



**TWO
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WISCONSIN

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, February 27, 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: Bill LeClair, Darla LeClair, Tracey Koach, Bonnie Shimulunas, Scott Stechmesser, Adam Wachowski. Absent: Tim Petri and Jeff Dahlke

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Buss, Finance Director; Dave Dassey, IT Assistant; Brian Dellemann, Electric Utility Director; Matt Heckenlaible, Public Works Director; Ben Meinnert, Police Chief; Elizabeth Runge, Community Development Director; Andrew Sukowaty, Water Utility Director; and Greg Buckley, City Manager

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Discussion of Right of First Refusal Held by City on Property at the Southwest Corner of STH 310 and Woodland Drive (4528 Woodland Drive), Adjacent to the Woodland Industrial Park

City Manager Buckley reviewed the letter from Ruth Franz requesting to revoke and retract the City's Right of First Refusal on her property at 4528 Woodland Drive that was initiated 34 years ago.

At 7:08 PM, Ruth Franz and Bud Mcatee (POA) addressed the council with her concern to gift the property as she wishes without the City's Right of First Refusal on her property. The Council discussed the need to review the request at the April 3 meeting after follow up with City Attorney Bruce. Council President Wachowski had concerns regarding the expansion of the industrial park.

- B. Discussion With Lt. Dave Remiker, Manitowoc County Drug Unit, Regarding Drug Issues in the Community
Lt. Remiker addressed the council regarding what our community can do to address drug issues. He appreciated the invitation to give details on the Drug Task Force team. Two Rivers has one full time officer on the force and their hard work has made a significant impact in reducing drug-related crime and saving lives in our community. He reminded the community to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity related to drug use or trafficking.
- C. Discussion Regarding 2023-25 State Budget; Matters of Interest to the City of Two Rivers
Mr. Buckley reported that Governor Evers pitched his budget to legislators. The Governor recommends providing for a new shared revenue appropriation for municipalities and counties utilizing 20% of the state's current sales tax collections.

Allocation for each calendar year will be the residual of 20 percent of the fiscal year ending in that calendar year's sales tax collections, as estimated at the time of the budget's adoption, less amounts appropriated for county and municipal aid, expenditure restraint, and the municipal and county shares of personal property tax aid.

Public Safety aid will be 43.4 percent of the total available under the new appropriation and will be determined as a percentage of each local government's qualifying public safety expenditures. The remaining 56.6 percent of the aid will be distributed as general aid with 70 percent allocated to municipalities and 30 percent to counties. For future distributions under the new shared revenue, no local government may receive less than 95 percent of the prior year's allocation.

Mr. Buckley noted that Senator Andre Jacque will be addressing the Council at the April 17 meeting and an invitation was sent to Representative Shae Sortwell to attend the meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Motion made by B. LeClair, Seconded by D. LeClair.

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

Motion carried upon a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kuehn
Deputy City Clerk