

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, September 29, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Neshotah Beach Concession Stand 2111 Pierce Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Scott Stechmesser called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Councilmembers: Mark Bittner, Doug Brandt, Darla LeClair, Tim Petri, Bonnie Shimulunas, Scott

Stechmesser, Adam Wachowski

Absent and Excused: Shannon Derby, Bill LeClair

Also Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Mike Mathis; Finance Director, Kasandra Paider; Police Chief, Ben Meinnert; Recreation Supervisor, Rebeccah Hansen; City Manager, Kyle Kordell; City Attorney, Andrew Adams

3. CONSIDERATION OF ANY COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING FROM A REMOTE LOCATIONZ None.

4. ACTION ITEMS

A. 25-188 Resolution to Opt Into the Wisconsin Public Employers Group Health Insurance Program Effective January 1, 2026

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the resolution

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by Shimulunas, seconded by Bittner.

Voting Yea: Stechmesser, Wachowski, D. LeClair, Bittner, Brandt, Petri, Shimulunas

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Tour of Neshotah Beach Concession Stand

After the meeting adjourned, councilmembers, staff, and residents toured the facility.

B. Future building investment and beach parking

Parks and Recreation Director, Mike Mathis presented three possible options for the concession stand to the City Council. Option One involves minimal updates to bring the stand up to code. At an estimate of \$43,000, the proposed minimum updates include installing a drop ceiling with new lighting, covering exposed interior walls, sealing and caulking the floor, and adding a three-compartment sink to meet current health requirements. Option Two is for a major interior reconfiguration. The concession area would be expanded and redesigned to

accommodate a more diverse menu and food service options, including the potential installation of a commercial range with a hood system and/or a fryer. The estimated cost of this option was quoted by Hamann Construction Company at \$360,636. Option Three is construction of a brand new facility. A new building would include doubled restroom capacity and a fully modernized concession facility designed for either city operation or private management. The design would also incorporate dedicated indoor rental space, an amenity currently unavailable in any park, which could support a wide range of community events, gatherings, and private rentals. The indoor rental space would be available year-round, as well as separate exterior restrooms for park visitor use.

Residents in attendance asked questions and shared comments. The Council's general consensus favored Option Two, with recommendations to explore fully enclosing and opening the covered patio area.

Director Mathis also presented a beach support fee based parking proposal to support beach maintenance and operations while generating revenue for the City. The program would implement fee-based parking in Parking Lots 2 and 3 during 10 peak beach days in 2026. This initiative would charge a \$10 daily parking fee and be staffed by seasonal employees or community organizations, with the latter eligible to earn a percentage of revenue as a fundraising opportunity. City Council was receptive to the idea.

C. Discuss date, time, and venue for next Listening Session in November

Councilmembers Wachowski, Bittner, and D. LeClair offered to attend the November Listening Session. They will review their availability and coordinate a date to be determined.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of this meeting and adjourn at 7:02 PM.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Motion made by Wachowski, seconded by D. LeClair

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Voting Yea: D. LeClair, Bittner, Brandt, Petri, Shimulunas, Stechmesser, Wachowski

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie L. Vanderlinden

Deputy City Clerk