

COMMON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
MAY 18, 2026
7:00 P.M.

The Common Council of the City of Warsaw met in Regular Session on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the temporary Council Chambers at the Police Department Training Center. Mayor Jeff R. Grose presided, and the following persons were noted as present or absent:

PRESENT: Council members Cindy Dobbins, Jack Wilhite, Juergen Voss, Josh Finch, Mike Klondaris, Jerry Frush, and Diane Quance. Also present were Mayor Grose, Clerk-Treasurer Lynne Christiansen, City Attorney Scott Reust, City Planner Justin Taylor, representatives of Warsaw Community Public Library, various citizens, NewsNow news Director Dan Spaulding, and Times-Union reporter David Slone. The meeting was also presented live over the City's website at <https://www.warsaw.in.gov>.

ABSENT: None noted.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Grose followed by the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES-

The minutes from the May 4, 2026 regular meeting were presented for approval. Motion made by Councilor Finch to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilor Frush, carried by unanimous vote.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS-

REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS-

The following reports and communications were presented:

- (1) April 2026 Fund Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

None noted.

NEW BUSINESS-

RESOLUTION APPROVING WARSAW COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S (LIBRARY) ISSUANCE OF BONDS-

Resolution #2026-05-01 was presented for consideration. The Resolution authorizes the issuance and additional appropriation from General Obligation Bonds in the amount not to exceed \$17,090,000 that will be paid through the Library's tax levy. The funds will be used for site improvements, and the purchase of equipment and technology, and incidental expenses. Per IC 6-1.1-17-20.5, before an appointed library board may issue bonds, it must obtain the approval of the applicable fiscal body which would be the City of Warsaw Common Council. Library Board of Trustees Treasurer Ben Rice, attorney Sarah Correll from Ice Miller, Library Executive Director Heather Barron, Architect Erin Jennings from Luminaut, Financial Advisor Lisa Huntington from Baker Tilly, and several Library employees presented the project noting the Library's services and needs. This is the advertised Public Hearing that was published on May 6, 2026 for the bond additional appropriations and Mayor Grose opened the meeting for public comment. He asked those who were in favor of the bond issue to come forward and comment, and after that, those opposed to the bond issue would have their chance to offer comments. 29 local citizens spoke in favor of the Library's request to issue bonds and the project, while 15 people spoke in opposition. Mayor Grose closed the public hearing at 10:38 p.m. and Councilor Wilhite made a motion for a five-minute recess, seconded by Councilor Voss, carried by unanimous vote. Mayor Grose reconvened the meeting and asked the Library representatives to come forward and speak on any questions and concerns that were brought up by the public during the public hearing. Next, the Council asked various questions related to the bond issue and project and Library representatives responded. Council members made statements and asked several more follow-up questions. Councilor Quance made a motion to approve Resolution #2026-05-01, which was seconded by Councilor Wilhite. City Attorney Scott Reust added before the Council voted that they would be voting on the issuance of the bond and an additional appropriation to spend the proceeds. At 12:05 a.m. on May 19, 2026, Mayor Grose asked for a vote by show of hands with Councilors Wilhite, Klondaris, and Quance voting aye, and Councilors Dobbins, Voss, Finch, and Frush voting nay resulting in the Resolution's failure to pass.

Mayor Grose asked for a five-minute break. Councilor Wilhite made a motion to approve the break, seconded by Councilor Voss, carried by unanimous vote. After the break, the meeting continued with the new business.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS-

The following "Conflict of Interest Statements" were filed before the Council:

1. Tyler Colt
2. Nathan Iden
3. Delton Moore
4. Adam Turner

The Council unanimously acknowledged the statements with Councilor Wilhite making the motion, seconded by Councilor Dobbins, carried by unanimous vote.

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 74 OF THE CITY CODE-

Ordinance #2026-06-01 was presented for its first reading. Councilor Finch made a motion to table the matter which was not seconded. City Planner Justin Taylor gave a brief explanation of the Ordinance and its purpose, which amends Chapter 74 Article VII of the City Code adding electric bicycles, and micromobility devices. The Traffic Commission has recommended the Ordinance and Mr. Taylor is asking the Council for approval. Councilor Finch rescinded his motion. Councilor Voss made a motion to approve the Ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilor Quance, carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT-

There being no further business to come before the Council by a motion duly made and seconded the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 a.m. on May 19, 2026.

ATTEST:

Lynne Christiansen, Clerk-Treasurer