



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

**June 28, 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, David Cronk, Christopher Gagne, Scott Morrissette, Diane Odeen, Hal Watson

**Members Absent:** Jeff Bjork

**Staff Present:** Dan Gustafson, City Attorney; Scot Simpson, City Administrator; Gordon Young, Police Chief; Reid Wronski, City Engineer; Julie Bergstrom, Finance Director/Assistant City Administrator; Keri Schreiner, Management Analyst; Lu Ann Hecht, City Clerk; Assistant Fire Chief-Inspections Mike Moody; Amy Peterson, Assistant Community Development Director; Kevin Westhuis, Utility Director; Cindi Danke, Recreation Manager; Mary Zimmerman, Communications Coordinator

**Others:** Abigail Testaberg, Dale Elliott, Tami Duran, others

**The Pledge of Allegiance was said.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

June 14, 2016, Regular, Workshop and Closed Session Meeting Minutes

**MSC Cronk/Morrissette move to approve minutes. Unanimous.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Bills - \$1,420,513.81

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT, PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

There were no comments.

Temporary change of premise description for Mel's Midtowner LLC dba Mel's Midtowner

**MS Cronk/Watson move to approve premise description for Mel's Midtowner.** The Mayor asked for comments/questions. There were none. The Mayor asked for a vote. **The Council voted unanimously against the request for a temporary change of premise description for Mel's Midtowner.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Annual Liquor License and Beer License Renewals – Hearing

**The Mayor recessed into a public hearing at 6:32 p.m.** The Mayor confirmed that the following individuals were present so they could receive their liquor license:

- Abigail Testaberg from Dish and the Spoon Café
- Dale Elliott from St. Croix Lanes
- Tami Duran from Mariachi Loco

**With no questions or comments, the Mayor moved back into Open Session at 6:32 p.m.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Acknowledgement of the following minutes:

Library Board – 5/2/16; Board of Review – 5/19/16; Police and Fire Commission – 5/2/16;  
Ambulance Commission – 5/2/16; Park and Recreation Advisory Board – 5/25/16; River Falls BID  
Board – 5/10/16; Plan Commission – 6/7/16; Historic Preservation Commission – 5/18/2016

Resolution No. 6044 Approving Spring Creek Estates 1<sup>st</sup> Addition Preliminary Plat Extension

Resolution No. 6045 Approving Memorandum of Understanding between the City of River Falls and the  
Municipal Court

Resolution No. 6046 Approving Request for City Assistance for Border Battle Mountain Bike Event

Resolution No. 6047 Approving Request for City Assistance for Minnesota High School Cycling League Event

Resolution No. 6048 Approving Request for City Assistance for Icebox 480 Race

Resolution No. 6049 Approving 2015 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report (CMAR)

**MSC Cronk/Morrisette move to approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Resolution No. 6050 Regarding Administrative Service Agreement with West Central Wisconsin Regional  
Planning Commission-Shared Ride Taxi

**MSC Morrisette/Gagne move to approve resolution. Unanimous.**

**REPORTS:**

Downtown Design Board Presentation

Amy Peterson, Assistant Community Development Director, provided a presentation to Council on the Downtown Design Board. She covered its history beginning in 2002 and its vision. She talked about design elements, guidelines, and redevelopment opportunities. Peterson spoke about the committee's members and the three projects being done in 2016 including the First National Bank, Bo's 'N' Mine and Mariachi Loco. Peterson talked about projects done in past years. At the conclusion of the present, Peterson answered questions from the Council.

Administrator's Report

City Administrator Simpson provided updates on the St. Croix Valley Incubator project, TW Equities, River Falls Days, Touch-A-Truck, and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Utility Director Westhuis gave an update on the Sycamore water tower.

Comptroller's Report for May

Comptroller Odeen read the report for May 2016: General Fund revenues through the end of May were \$3,933,068 and include \$10,464 in liquor license revenues and \$17,356 in building permit fees. Expenditures for the same period were \$3,353,010 or 35 percent of budgeted, for a net of revenues over expenditures of \$580,058.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**At 6:50 p.m., Morrisette/Cronk move 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, to wit:

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consideration of developer's agreement for a commercial research facility in Sterling Ponds and developer's agreement for agriculture research and support facility in Mann Valley."

**The roll call vote to move into Closed Session passed unanimously.**

**MSC Cronk/Morrissette move into Open Session at 7:05 p.m.**

**MSC Cronk/Morrissette to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi McKahan,  
Deputy City Clerk