



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 06, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

Councilmembers: Mark Bittner, Doug Brandt, Bill LeClair, Darla LeClair, Tim Petri, Bonnie Shimulunas, Scott Stechmesser, Adam Wachowski

Absent: Shannon Derby

ALSO PRESENT: Mike Mathis, Parks and Recreation Director; Dave Murack, Fire Chief; Andrew Raatz, Police Captain; Rick Powell, IT Supervisor; Andrew Sukowaty, Water Utility Director; Brian Dellemann, Electric Utility Director; Matt Heckenlaible, Public Works Director; Kassie Paider, Finance Director; Sean Griffin, City Attorney; and Kyle Kordell, City Manager.

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

None.

5. INTRODUCTION OF INVITED GUESTS

Members of the Rotary Club of Two Rivers, including speaker Betty Bittner and honoree Jim Lester

25-189 Proclamation Honoring Jim Lester On 60 Years Of Service As An Active Member Of The Rotary Club Of Two Rivers

Recommended Action:

Motion to read and adopt the proclamation

Rotary Club Member Betty Bittner read the proclamation.

Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion made by Wachowski, seconded by B. LeClair.

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

Two Rivers Public Schools Superintendent Diane Johnson, and Two Rivers Buses Office Manager Chris Ashenbrenner

Diane spoke to the item 10-B: 25-195; speaking in favor of the item and stating this is a no cost feature to help with the safety of students. Chris also spoke in favor of the item.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None.

7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

City Manager Kyle Kordell spoke to item 11-E on the agenda stating it is regarding the bathrooms near the horseshoe courts at Neshotah Park. He also addressed several questions he received regarding Neshotah Park.

Pamela Stephens (3411 Parkway Blvd) – National Wreaths Day is December 13th at 10 AM in the City of Two Rivers. People can donate towards a wreath for \$17.

Kriss Barner (2334 39th St) – The City needs to make the fiscally responsible choice for the beach including who is operating the concession stand and maintaining it. Also, it is important not to compromise additional green space.

Corey Thuss (116 McKinley St) – Please delay all decisions until the public is engaged. The public feels the project was in motion without being aware of it or that there were three different options. Opposed to the proposed concession stand at Neshotah Beach.

Richard Greenwood (1617 24th St) – The beach is a tourist attraction and most users are from outside Manitowoc County and it is important that all users of the beach help pay for the upgrades.

Anne Dobbartin (2005 Garfield St) – Don't implement a paid parking program for the beach. It is unfriendly, unwelcoming and it will deter a lot of people that just want to spend a brief moment at the park. Many young families are looking for a free adventure to take their family to.

John Gomez (2023 Garfield St) – Worried about the future of the park for generations to come. Leave the park as it is now. Opposed to the proposed concession stand at Neshotah Beach

Susan Robitaille (2313 Jefferson St) – Was a tourist when first came to the city and loved the timeless characteristics. The upgrades to the concession stand process feels rushed and is it just for tourism. Opposed to the proposed concession stand at Neshotah Beach.

Dorothy Tinkham Delo (2100 Garfield St) – Was knocked down by an electric bike on the sidewalk at Neshotah Beach. The ordinances are not enforced. The proposed concession stand is not ADA compliant with the spiral staircase.

Tracey Koach (3411 Parkway Blvd) – Opposed to the City selling beer in parks as it is a source of revenue for nonprofit organizations. Explore the options for local residents during the paid parking pilot program. Opposed to the proposed concession stand at Neshotah Beach.

Chris Eggert (2816 35th St) – Not in favor of the commercialization of the Neshotah Beach area. Waterfronts and beach fronts that have become commercialized don't let tax payers get to the beach.

Katherine Dahlke (3727 Adams St) – The opportunities for places and spaces has continued to shrink in the past couple years. It seems the City is chasing the tourism dollar. Opposed to the Neshotah Beach concession stand upgrades and look into the option of bringing the current facility up to code.

Susan Ertman (1810 Lincoln St) – Upgrade the concession stand just enough to keep the facility in working order. The paid parking situation is ridiculous. Living near the beach it will cause an issue with people parking on the street in front of the house and cause a safety issue when baking out of the driveway.

Heather Ross (2143 34th St) – Neshotah Beach is a beautiful asset in the community. It should not be something we make money on but something we spend money on. There needs to be something for citizens for the paid parking plan. Opposed to the proposed concession stand upgrades and spend that money on fixing it to make it functional.

Dean Hirvela (2730 42nd St) – Please consider the ordinance change for the safety of the students riding the bus. Please put a list together of the cost of the materials/upgrades to the concession stand.

Pat Klein (3111 Monroe St) – A member of the Plan Commission and would like to compliment the presentations tonight. They have all been calm and friendly and it would be nice to see the same interaction on Facebook.

Jeff Dahlke (3411 Adams St) – Stop spending the tax payers money. The City doesn't need a two million dollar concession stand.

John – Against the concession stand upgrade and the paid parking pilot program.

Lori Sibbald (2325 38th St) – Against the proposed concession stand. Taxes are getting out of control.

Doug Klein (3111 Monroe St) – Introducing parking fees would push traffic into neighborhoods and would cause a traffic congestion at the beach.

Taylor Pokorski (3416 Garfield St) – The bare minimum to the concession stand might not be enough. Have private changing rooms and more bathroom stalls so there isn't a line. Visitors are not the only people that use the concession stand. It is also not reasonable to think taxes will never increase. It is important to make it the best you can for citizens not just visitors

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Letters and other communications from citizens

Councilmember Wachowski received many communications regarding the beach project; code of conduct violations; perpetual care flower fund; and a complaint on ducks and chickens.

Councilmember Shimulunas received a communication of not being able to hear Councilmember at meetings and reminded everyone to speak into the microphone.

Council President Stechmesser received numerous communications about the Neshotah Beach concession stand.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS FROM BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

Councilmember Bittner reported on the Finance and Personnel Committee standing they just completed the first budget meeting to address the 2026 budget. The Committee on Aging celebrated Heather in receiving an award in efficiency. The Room Tax Committee is reviewing short term rentals and compliance.

Councilmember Wachowski addressed that taxes to the City did not increase in 2024. Those tax bills increased because of LTC, the Two Rivers School District and Manitowoc County.

Councilmember B. LeClair reported on the Public Works Committee stating they started discussing if leaves during leaf collection should be put on the terrace or in the street.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. 25-190 Presentation of Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting, September 15, 2025
City Council Work Session, September 29, 2025

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the minutes

B. 25-191 Minutes of Meetings

1. Environmental Advisory Board, August 19, 2025
2. Public Utilities Committee, September 2, 2025
3. Public Works Committee, September 3, 2025
4. Committee on Aging, September 8, 2025
5. Plan Commission, September 8, 2025
6. Explore Two Rivers Board of Directors, September 9, 2025
7. Business and Industrial Development Committee and
Community Development Authority, September 18, 2025

Recommended Action:

Motion to receive and file

C. 25-192 Finance Reports, July 2025

1. Debt Service
2. General Fund
3. Lester Library
4. Utilities Report

Recommended Action:

Motion to receive and file

D. 25-193 Applications and Petitions

1. Application for Temporary Class "B" License for Two Rivers Main Street for the Fall Wine and Beer Walk on October 24, 2025, 5:00 PM-8:30 PM, Downtown Two Rivers

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 carried with a voice vote.

Motion made by Wachowski, seconded by Shimulunas

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

10. CITY COUNCIL - FORMAL ITEMS

A. 25-194 Proclamation Declaring the Week of October 5th-11th, 2025 as Public Power Week

Recommended Action:

Motion to read and adopt the proclamation

Electric Utility Director Brian Dellemann read the proclamation.

Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion made by Shimulunas, seconded by Brandt

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

B. 25-195 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 8-1 of the Municipal Code of the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, Regulating the General Traffic Regulations

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the ordinance

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by Bittner, seconded by B. LeClair

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

Voting Nay: Petri

C. 25-196 Right of First Refusal Agreement for W.G.& R. Bedding Co., Inc

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve and authorize City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Two Rivers

Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion made by Wachowski, seconded by D. LeClair

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

D. 25-197 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 6-5 of the Municipal Code of the City of Two Rivers, Wisconsin, Regulating the Licensing of Dogs and Regulation of Animals

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the ordinance

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by Petri, seconded by Brandt

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

E. 25-198 Award of bid for Neshotah Park Shelter Restroom Remodel Contract to Hamman Construction Company of Manitowoc, in the Amount of \$58,718

Recommended Action:

Motion to award the contract to Hamman Construction Company of Manitowoc, based on its lowest qualified bid, in the amount of \$58,718

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by Wachowski, seconded by Bittner

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

F. 25-199 Consideration to Approve a Neshotah Beach Support Paid Parking Pilot Program for 2026

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve Neshotah Beach Support Paid Parking Pilot Program for 2026

Motion made by Wachowski, seconded by B. LeClair to approve with a report from the Parks and Recreation Director listing the ten days the lots will be enforced to notify the residents.

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

Voting Nay: Bittner, Stechmesser

G. 25-200 Consideration to Proceed with 2026 Neshotah Beach Pavilion Investments to Upgrade Bathroom and Kitchen Facilities in the Amount Not-to-Exceed \$450,000

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve City Staff to proceed with Neshotah Beach Pavilion upgrades not-to-exceed \$450,000

Motion carried with roll call vote.

Motion made by Wachowski seconded by Shimulunas to approve City Staff to proceed with Neshotah Beach Pavilion upgrades not-to-exceed \$450,000 and plans and cost to be provided to Council and public and any grant opportunities awarded to reduce overall cost.

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

Wachowski

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

12. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- City Council Regular Meeting, Monday, October 20, 2025, 6:00 PM
- City Council Work Session, Monday, October 27, 2025, 6:00 PM

13. CLOSED SESSION

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 require a closed session

-- Discuss possible lease of city-owned real estate

The City Council reserves the right to enter into Closed Session, per Wisc. States 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

-- Consideration of employment, promotion, pay, or performance of a public employee

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by B. LeClair, seconded by D. LeClair to convene in closed session at 8:41 PM.

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

14. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

To consider possible actions in follow-up to closed session discussions

Motion carried with voice vote.

Motion made by B. LeClair, seconded by D. LeClair to reconvene in open session at 9:29 PM.
Voting Yea: Bittner, Brandt, B. LeClair, D. LeClair, Petri, Shimulunas, Stechmesser, Wachowski

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of this meeting and adjourn this meeting at 9:29 PM.

Motion carried with voice vote.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Baryenbruch
City Clerk