



**TWO
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WISCONSIN

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL WORK SESSION

Monday, January 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers - City Hall, 3rd Floor
1717 E. Park Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council President Wachowski at 6:00 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers: Jeff Dahlke, Bill LeClair, Darla LeClair, Tracey Koach, Tim Petri, Jason Ring, Bonnie Shimulunas, Scott Stechmesser, Adam Wachowski

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Buss, Finance Director; Brian Delleman, Electric Utility Director; Matt Heckenlaible, Public Works Director; Mike Mathis, Parks and Recreation Director; Rick Powell, IT Supervisor; and Greg Buckley, City Manager.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Discussion With City Staff and School District Representatives, Regarding Conveyance of City-Owned Property Adjacent to L.B. Clarke Middle School to the School District for Facilities Expansion

Recommended Action:

Provide direction to staff regarding the requested conveyance

The Two Rivers School District's facilities expansion design team was present to speak to the Council along with Business Manager Mary Kay Slattery and Facilities Manager Adam Rohrer to discuss the request from the School District for the City to convey City-owned property adjacent to L.B. Clarke Middle School to the School District for a facilities expansion recently approved by referendum. Representing the District's design consultants were Clint Selle and Jeff Peck from Bray Associates and Ryan Birschbach from Kapur & Associates.

A map of the proposed layout was shared including classroom and gymnasium additions, a playground, and added parking areas with parent pick-up/drop-off areas that would aid in the existing traffic congestion. All intended additions require the use of property currently owned by the City of Two Rivers.

Council and City staff discussed an opportunity for the School District to provide a varsity baseball diamond on School District property versus the current practice of utilizing the City's field at Walsh Field. Relocating the varsity baseball diamond to School District property would open up Walsh Field for multiple other uses by the City including special events and programming by the Parks and Recreation Department. Council also discussed other concerns that were highlighted during discussions and presentations leading up to the referendum vote regarding parking, student pickup, and cafeteria space to ensure that those reasons stated were all being addressed as part of the facilities referendum.

By show of hands, the Council displayed a consensus for conveyance of the property to the School District for \$1 with a minimum of the pony league baseball field being relocated to the west end of the City owned parcel with turf maintained by the School District and the City retaining scheduling control of the field outside of school hours. The School District will need to follow up with administration and the School Board before a follow-up meeting can be scheduled.

B. Consider Options for Possible Relocation and Re-Use of Current Central Park Bandstand, Versus Demolition

Recommended Action:

Review staff report and provide direction

Public Works Director Matt Heckenlaible presented options for relocating the existing Central Park bandstand to another location to be used as a picnic shelter or to be repurposed for storage. The first proposed new location was Vietnam Veterans Park, but there are issues with the width and height of the existing structure that would not allow for moving the structure as is or without having overhead lines removed at numerous locations along the route. The second option is to relocate the existing structure to the Public Works campus on Lake Street which offers a route without the concern of overhead lines but provides some concerns with removal of fencing and cooperation of Seagull Marina guests to get it into the back of the property out of public view. Vet's Park was also discussed, but there are concerns with the property being in a floodplain. Proposed costs provided for the options provided by the Public Works Director include:

Option 1: Demolition and disposal of existing band shelter using City personnel and equipment: \$35,000

Option 2: Demolition and salvage portions of the existing band shelter: \$52,500

Option 3: Relocate existing band shelter to Vietnam Veterans Park for the framework of a cold storage facility: \$74,800

Option 4: Relocate existing band shelter to other alternate locations (Public Works Facility or Vet's Park): \$74,800 (Public Works) or \$74,800 plus additional unknown costs (Vet's Park)

By show of hands, the overall consensus of the Council was to have the structure removed in the most cost-effective manner, either by demolition by City crews or an outside contractor, or by sale to a outside bidder for relocation or repurposing.

5. REMINDER: Work Session on City Goals, January 30

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM.

Motion made by Dahlke, Seconded by D. LeClair.

Voting Yea: Dahlke, B. LeClair, D. LeClair, Koach, Petri, Ring, Shimulunas, Stechmesser, Wachowski

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie Jackson
City Clerk