

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, October 30, 2023 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 Wachowski called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers: Jeff Dahlke, Bill LeClair, Darla LeClair, Tracey Koach, Tim Petri, Bonnie Shimulunas, Scott Stechmesser, Adam Wachowski

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Buss, Finance Director; Ben Meinnert, Police Chief; Rick Powell, IT Managert; Greg Buckley, City Manager; Whiskey D's Owners Lee and Deana Vandeurzen and Austin Gordon

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Discussion of Local Business' Concerns about City Noise Ordinance Provisions and Possible Changes to Noise Ordinance and Beer Garden Regulations -- Sections 9-2-5 and 6-1-19 of the City's Code of Ordinances

Mr. Buckley reported the Police Department is working with the owners of Whisky D's regarding the businesses issued citations. Chief Meinnert stated that Whisky D's has been cooperative and is willing to try to work collaboratively to resolve the ongoing noise and vibration problems.

Police Chief Meinner stated the Police Department uses a decibel meter with a C-Weighted scale to better measure noise levels from music. The modification to this ordinance addresses ongoing issues specifically relating to noise complaints with amplified music as the source.

After discussion to make the ordinances consist, the ordinances will be amended to reflect extended hours and decibel level requirements to 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights as directed by Council, change hours to 6:00 a.m to reflect consistency with Sidewalk Café's, add the same time requirements to that portion regarding vibrations from excessive sound generation as well as require verification of vibrations by an officer.

B. Update on 2024 Budget Review

Mr. Buckley reported that the 2024 budget review is right on target and the Personnel & Finance Committee meets with the Public Utilities on Thursday, November 2 to review the utility budgets. He also stated that the Business Improvement District Board approved an assessment rate of \$2.00 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for the 2023 tax bills at their October 26 meeting.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of this meeting and adjourn the meeting at 7:33 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 Kuehn Deputy City Clerk