



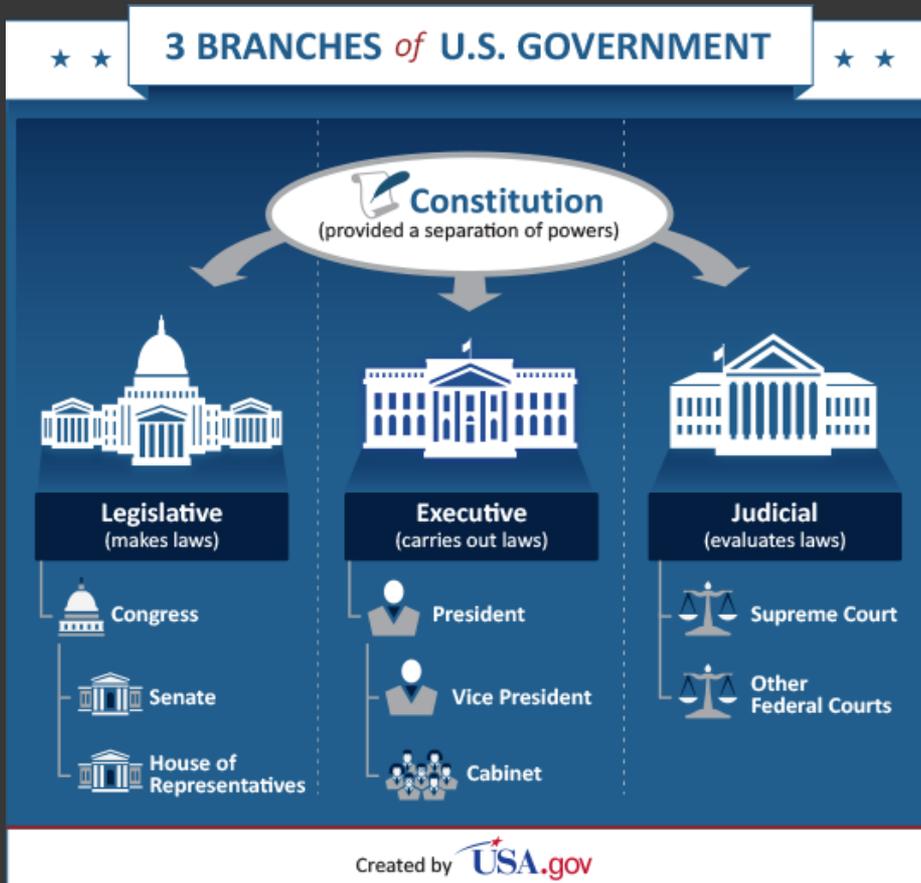
COMMON COUNCIL DISCUSSION: GOVERNMENT REFORM INITIATIVE

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Best Practices from Other Cities

- ✓ Wisconsin
- ✓ Other States



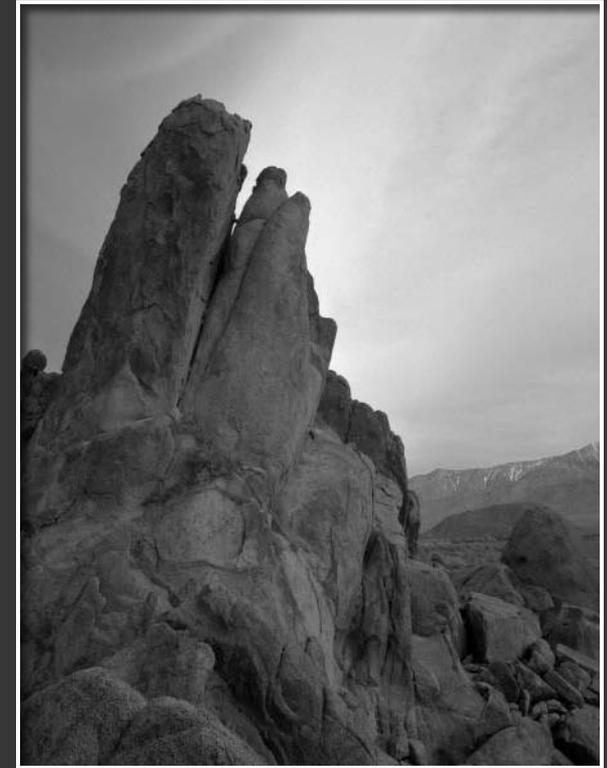
The people are the only legitimate fountain of power, and it is from them that the constitutional charter, under which the several branches of government hold their power, is derived.

James Madison



The La Crosse City
Council President
appoints members of
the Finance
Committee

Finance and
Personnel Committee
(8 alders)



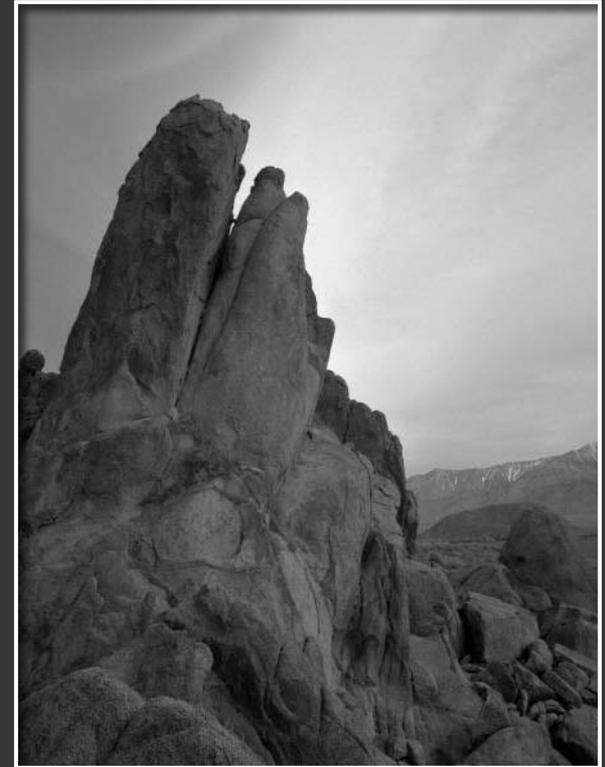
Also of interest: La Crosse has a Board of Estimates which meets three times a year during budget season. The La Crosse Board of Estimates is made up of the mayor, finance director and 9 alders. There are 17 Council Districts in La Crosse.



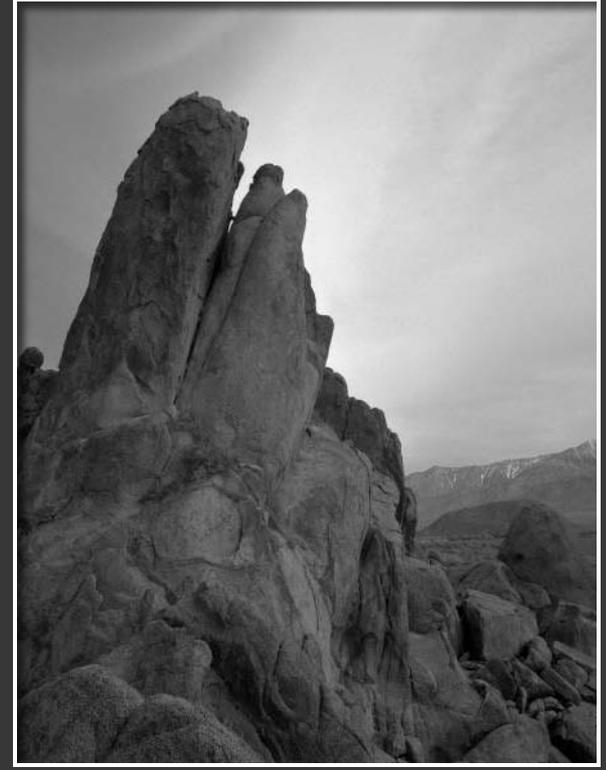
The Janesville Council President makes all the appointments to city boards, commissions and committees.

Janesville has 7 Council Members and has had a Council-Manager Form of Government since 1923.

The City Council of Eau Claire makes all appointments for boards, commissions and committees. Those appointments are made after an advisory committee comprised of the Council President and two Council Members provide recommendations.



The City of Eau Claire has a Council – Manager form of government with 11 City Council Members.



FINANCE COMMITTEES IN 6 OTHER WI CITIES

Racine: Personnel and Finance Committee consisting of 5 Alders

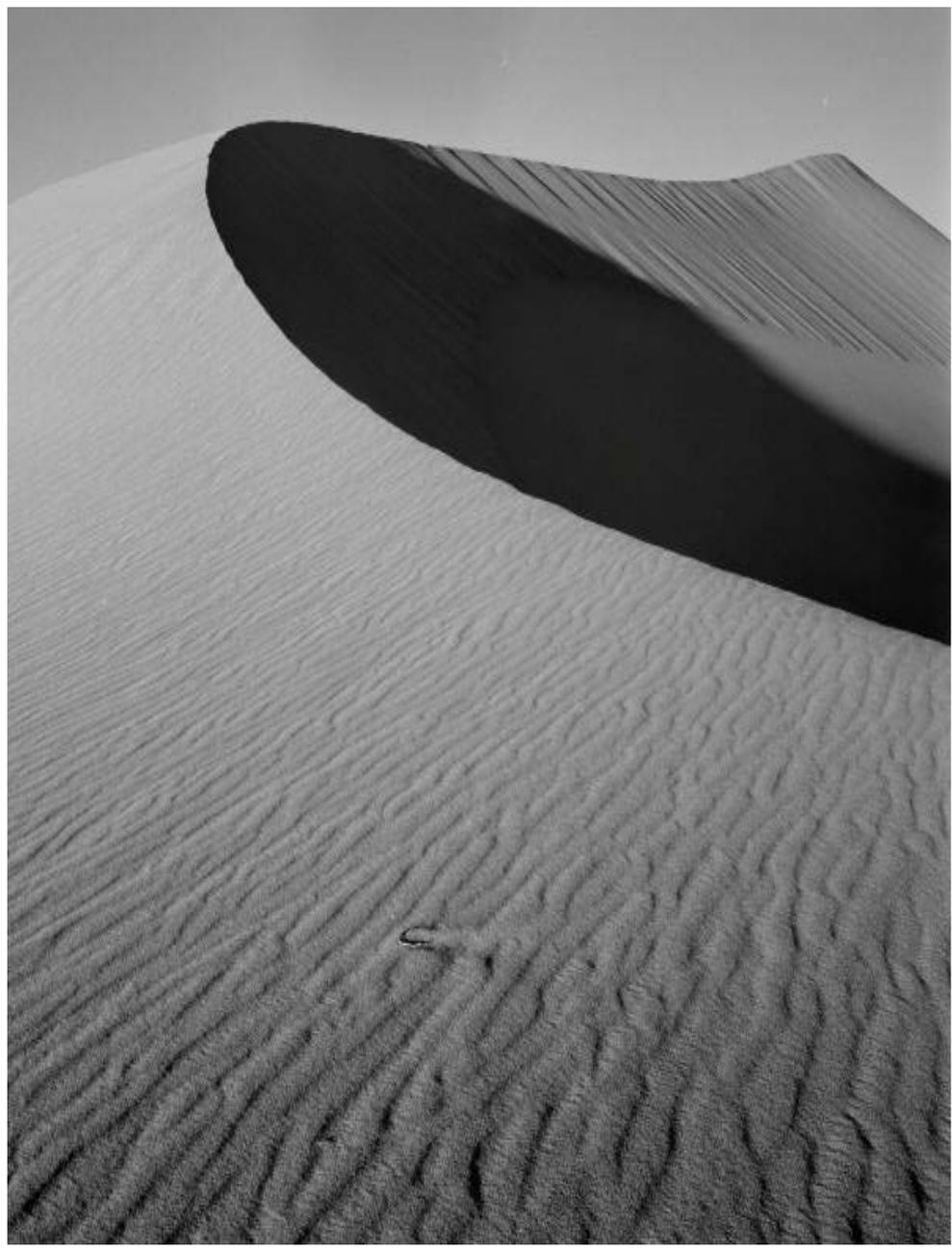
Green Bay: Finance Committee consisting of 4 Alders

Kenosha: Finance Committee consisting of 6 Alders

Milwaukee: Finance and Personnel Committee consisting of 5 Alders

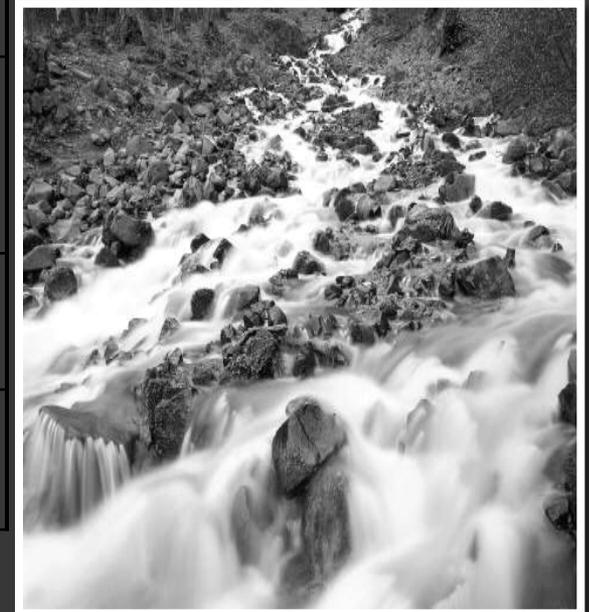
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Lets look at some highly
ranked cities outside of
Wisconsin

City	Est. Pop.	Is the Mayor on the Finance Committee?	Who appoints the Members of the Finance Committee?
Minneapolis, MN	382,578	No	Council President
Pittsburgh, PA	305,841	No	Council President
St. Louis, MO	319,924	No	Council President
Missoula, MO	68,377	No	Council President
Boulder, CO	105,000	No	Council President



City	Est. Pop.	Is the Mayor on the Finance Committee?	Who appoints the Members of the Finance Committee?
Buffalo, NY	258,959	No	Hybrid Solution: Council President appoints 5 members and Mayor appoints 4 members
Ann Arbor, MI	117,025	Yes	Mayor
Anchorage, AK	300,950	No	Mayor
Madison, WI	243,344	Yes	Mayor

