

MINUTES

JOINT TOWN/CITY PLANNING MEETING

August 12, 2025

The regular meeting of the Joint Town/City Planning Committee were called to order by Scott Barnhart at 4:00 p.m. on August 12, 2025 at the City of Menomonie City Hall.

Members present included: Scott Barnhart, Forrest Johnson, Dennis Gotlibson, Bob Cook, Deb Gotlibson, Erik Hendrickson, Kent Jackson, Jerry Mrdutt, Mike Kneer, Don Hayden, Adam Accola, Dustin Binder, Eric Atkinson, Randy Knaack, Megen Hines, Dan Dunbar, Zaria Whitacre and David Schofield.

Motion was made by (Deb) Gotlibson, second by Mrdutt, to approve the April 8, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Barnhart asked Schofield for an update regarding the joint 2025 Clean Sweep Collection Event. Schofield indicated that the City of Menomonie / Town of Menomonie / Town of Red Cedar Clean Sweep will be held on Thursday September 25, 2025 from 2pm to 6pm at the Community Services Building (621 11th Avenue West). Schofield indicated that the previous fee was \$10 per vehicle and asked if there were any concerns with this. None heard. Schofield indicated that in previous years we have experimented with pre-registration but proposed to eliminate it for 2025 and asked if there were any concerns with this. None heard. Schofield noted that Dunn County is planning an All-County collection on Friday September 26 but that specifics were not yet available. Whitacre noted that they have a meeting scheduled with the County's project manager to discuss specifics and coordinate messaging. No action taken.

Barnhart asked Schofield for an update regarding the 2026 Clean Sweep Collection Event. Schofield indicated that the County has applied for and received WisDNR funding for an "All-County" Collection for 2026. If the County does not proceed with their 2026 event, the City of Menomonie / Town of Menomonie / Town of Red Cedar will need to discuss contingency plans. No action taken.

Barnhart asked for updates regarding ATV/UTV. Schofield reported that there have been no major issues on city streets. Binder noted that the State Patrol is experiencing issues with ATVs on STH 40 near Colfax. Cook and Jackson reported no major issues on Town roads. No action taken.

Barnhart asked for an update regarding the City's Urban Sewer Service Area Plan. Schofield reported that the plan was on hold for a time while WisDNR and West Central Regional Planning Commission (WCRPC) worked to eliminate phrases regarding social justice from the contract. WCRPC has restarted work. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 28 at 2pm at City Hall (800 Wilson Avenue). No action taken.

Barnhart asked for discussion regarding the Town/City Development Map. Cook shared his frustration that the City took action on the Balloonist annexation without consulting the Town of Red Cedar. Johnson asked if an Environmental Impact Study would be conducted. Schofield noted that all developments larger than one acre are required to obtain a Wisconsin DNR Notice of Intent Permit which includes an endangered resources review. Kneer asked if the Data Center was fully approved. Schofield noted that the Developer would likely be seeking Tax Increment Financing and so the creation (or amendment) of a Tax Incremental District would be needed, as would a Development Agreement. Knaack shared that he has some concerns with the proposed use and will work toward addressing the Town's concerns. No action taken.

Barnhart asked for 2025 Project Updates:

- County: Binder indicated that the County is wrapping up work on most projects, including the CTH D/Irvington Hill project. Binder noted that the CTH D/Jakes project will be starting on August 18. CTH D will be closed from STH 25 to CTH G. CTH D will be reconstructed from CTH G to the high bridge in 2027. Binder noted that weight restrictions have been imposed on the CTH BB bridge over the Red Cedar River in Cedar Falls. Binder noted that multiple weight limit violations have been noted, particularly when IH 94 rerouted. The bridge has been placed in WisDOT's 2026-2031 Bridge Replacement Program. Cook asked about STH 64 in place recycling project. Binder explained the process and noted that it was a WisDOT project.
- City: Schofield indicated that the City is wrapping up work on the Pine Avenue project from Wilson St to Game Park Rd. Schofield noted that WisDOT is wrapping up work on USH 12 between STH 25 and Heller Road in the near future. Schofield noted that the addition of a median island on USH 12 between McDonalds and Walgreens has been controversial but was needed to reduce accidents in that vicinity. Schofield noted that the City is currently planning to reconstruct Heller Road from USH 12 to the Golf Course in 2027. Coordination will be needed with the Town of Menomonie to ensure that detour signs can be placed sufficiently ahead of the work.
- Town of Dunn: Johnson indicated that they are working on an ARIP project on 370th.
- Town of Red Cedar: Cook indicated that they are working on signing entrances to the Town. Purchased a new tractor and brush mower. Locating buried culvert ends. AT&T has proposed a cell tower which runs afoul of a previous development agreement with the property owner.
- Town of Menomonie: Jackson indicated that the final layer was being installed on 330th (Turkey Hill Road), which was an LRIP grant. Jackson indicated that Senn Blacktop is doing the 370th Ave ARIP grant. Jackson indicated that they are still cleaning up from the July 4 storm and received a Wisconsin Disaster Relief Grant to help with road washouts.
- T. Tainter: Mrdutt indicated that they have 13 miles of chipping yet to do. Have done spraypatching and other maintenance. Hired a part-time patrolman.
- Accola gave an update on economic development. Received a small business development grant. GMDC has established a revolving loan fund for housing and childcare. Working on Hub Zone designation. Working to develop housing friendly toolkit for towns and villages.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 5, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall Conference Room 58.

There being no further business, Barnhart adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Megen Hines
 Recording Secretary