



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

March 22, 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: Jim Nordgren, Diane Odeen, Aaron Taylor, Hal Watson

Members Absent: David Cronk, Dan Gulick, Scott Morrisette

Staff Present: Steve Weld, 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; Brent Buesking, Management Analyst Fellow; Ray French, Management Analyst; Crystal Raleigh, Senior Civil Engineer; Lu Ann Hecht, City Clerk; Terry Kusilek, Operations Superintendent

Others: Sean Lentz

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 8, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes

MSC Odeen/Watson move to approve minutes. Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Bills - \$511,189.72

MSC Nordgren/Odeen move to approve bills subject to the comptroller. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT, PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

There were no public comments.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Storm Water Permit – 2015 Annual Report and Resolution No. 6012 Authorizing Content of 2015 Annual Report to Discharge Storm Water

The Mayor recessed into a public hearing at 6:32 p.m. The Mayor introduced Crystal Raleigh, Senior Civil Engineer, who provided a report for the City Council.

Raleigh provided an overview of the MS4 permit. She talked about the 2015 MS4 activity including public education/outreach/involvement; illicit discharge detection and elimination; erosion control; storm water management ordinance and pollution prevention. She talked about the July flooding and how the City's infrastructure handled it. There was minimum damage.

Raleigh talked about the 2016 total maximum daily load implementation for phosphorus in the river. She also talked about the minor updates to the ordinance and technical standards. Upon completion of the presentation, Raleigh stood for questions. The Mayor asked for public comments. There were none. The Mayor asked Council if there were any questions.

Aldersperson Watson thanked Raleigh for the work she was doing – especially the community education. He suggested that it would be nice to hold seminars for private contractors regarding chemicals going into the river.

As there were no other comments, the Mayor moved back into Open Session at 6:44 p.m. MSC Watson/Nordgren moved for approval of the resolution. Unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Acknowledgement of the following minutes:

River Falls Housing Authority - 2/11/16; Police and Fire Commission – 1/4/16;
Park and Recreation Advisory Board – 2/17/16; Ambulance Commission – 12/7/15;
Utility Advisory Board – 2/15/16; Library Board – 2/1/16; Business Improvement District – 3/8/16

Resolution No. 6013 Approving 2016 Fee Schedule

Resolution No. 6014 Establishing District 1 Wards 1-4 Polling Place

Resolution No. 6015 Regarding Replacement of Public Works Equipment-Snowblower

MSC Odeen/Watson move to approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance 2016-02 – Ordinance Amending and Renumbering Chapter 12.16 of the Municipal Code – Storm Water Management – First Reading

There were no comments.

Resolution No. 6016 - Amending Storm Water Management Standards

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

Resolution No. 6017 Awarding Bid for 2016 Sanitary Sewer Lining Project

MSC Odeen/Taylor move to approve the resolution. Unanimous.

Resolution No. 6018 Authorizing Professional Services for North Interceptor Sewer Project

The Mayor introduced City Engineer, Reid Wronski, who provided a presentation on the project. This project would affect all the City's corporate parks. He talked about the 25 year old lift station and the increasing maintenance costs. Wronski gave a background about the project including a timeline. Three proposals were received on February 3 and reviewed by a Selection Committee who recommended TKDA for the project. He talked about the scope of work with the project.

Upon completion of the presentation, Wronski stood for questions. Watson asked about staff doing the property research and the lift station. Wronski provided answers to the questions.

With no other comments, the Mayor asked for a motion. MSC Odeen/Nordgren move to approve the resolution. Unanimous.

Resolution No. 6019 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$4,510,000 Sewerage System Revenue Bonds, Series 2016a of the City of River Falls, Pierce and St. Croix Counties, Wisconsin, and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds

The Mayor introduced Sean Lentz from Ehlers who presented information on the bonds to Council. He talked about the City's Sewer Bond rating, the winning bid, and the interest rate. Lentz said amount was listed on the agenda as \$4,620,000 but should be changed to \$4,510,000.

MSC Odeen/Nordgren move to approve the resolution in the amount of \$4,510,000. Unanimous.

Resolution No. 6020 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$4,060,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016b

Lentz said this bond was for refinancing which would result in savings for the City. He talked about the City's bond rating and noted the bond amount had changed to a smaller amount and needed to be issued at \$4,060,000. Alderperson Taylor asked a clarifying question on the bond series.

MSC Watson/Taylor move to approve the resolution in the amount of \$4,060,000. Unanimous.

REPORTS:

2016 Road Projects

City Engineer Wronski provided Council with a report on the upcoming 2016 road projects including the Chapman Drive reconstruction project. He talked about the pavement assets and explained what chip sealing is. Wronski explained that the City does this because it extends road life by 7-10 years resulting in saving taxpayers about \$150,000 per year. He showed a map detailing the 2016 chip seal projects.

Administrator's Report

Aldersperson Nordgren asked if we know what caused the electrical outage on March 13. Utility Director Westhuis said a squirrel caused an outage which affected a large number of customers.

Comptroller's Report for February

Aldersperson Odeen read the report as follows: general fund revenues through the end of February were \$2,856,054 and include the February property tax settlement and the payment for municipal services from the State of Wisconsin. Expenditures for the same period were \$1,193,511 or 12 percent budgeted for a net of revenues over expenditures of \$1,662,543.

MSC Watson/Nordgren move to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi McKahan,
Deputy City Clerk