers, and wildlife refuges to learn about birds, take action to conserve them, and simply to have fun, and

WHEREAS, while WMBD officially is held each year on the second Saturday in May, its observance is not limited to a single day, and planners are encouraged to schedule activities on the dates best suited to the presence of both migrants and celebrants, and

WHEREAS, WMBD is not only a day to foster appreciation for wild birds and to celebrate and support migratory bird conservation, but also a call to action,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Greenfield recognizes the first Sunday in October as World Migratory Bird Day in our City of Greenfield and encourages all our city residents to celebrate their role as stewards of bird habitat; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Greenfield authorizes the Pollinator Protection Committee to continue with participation in the Wisconsin “Bird

City" Program, in recognition of the commitment our City and its partners and stakeholders have made to advance the ideals of bird habitat protection.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Greenfield on the 6th day of May, 2025.

APPROVED:

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Michael J. Neitzke, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jennifer Goergen, City Clerk