



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, January 29, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

1. NOTE: ALL AGENDA BACKUP MATERIALS WILL BE FORWARDED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS AND POSTED ON THE CITY WEBSITE ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

2. Call to Order
Council President Wachowski called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call Councilmembers: Jeff Dahlke, Bill LeClair, Darla LeClair, Tim Petri, Bonnie Shimulunas, Adam Wachowski

ALSO PRESENT: Ben Meinnert, Police Chief; Jeff Dawson, Library Director; Elizabeth Runge, Community Development Director/City Planner; Matthew Heckenlaible, Public Works Director; Chad Kakes, Assistant Fire Chief; Dave Buss, Finance Director; Andrew Sukowaty, Water Director; Brian Dellemann, Electric Utility Director; Joe Metzen, Tourism Director; Dave Dassy, IT Assistant; and Greg Buckley, City Manager.

Motion to consider any Council member requests to participate in this meeting from a remote location. The President noted requests from Councilmembers Koach and Stechmesser to participate from a remote location.

Motion carried upon a roll call vote.

Motion by Shimulunas, seconded by Petri.

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

5. Consideration of Request From the Two Rivers Family Swim Center, Regarding the Future of a Community Pool in Two Rivers and Possible City Operation of a New Pool if Needed Capital Funds for Such a Facility Can be Raised from Non-City Sources

Recommended Action:

Council Discretion

Representatives Christine Thelen, Amber Gates, Erin Lamal, and Mark Ducat from the Two Rivers Family Swim Center Board gave a presentation on the proposed Community Aquatic Center. The Friends of Aquatic Center will lead a capital campaign to build a new facility and want to receive a commitment from the City supporting operating expenses to help maintain a new Swim Center.

Council members asked City Manager Greg Buckley to prepare a resolution creating the planning framework and directing establishment of a committee to address key tasks related to this issue, consideration at the City Council meeting on February 5.

6. Authorization to Proceed with Security Improvements for Third Floor at City Hall (2024 Capital Project, budgeted at \$6,000)

Recommended Action:

Motion to authorize proceeding with the planned improvements, per the plans presented.

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by B. LeClair, seconded by Dahlke.

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

7. Authorization to Proceed with Ordering a New Fire Pumper to Replace Existing 2006 Pumper as Front-Line Fire Response Unit (Moves to Backup Unit Status) and Retire Existing 1995 Pumper Now Serving as Backup Unit (Scheduled Replacement; Order Now for Delivery Estimated in 28 months, or mid-2026)

Recommended Action:

Motion to authorize ordering a new Pierce Saber Fire Pumper, at a cost not to exceed \$850,000, as recommended by the Fire Chief and the Fire Department Vehicle Selection Committee, with referral to the Finance Committee for recommendation on structuring of financing.

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by Dahlke, seconded by B. LeClair.

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

8. Closed Session

At 8:01 PM the City Council reserves the right to enter into Closed Session, per Wisc. Stats 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investment of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reason requires a closed session.

--Discuss matters pertaining to charges for water and sewer connections for the Van der Brohe Arboretum, 3800 Lincoln Avenue

At 8:20 PM, at the request of the City Manager, all staff with the exception of the City Manager and the City Attorney left the closed session, as the Council turned to the second item listed for closed session discussion.

And per Wisc. Stats. 19.95(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

--Consider waiver of Personnel Policy provision as it pertains to a specific employee situation

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by Koach, seconded by B. LeClair.

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

9. Reconvene in Open Session

Motion at 8:27 PM to reconvene in open session and consider possible actions in follow-up to closed session discussions.

Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion made by B. LeClair, seconded by Petri.

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

Action Following Discussion in Closed Session

Dahlke moved, supported by B. LeClair, to authorize a one-time, non-precedent-setting variation from the language of the City's Personnel Policy regarding funeral leave, to grant 3 days of paid

funeral leave to the City Clerk due to her recent loss of a loved one, with provision that the City Manager is to prepare a recommendation to the Personnel and Finance Committee regarding a possible Personnel Policy amendment to address such situations in the future.

The motion was approved by voice vote, without dissent.

10. Adjournment

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of this meeting and adjourn this meeting at 8:00 PM.

Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion made by Dahlke, seconded by D. LeClair.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Kuehn, Deputy City Clerk