CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 05, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER
The Council President called to order 6:05 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK
Councilmembers: Mark Bittner, Doug Brandt, Katherine Dahlke, Shannon Derby, Bill LeClair, Darla LeClair, Tim Petri, Scott Stechmesser, Adam Wachowski

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Dassey, IT Manager; Mike Mathis, Parks & Recreation Director; Sean Griffin, City Attorney (via phone); and Ben Meinnert, Acting City Manager

4. CONSIDERATION OF ANY COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING FROM A REMOTE LOCATION

5. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC
Limited to 3 minutes per person - Resident addresses are requested but are not required to be given

Connie Denor: Spoke against Flock, stating the information is stored in Data Centers and Mishicot and Two Creeks Farmers were approached by Data Centers to build them on their land. Many cities stopped using Flock and Two Rivers should follow.

Janice Van Drisse – Spoke in favor of Flock. In this months issue of Readers' Digest, fluoride does not have to do with intellectual issues or lowering IQ.

6. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS
Letters and other communications from residents

Councilmember Wachowski – several members received the packet from Mr. Heller and received communications about the incident over the weekend

Councilmember Derby – received a letter about fleas in the grass being caused by squirrels

7. COUNCIL REPORTS FROM BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

Councilmember Wachowski reported on the Personnel and Finance Committee stating the last meeting they discussed the general budget and predictions for 2027. The next meeting is this Thursday at 6:00 PM.

Councilmember Bittner reported on the Committee on Aging stating activities are strong and they have a very active group. He also reported on the Finance and Personnel Committee inviting the public to come give input on the budget process. The next meeting is Thursday at 6:00 PM at City Hall.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

These titles will be read by the Council President and approved by a single Voice Vote. Any item may be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion and separate vote by any City Council member.

A. 26-171 Presentation of Minutes

1. City Council Regular Meeting, September 21, 2026

B. 26-172 Minutes of Meetings

1. Explore Two Rivers Board of Directors, August 13, 2026
2. Committee on Aging, September 14, 2026

C. 26-173 Applications and Petitions

1. Application for Temporary Class "B" Beer/"Class B" Wine License for Two Rivers Main Street for Fall Wine and Beer Walk on Friday, October 23, 2026, 5:00 PM-8:30 PM, in downtown Two Rivers.

D. 26-174 Proclamation Declaring the Week of October 4th-10th, 2026 as Public Power Week

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CONSENT AGENDA
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented

Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion made by Dahlke, seconded by B. LeClair
Voting Yea: Bittner, Brandt, Dahlke, Derby, B. LeClair, D. LeClair, Petri, Stechmesser, Wachowski

9. CITY COUNCIL - FORMAL ITEMS

A. 26-175 Authorizing Resolution for Urban Forestry Grant and Urban Forestry Catastrophic Storm Grant Programs

Summary: The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking a $25,000 Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Grant to help Two Rivers grow, plant and care for trees. The project would improve the City's gravel bed nursery, start an acorn-growing program with local schools, support a forestry youth apprentice. It would also fund priority ash tree removals and hazardous-tree pruning. The grant requires a $25,000 local match, which the City plans to provide through its annual tree removal and pruning budget. Council approval of the resolution will authorize the City to apply for the grant.

Recommended Action:
Motion to waive reading and adopt the resolution

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by Brandt, seconded by D. LeClair
Voting Yea: Bittner, Brandt, Dahlke, Derby, B. Leclair, D. LeClair, Petri, Stechmesser, Wachowski

B. 26-176 An Ordinance Repealing and Recreating Section 9-9-3 of the Municipal Code of the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, Regarding Sex Offender Residency Restrictions, to Replace the Citywide Residency Prohibition with a 1,000-foot Protected-location Restriction

Summary: Council will consider an amendment to the City's sex offender residency ordinance to strengthen its legal enforceability while maintaining significant protections for children and the community. This will provide the City a more legally defensible way to maintain strong public-safety protections.

Based on a recent legal review, the proposed amendment would replace the City's existing residency provisions with a geographically based restriction prohibiting covered sex offenders from establishing a residence within 1,000 feet of designated protected locations, including schools, day care facilities, public libraries, public parks and playgrounds, and places of worship.

The proposed amendment is intended to preserve strong local public-safety protections while bringing the City's ordinance into closer alignment with Wisconsin case law and reducing the risk of a successful legal challenge.

Recommended Action:
Motion to waive reading and adopt the ordinance

Motion made by D. LeClair, seconded by B. LeClair to waive reading and adopt the ordinance. During Council discussion, many questions and concerns were raised along with the exemptions in the ordinance. When asking the Attorney, additional concerns were raised.

D. LeClair amended her motion to table the ordinance to October 19, 2026 Council Meeting, the motion was seconded by B. LeClair.
Motion carried with a roll call vote.
Voting Yea: Bittner, Brandt, Dahlke, Derby, B. LeClair, D. LeClair, Petri, Stechmesser, Wachowski

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

11. FOR INFORMATION ONLY
- **City Council Regular Meeting**, Monday, October 19, 2026, 6:00 PM
- **City Council Work Session**, Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM

Upcoming Events
- **Fall Book Sale**, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Oct 8, 9, 10, 2026, at Lester Public Library
- **Applefest**, Saturday, October 10, 2026, 8:00AM-3:00PM, at Central Park West
- **Senior Center Health & Information Fair**, Thursday, October 15, 2026, 8:00AM-11:00AM, in the J.E. Hamilton Community House gymnasium
- **Fall Wine and Beer Walk**, Friday, October 23, 2026, 5:00PM-8:30PM, downtown Two Rivers
- **Downtown Trick-or-Treat**, Saturday, October 24, 2026, 11:00AM-2:00PM, downtown Two Rivers
- **Zombie Zoom 5K**, Saturday, October 31, 2026, 9:00AM, starting in Central Park East
- **Community Trick-or-Treat**, Saturday, October 31, 2026, 4:30PM-7:00PM, Two Rivers

12. ADJOURNMENT
Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of this meeting and adjourn this meeting at 6:45 PM.

Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion made by Wachowski, seconded by Derby
Voting Yea: Bittner, Brandt, Dahlke, Derby, B. LeClair, D. LeClair, Petri, Stechmesser, Wachowski

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Baryenbruch
City Clerk