



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

April 12, 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: Dan Gustafson, City Attorney; Scot Simpson, City Administrator; Gordon Young, Police Chief; Keri Schreiner, Management Analyst Fellow; Kevin Westhuis, Utility Director; Reid Wronski, City Engineer; Brent Buesking, Management Analyst Fellow; Crystal Raleigh, Senior Civil Engineer; Lu Ann Hecht, City Clerk; Ron Groth, Wastewater/Water Superintendent

Others: Jeff Cernohous, Larry Doerr, Tim Capistrand, Casey Cook, Jeff Bjork, Chris Gagne, others

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

March 22, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes

MSC Cronk/Odeen move to approve minutes. Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Bills - \$2,062,080.45

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

PUBLIC COMMENT, PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Jeff Cernohous and Larry Doerr came to remark on a new business they are launching and building in the industrial park. Cernohous provided the Council with information on his background and his past business ventures. He talked about the new business. Cernohous' partner, Larry Doerr, provided background on his history. They stood for questions from the Council.

Tim Capistrand from TW Vending came to speak to Council about his building project. He wanted to introduce himself and say hello.

Mayor Toland recognized outgoing Alderpersons Jim Nordgren, Aaron Taylor and Dan Gulick with plaques.

Change of Agent Request – Jama Investments LLC dba Bo's 'N Mine

Casey Cook, the new agent was present. **MS Morrissette/Taylor move to approve change of agent.**

Aldersperson Morrissette asked Cook if he understood the responsibility of being an agent. Casey said yes.

Morrissette asked if Cook understood that he is responsible for alcohol infractions even if he is not present.

Cook said yes. Lastly, Morrissette asked if Cook was planning on taking the bartending course. Cook said he already had done so. **With no other questions, the Mayor asked for a vote. All voted in favor of the change of agent request.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

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

The Mayor recessed into a public hearing at 6:43 p.m. With no comments, the Mayor moved back into Open Session at 6:44 p.m. MS Cronk/Morrissette moved for approval of the ordinance.

City Administrator Simpson gave a brief overview of the changes being done. He said mostly grammatical changes were being made to Chapter 12.16. He said that more significant changes were made to the technical standards at the last Council meeting. There were no questions. **The Mayor asked for a vote. The ordinance passed unanimously.**

CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 6021 - Approving Transfer of Property-St. Croix Valley Business Incubator MSC Odeen/Morrisette move to approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 6022 - Approving Water Rates

Utility Director Westhuis gave a presentation on the water rates. He talked about the history of the water department and the infrastructure. Westhuis talked about the staff dedicated to maintaining the City's water system. He talked about current rates and how they are determined. Westhuis said a cost of service study was completed and forwarded to the PSC. He talked about the proposed water rates for residential, multifamily and commercial customers. Westhuis talked about the PSC public hearing for the proposed water rates on April 20. If the rates are approved, they would go into effect on June 1. Westhuis stood for questions.

Aldersperson Nordgren asked about the sewer rates. Westhuis said sewer rates would not be impacted by the water rate increase. Westhuis gave a quick update on the Sycamore water tower.

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

Resolution No. 6023 - Awarding Bid for Lake George Trail (University Falls to Family Fresh)

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

REPORTS:

Emergency Weather Awareness Report

Police Chief Gordon Young talked about emergency weather awareness. He talked about the eight City sirens designed for notifying people who are outdoors and the siren schedule for the City. The Chief talked about tornados, winds and the EF scale. He talked about a weather spotter class available for St. Croix County residents. Young talked about having an emergency kit and the importance of having a plan in case of emergencies. He talked about weather resources for residents.

Administrator's Report

City Administrator Simpson thanked the three outgoing Council members for their help and support. He gave a special thanks to Mr. Nordgren who was on Council when he was hired. He reminded Council about the Organizational Meeting next week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Toland read an Equal Pay Day Proclamation.

CLOSED SESSION:

MS Watson/Morrisette move to recess into Closed Session at 7:18 p.m. 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, to wit: purchase and sale of property in the River Falls Industrial Park; sale of property(ies) in

Sterling Ponds Corporate Park, consideration of developer's agreement(s) for development commercial/industrial facilities in River Falls."

The roll call vote to adjourn into Closed Session was unanimous.

Closed Session items were discussed.

MSC Morrissette/Cronk moved to return to Open Session at 8:18 p.m. Unanimous.

MSC Morrissette/Cronk move to approve Resolution No. 6024 approving developer's agreement with Rev Materials and to let City Administrator Scot Simpson negotiate on the City's behalf. Unanimous.

MSC Morrissette/Watson move to approve Resolution No. 6025 approving developer's agreement with TW Vending subject to proof of financing and let City Administrator Scot Simpson negotiate on the City's behalf. Unanimous.

MSC Cronk/Morrissette move to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi McKahan,
Deputy City Clerk