



**City of
RIVER FALLS**
CITY OF RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN
COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

February 9, 2016

Mayor Toland called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located in City Hall.

City Council Members Present: David Cronk, Dan Gulick, Scott Morrissette, Jim Nordgren, Diane Odeen, Aaron Taylor, Hal Watson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Scot Simpson, City Administrator; Dan Gustafson, City Attorney; Gordon Young, Police Chief; Julie Bergstrom, Finance Director/Assistant City Administrator; Keri Schreiner, Management Analyst Fellow; Kevin Westhuis, Utility Director; Reid Wronski, City Engineer; Ray French, Management Analyst; Brent Buesking, Management Analyst Fellow; Greg Koehler, Lead Water Works Operator; Ron Groth, Waste Water/Water Superintendent; ; Karen Bergstrom, Human Resources Director; Jeff Crook, Certified Water Works Operator; Jacob McNabb, Water Works Operator; Luke Harris, Water Works Operator; Don Hill, Water Meter Technician

Others: Chris Gagne, Bob Ebert, others

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

January 26, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes

MSC Morrissette/Cronk move to approve minutes. Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Bills - \$1,439,248.05

MSC Morrissette/Cronk move to approve bills subject to the comptroller. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT, PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

The Mayor asked for a moment of silence in honor of Barbara Nordgren, wife of Alderperson Jim Nordgren, who passed away last week.

There were no other public comments.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 6000 - Approving Award of 69kV Transformer and Switchgear purchase for Power Plant Substation Project

MSC Watson/Morrissette move to approve the resolution. Unanimous.

Resolution No. 6001 - In Support of Bill to End Adverse Possession Claims Against Public Lands

MS Morrissette/Cronk move to approve the resolution. Alderperson Taylor asked if City Administrator Simpson could provide some background about the bill for the public. Simpson said changes in law have taken place affecting long standing case law regarding property which concerned Wisconsin cities. The State legislature is trying to correct it. He explained public property cannot adversely be affected and gave examples. At the conclusion of the explanation, the Mayor asked for a motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

REPORTS:

Water Quality Report

Utility Director Kevin Westhuis and Lead Water Works Operator Greg Koehler provided a presentation to Council on the City's water quality. The presentation covered the aquifers, wells, water quality, water towers, booster stations, pressure zones, chemicals and sampling and more. Westhuis introduced staff members to Council. At the conclusion of the presentation, Westhuis stood for questions from Council.

Strategic Plan Update

City Administrator Scot Simpson gave a presentation for Council on the City's strategic goals for the 4th quarter of 2015.

Administrator's Report

There were no questions or comments on the report.

CLOSED SESSION:

MS Morrissette/Odeen at 7:33 p.m. to recess into Closed Session per Wisconsin State Statutes § 19.85(1)(e) for the following purposes: "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive bargaining reasons require a closed session – Sterling Ponds Corporate Park." **The roll call vote to move into Closed Session was unanimous.**

Closed Session items were discussed.

MSC Cronk/Morrissette moved to reconvene into Open Session at 8:34 p.m. Unanimous.

Motion by Cronk move to adjourn at 8:34 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi McKahan,
Deputy City Clerk