



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 02, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Councilmembers: Mark Bittner, Doug Brandt, Shannon Derby, Bill LeClair, Darla LeClair, Tim Petri, Scott Stechmesser, Adam Wachowski, Bonnie Shimulunas (arrived at 6:16 PM)

Also Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Mike Mathis; Public Works Director, Matthew Heckenlaible; Finance Director, Kasandra Paider; Fire Chief, David Murack; IT Assistant, Dave Dassey; City Manager, Kyle Kordell; City Attorney, Andrew Adams (via telephone)

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

None.

5. INTRODUCTION OF INVITED GUESTS

None.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Letters and other communications from citizens

Council members reported receiving a number of communications from residents. Many expressed congratulations on the success of the recent beach camping event, which was well-received by the community. Others shared concerns about the cost of the new beach pavilion and voiced frustration over increased sewer rates.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS FROM BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

Councilmember Derby gave a brief update on the recent Public Utilities Committee meeting. She stated that they discussed updates on current and future projects, specifically the replacement of lead service laterals. Additionally, the electric department conducted a mock emergency training exercise, which helped establish improved protocols to follow in the event of a real emergency.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

A. 25-169 Presentation of Minutes

1. City Council Regular Meeting, August 18, 2025
2. City Council Work Session, August 25, 2025

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the minutes

B. 25-170 Minutes of Meetings

1. Room Tax Commission and Explore Two Rivers Board of Directors Joint Meeting, July 29, 2025
2. Committee on Aging, August 4, 2025
3. Public Utilities Committee, August 4, 2025
4. Public Works Committee, August 6, 2025
5. Architectural Control Committee, August 22, 2025

Recommended Action:

Motion to receive and file

C. 25-171 Applications and Petitions

1. Temporary Class "B" License for Friends of the Van der Brohe Arboretum for Garden Wine Walk on October 11, 2025, 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM at 3800 Lincoln Avenue

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve the application and authorize issuance of the license

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the various actions recommended

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Motion made by Petri, seconded by Derby.

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

11. CITY COUNCIL - FORMAL ITEMS

A. 25-172 Resolution Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Up To \$352,978 Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025A, And Providing For Other Details And Covenants With Respect Thereto

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the resolution

Motion passed with a roll call vote.

Motion made by B. LeClair, seconded by Brandt.

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

B. 25-173 Resolution Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Up To \$1,038,658 Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2025B, And Providing For Other Details And Covenants With Respect Thereto

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the resolution

Motion passed with a roll call vote.

Motion made by Bittner, seconded by B. LeClair.

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

C. 25-174 Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a DNR Grant Application for Washington Park Shoreline Restoration

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the resolution

Motion passed with a roll call vote.

Motion made by Brandt, seconded by Derby

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

D. 25-175 Award of bid for contract 6-2025: Curb & Gutter and Paving (Sandy Bay Highlands Subdivision No. 3)

Recommended Action:

Motion to award the contract to Vinton Construction Company of Manitowoc, based on its lowest qualified bid, in the amount of \$342,593.90

Motion passed with a roll call vote.

Motion made by D. LeClair, seconded by Bittner

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

****Deputy Clerk Note: Councilmember Bonnie Shimulunas arrived during voting at 6:16 PM.****

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager, Kyle Kordell had a few items to brief the council and residents on, along with Public Works Director, Matthew Heckenlaible and Parks and Recreation Director, Mike Mathis.

The City continues efforts to improve pedestrian safety along Memorial Drive by conducting a two-phase traffic study aimed at reducing speed limits. Lower speeds would allow the city to install more affordable solar-powered flashing beacons instead of the HAWK system.

Construction updates noted progress on Harbor, 16th, and Emmet Streets, with water and sewer mains mostly complete and paving expected soon. Lead service lateral replacements are finished for 2024, with restoration underway and 2025 planning in progress.

Discussion also centered on the future of the 1950s Neshotah Beach concession stand. The City is exploring options for renovation or replacement to reduce reliance on property taxes and generate new revenue through event rentals and improved food offerings. Preliminary work with Hammond Construction and the health department is ongoing. Creative ideas such as restaurant delivery drop-offs were also suggested.

The recent overnight Great Neshotah Beach Campout event saw 243 attendees and strong community support, receiving positive feedback. Finally, the City is awaiting the outcome of a major DNR grant that could fund significant upgrades at Riverside Park and the skate park, with updates expected later this month.

13. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- City Council Meeting, Monday, September 15, 2025, 6:00 PM
- City Council Work Session, Monday, September 29, 2025, 6:00 PM

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of this meeting and adjourn at 7:40 PM.

Motion passed with a voice vote.

Motion made by Wachowski, seconded by Derby

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

Respectfully Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Valerie L. Vanderlinden".

Valerie L. Vanderlinden
Deputy City Clerk