

City Administrator

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MEMO

To: Mayor, City Attorney and City Council

CC: Department Directors
From: City Administrator
Subject: Administrator's Report

Date: October 3, 2025

City Administrator Highlights

- Holding regular meetings with members of the Common Council to regularly check-in on current projects, priorities and goals.
- Holding weekly check-in meetings with Department Heads.
- Attended a FEMA Integrated Emergency Management Course for four days along with the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Community Development Director, Public Works Director and Public Safety Applications Administrator.
- Attended a meeting regarding a possible Lifeway Foods Expansion project.
- Held the second session of the City's Local Government Academy. The second session included an overview of IT, Public Works (Clean Water Plant and Snowplowing), and Water Utility.

Monthly meetings with Council Members

Tony and the Mayor are continuing monthly meetings with each Council member. If you have questions on the schedule or need to schedule a monthly meeting, please contact Jenny Schroeder (JSchroeder@waukesha-wi.gov)

Department Highlights

Cemetery

• The Friends of the Prairie Home Cemetery are preparing for the Tombstone Trot 5k run/walk on October 19.

Clerk/Treasurer

• **VACANCIES: 1** (Clerical Assistant Part-Time)

Community Development

• Tickets for the Wauk-Tober Downtown Beer and Wine Walk have sold-out. The event will be held on Saturday, October 18.

Finance

 The 2026 Budget season is underway. The CIP was approved. The Operating Budget review will start at the Finance Committee on October 14

Fire

- The Fire Department will be at the Farmers Market on October 18 teaching hands-only CPR and providing other safety information.
- The Fire Department is holding an Open House at Station #5 on Saturday, October 11 from 9am-12pm as part of Fire Prevention Week.

Human Resources

- Working with Department Directors and employees on the next steps for the Class/Compensation review of all remaining positions.
- Working on the benefit plans for 2026 with open enrollment for employees starting in November.
- All open positions are listed on the City website: https://www.waukesha-wi.gov/jobs

Library

- **VACANCIES**: **2** (Custodian, page shelver)
- The Waukesha Reads book, the Seed Keeper, is available at the Library. The Waukesha Reads events take place in October. <u>You can find more information here</u>.

Parks, Recreation and Forestry

- VACANCIES: 8 (Arborists (2), Building Maintenance Specialist Electrician, Building Maintenance Specialist- Plumber, Building Maintenance, Recreation Supervisor, Assistant Building Maintenance Supervisor, Grounds Maintenance)
- The Fall Activity guide is available online.
- The Department is looking for volunteers for upcoming events. You can <u>find more information</u> on volunteers here.

Police Department

- VACANCIES: 7 (Dispatcher (4), Administrative Assistant, Seasonal CSO (2))
- The Citizens Police Academy program is meeting this fall as the participants learn more about the Waukesha Police Department.
- Painting Pumpkins with Police will take place on Saturday, October 18 at Frame Park from 12:30pm-3:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Public Works

ENGINEERING

- **VACANCIES**: **4** (Engineer I, Engineer II Construction, Engineer III Traffic, Sr. Engineering Technician Survey)
- The Department is still working on 2025 projects. You can <u>view an interactive project map on the City website</u>. When you click on the page you can see weekly updates for the project.

CITY GARAGE

 VACANCIES: 9 (Equipment Operator (4), Mechanic (2), Stockroom Attendant/Mechanic, Mechanic's Helper, Streets Crew Leader)

CLEAN WATER PLANT:

- VACANCIES: 1 (Operator)
- Submitted Pretreatment Semi-Annual Report to DNR.
- Processing Water Softener Removal Rebates.
- Submitted the monthly DMR report for August.
- Responded to CWP Pretreatment Audit.
- DNR CWP Pretreatment Inspection on 9/30.
- Met with DNR to discuss CWP WPDES permit renewal.
- Holding biweekly meetings with construction engineers and contractors to discuss plans moving forward for the Phase 3 Project.
- Contractor's mid-way through demolishing roughing filters and W1 water line installation for phase 3 upgrade.

TRANSIT:

- VACANCIES: 2 (Security Guard)
- A public hearing for proposed service reductions effective January 12, 2026, will be held at the
 October 9 Transit Commission meeting. The proposed reductions include a 18% decrease in
 service hours for Route 1 as a way to reduce costs for all partners without having major impacts
 on passengers. Other changes include weekend trip reductions for Routes 5, 6 and 9 with the
 most significant changes to Route 6. There are also a few minor routing changes proposed.
- Waukesha County Commuter Routes 904 & 905 ended service effective September 27th due to low ridership. Commuters have the option to ride Route 1 to the MCTS Connect 1 to get to downtown Milwaukee.
- The Transit Center Office has been repainted as part of ongoing maintenance
- 2025 CIP Projects:
 - Air Handler and Boiler Replacement Badger Drive The boiler has been replaced, and the new air handler has been set in place. Duct, electrical and pipe work is expected to be completed by mid-October (pictures attached).
 - Ticket Vending Machine Units were delivered in September and will be configured in October.
 - Bus Rehab Bids for new engines will be considered at the October 9th Transit Commission meeting.
 - Bus Wash Replacement Install date has not been set. Staff is investigating additional components such as the underbody wash and electrical requirements for it.