



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

April 26, 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: Todd Bjerstedt, Jeff Bjork, David Cronk, Christopher Gagne, Scott Morrissette, Diane Odeen, Hal Watson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Steve Weld, City Attorney; Scot Simpson, City Administrator; Gordon Young, Police Chief; Ray French, Management Analyst Fellow; Kevin Westhuis, Utility Director; Reid Wronski, City Engineer; Brent Buesking, Management Analyst Fellow; Lu Ann Hecht, City Clerk; Cindi Danke, Recreation Manager; Amy Peterson, Assistant Community Development Director

Others: Josh Eidem, Dean Bernardin, Samantha Bothman, others

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April 12, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes and April 19, 2016, Organizational Meeting Minutes
MSC Cronk/Morrissette to approve minutes. Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Bills - \$172,700.32

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

PUBLIC COMMENT, PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Aldersperson Hal Watson invited the public to participate in the Kinni River Clean-up event.

Mayor Toland welcomed the new Council members.

Presentation by the River Falls Baseball Council

Josh Eidem from the River Falls Baseball Council came and gave a presentation about the baseball council, field, team and events. Eidem talked about the baseball council's mission to create community. He also talked about the Board of Directors, the volunteers, UWRP interns and the concession intern. He thanked the City staff, including Terry Kusilek and Tom Schwalen, for all the assistance and work done at the field. Eidem talked about the highlights at the field over the last couple of years and what's coming up in 2016. He finished with the baseball council's financial picture and what is coming up on the horizon.

Upon completion of the presentation, Eidem stood for questions. Aldersperson Cronk asked about the number of volunteers needed per game. The Mayor asked how to volunteer. Eidem said to visit the website (<http://www.riverfallsbaseball.org>) for volunteer information. Aldersperson Bjork asked how many events were held. City Administrator Simpson asked if donations were still being accepted. Eidem said yes! Please donate through the website or at the donation box at the field. Eidem thanked the Council. The Mayor said the baseball council was doing a great job at the park.

Change of Agent Request – Indianhead Oil Co. Inc. dba Holiday Station store #8

Dean Bernardin, the new agent, was present. **MS Cronk/Watson move to approve change of agent.** Aldersperson Morrissette asked Bernardin if he understood the role of an agent. He said yes. Morrissette asked if Bernardin understood that he is responsible for alcohol related violations even if he was not present.

Bernardin said yes. Morrisette asked if he had his bartender's license and Bernardin does. **With no other questions, the Mayor asked for a vote. All voted in favor of the change of agent request.**

Change of Agent Request – Dollar General Store

Samantha Bothman, the new agent, was present. **MS Cronk/Watson move to approve change of agent.** Alderperson Morrisette asked if Bothman understood the role of an agent. She said yes. Morrisette asked if Bothman understood that she is responsible for alcohol related violations even if she is not present. She said yes. Lastly, Morrisette asked if she had her bartender's license. She has her license but needs to get it updated. **Morrisette wished to offer an amendment as he said the application had some missing information. He said question #4 has not been answered. MS Morrisette/Odeen motion to amend approval as long as the application is completed.**

City Administrator Simpson asked for a point of clarification for staff. Is question #4 the only information needed? Morrisette pointed out other areas which needed to be completed on the application. Morrisette said the intention of his motion was to return the application to the City Clerk to get it completed.

The Mayor asked for a vote on the amendment. It passed unanimously. The Mayor asked for a vote on the original motion. It passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Acknowledgement of the following minutes:

- River Falls Housing Authority – 3/10/2016; Park and Recreation Advisory Board – 3/16/2016;
- Police and Fire Commission – 3/7/2016; Ambulance Commission – 3/7/2016;
- Business Improvement District Board – 4/12/16; Utility Advisory Board – 3/20/16

Resolution No. 6026 Regarding International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD)

Resolution Authorizing Events at Rush River Brewing→→***Pulled by Bjork***

MSC Morrisette/Odeen move to approve remainder of Consent Agenda. Unanimous.

Resolution No. 6027 - Authorizing Events at Rush River Brewing

Alderperson Bjork asked clarifying questions including is there a limit of attendees at events and number of events. City Administrator Simpson explained there are ordinances which govern this. He explained that with requests information with full plans would be provided and reviewed by Administration. Simpson provided further information. Bjork felt having Administration approve the events was a good option for 2016. There were no other comments. **MSC Odeen/Gagne move to approve resolution. Unanimous.**

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance 2016-03 – Providing Minor Revisions to the Municipal Code - First Reading

There were no questions or comments.

REPORTS:

Hoffman Park Update

Recreation Manager Cindi Danke and Assistant Community Development Director Amy Peterson provided a presentation to Council. Danke talked about making shelter reservations at the parks, camping at Hoffman Park, and Tri Angels Playground.

Peterson talked about the storm shelter in Hoffman Park. The funding largely came from a grant with the City only paying 11 percent of the cost. Peterson talked about how the shelter operated including what areas of the

building are open. There is a phone and AED in the shelter. She said in the future there maybe opportunities for multiuse.

Peterson also talked about the forestry program. Tony Steiner is the City Forestry. Nate Croes is also working with the program. The City is a member of Tree City. She talked about upcoming programs including Arbor Day and the International Migratory Bird Day.

Administrator's Report

Alderperson Morrissette asked for an update on the flashers on Cascade. City Engineer Wronski said the flashers were working and explained the source of the problem. Alderperson Watson asked about the Greenwood Cemetery and the City helping them with financial projections. Simpson said the City has helped with in-kind services and has offered to help them with projections. Watson asked if they would be following up next year with the Council. Simpson thought there would be some type of follow up.

Comptroller's Report for March 2016

Comptroller Odeen said the report as follows: general fund revenues through the end of March were \$3,177,466 and include the reimbursement from the River Falls School District for the liaison officer, and \$43,787 in recreation program revenues. Expenditures for the same period were \$1,847,211 or 19 percent of budgeted, for a net of revenues over expenditures of \$1,330,254.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Toland read two proclamations – one for Arbor Day and one for Historic Preservation Month.

Mayor's Appointments

The Mayor asked for consideration of the following appointments:

Mark Anderson to the Historic Preservation Commission through January 2019
Kevin Swanson to the Utility Advisory Board through April 2019

MSC Watson/Morrissette move to approve the Mayor's Appointments. Unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION:

MS Morrissette/Gagne move to recess into Closed Session at 7:15 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, Whitetail Corporate Park, and Mann Valley Corporate Park, consideration of developer's agreement(s) for development of commercial/industrial facilities in River Falls.”

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

Closed Session items were discussed. **MSC Cronk/Morrissette move to return to Open Session at 8:56 p.m. Unanimous. MSC Cronk/Morrissette move to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi McKahan,
Deputy City Clerk