

MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE GREENFIELD CITY HALL ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026

A. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Neitzke at 7:01 PM.

Present: Alderpersons Andrew Drzewiecki, Bruce Bailey, Shirley Saryan, Pamela Akers

Excused: Karl Kastner

Also present: Jennifer Goergen, City Clerk

B. Opening Prayer

An opening prayer was given by Chaplain Leggett.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of the December 16, 2025 Common Council minutes

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

E. Mayor's Report

Mayor Neitzke said that he spoke to the upperclassmen at Glenwood Elementary. He said that the best part of being mayor is speaking to the children and answering their questions. He discussed the possibility of reinstating the program where second graders would tour the municipal buildings. They would be the mayor for a minute in the Council Chambers, use the gavel, and make a quick speech. When he spoke at the high school, some of the graduating class remembered being the mayor for a minute.

F. Aldermanic Reports

Alderperson Bailey said that Santa showed up again this year. Mayor Neitzke and Alderperson Akers added that they received a letter from Santa this year too.

Alderperson Akers said that the Division of Public Works has been busy with leaf pickup. Mayor Neitzke added that there's a truck dedicated to picking up all the leaves to the best extent that we can. He applauds everything they do over there.

G. Announcements

H. Citizen Commentary

I. 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.

J. New Business

1. Summons & Complaint re: Excessive Tax Assessment, Non-Uniform Tax Assessment and Declaratory Judgment received from Attorneys Strohbehn and Karnes of Mallery, S.C., on behalf of Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust. (Goergen)
Reported to Attorney Seibel of Seibel Law Offices.
2. Adopt a Resolution appointing additional election inspectors for 2026–2027. (Goergen)
Motion by Alderperson Saryan, seconded by Alderperson Akers to approve. On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.
3. Approve applications for 2025-2026 operator licenses (Goergen)

Minutes are not official until formally approved by the Common Council at the next scheduled meeting.

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

4. Approve an application for 2025-2026 "Class A" Liquor - Cider Only Retailer's License for 4710 LLC, Vimal Kapila, Agent, for the property at 4710 S. 108th St. (Andy's On Hwy 100). Inventory placed in first floor walk in cooler, extra inventory in back room and displayed inside store, records also stored in back room, located at 4710 S. 108th St. (Goergen)

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

5. Adopt a Resolution Regarding Claims in Proposed Settlement of Class Action Lawsuit Against Discover Financial Services Relating to Overcharging of Processing Fees (Geary)

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

6. Discussion and decision to go into closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(f) and (1)(g). Specifically, this closed session will relate to the discussion of a specific personnel matter and a discussion with legal counsel regarding litigation strategy and advice. (Foley)

- a. Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.

- b. Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Motion by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Alderperson Bailey to go into closed session at 7:11 PM. On a roll call vote, motion carried unanimously.

7. Adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session.

Motion by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Alderperson Drzewiecki to adjourn closed session and reconvene into open session at 8:21 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Decision regarding closed session items. (Foley)

No action taken.

K. Items for future agenda

L. Adjourn

Motion by Alderperson Akers, seconded by Alderperson Saryan to adjourn at 8:21 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Goergen, City Clerk

Minutes transcribed by Trina Kaminski, Administrative Assistant

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RESOLUTION NO. 5008
RESOLUTION APPOINTING ADDITIONAL ELECTION
INSPECTORS FOR 2026-2027

WHEREAS, Wis. Stats. 7.30(4)(a) requires the governing body to appoint election officials no later than the last regular meeting in December of each odd numbered year for the 2026-2027 election cycle; and

WHEREAS, appointments were made, but in addition to the appointments already made, the Common Council desires to add Katherine Miller; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Greenfield confirms the appointments of the following individuals and adds them to the list of Election Inspectors for the 2026-2027 election cycle:

Katherine Miller, 4026 S. 96th St., Greenfield, WI 53228

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Greenfield on the 6th day of January, 2026.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Michael J. Neitzke, Mayor

Jennifer Goergen, City Clerk

COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF GREENFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. 5009

A RESOLUTION REGARDING CLAIMS IN PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF CLASS ACTION
LAWSUIT AGAINST DISCOVER FINANCIAL SERVICES RELATING TO OVERCHARGING OF
PROCESSING FEES

WHEREAS, Discover Financial Services, Inc., and affiliated entities (“Discover”) has been named as a defendant in a class action lawsuit alleging certain unlawful practices, including but not limited to unauthorized fees, erroneous charges, or misleading disclosures; and,

WHEREAS, a proposed settlement has been preliminarily approved by the court, offering class members the opportunity to submit claims to recover damages and relief pursuant to the terms of the settlement; and,

WHEREAS, the Finance Director recently received notices that Greenfield, through its departments with municipal credit card accounts and transactional relationship with Discover, may be eligible to participate in the proposed settlement; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council believes that it is in the City’s best interest to submit all allowable claims in the settlement to potentially recover funds and hold Discover accountable for the alleged misconduct;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Greenfield, that:

1. City officials, including but not limited to the City Finance Director, are hereby ratified, authorized, and directed to prepare, execute, and submit on behalf of the City all such forms as are necessary for submittal of claims in the Discover class action settlement; and,
2. City officials are also authorized to execute any documents and perform all acts necessary to comply with the requirements of the proposed settlement and to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

Approved:

Michael J. Neitzke, Mayor

Date Approved:

This is to certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Greenfield, Wisconsin, at a meeting held on the 6th day of January, 2026.

Jennifer Goergen, City Clerk