



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

July 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: 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; Amy Peterson, Assistant Community Development Director; Kevin Westhuis, Utility Director; Mary Zimmermann, Communications Manager; Lu Ann Hecht, City Clerk; Karen Bergstrom, Human Resources Director; Wayne Siverling, Electric Superintendent; Police Officer Chris Gottfredsen; Fire Chief Scott Nelson

Others: Pastor Mike Bechtold, Anthony Leone, Andy Ahrendt, Kevin Taaffee, Joe Janolski, Rory O’Sullivan, Clyde Hudson, Britta Kelly, Kim Shult, Carole Mottaz and others

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 12, 2016, Regular, Workshop and Closed Session Meeting Minutes

MSC Morrissette/Odeen move to approve minutes. Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Bills - \$2,614,054.43

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

PUBLIC COMMENT, PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Andy Ahrendt, PCL Construction, came to speak regarding the annexation and WinField development at Sterling Ponds.

Joe Janolski, Director of the Product Development Center, thanked the City for its assistance and appreciated the great relationship with the City.

Ahrendt said PCL will be managing the project construction. He thanked Scot Simpson, Tony Steiner, and Amy Peterson for their hard work and review of document. Construction will begin soon with an approximate end date of June 2017.

Kevin Taaffee, Project Manager for Land O’ Lakes, thanked the Council, Scot and his team. He said the project has been a joy and is looking forward to the partnership. The Mayor thanked Tate also.

Rory O’Sullivan, who is running for St. Croix County District Attorney, came before Council and made some remarks.

Citizen Commendation to Clyde Hudson

Police Chief Gordon Young and Officer Chris Gottfredsen presented a Citizen Commendation to Clyde Hudson who put himself in harm’s way multiple times while trying to break up a fight at the High School. The Mayor thanked Clyde, and he was recognized with applause by the audience.

Block Party Request for Dallas Street

MS Gagne/Cronk move to approve request. Morrissette was happy that the citizens were doing this. He asked if the authority to approve the request could be given to the Police Chief to streamline the process. Both Cronk and Odeen supported it. Alderperson Bjerstedt asked if the Police Chief was okay with that suggestion. Chief Young said staff was working on it. **With no other questions, the Council unanimously approved the request.**

Block Party Request for Falcon Drive

MS Gagne/Cronk move to approve request. Alderperson Bjork asked about the exact location of the request. Chief Young explained the request was a one block section. Alderperson Gagne felt this was a great way for communities to come together. **With no other questions, the Council unanimously approved the request.**

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance 2016-10 Mann Valley Annexation Ordinance-Second Reading and Disposition

The Mayor recessed into a Public Hearing at 6:41 p.m. City Administrator Simpson gave a presentation covering four agenda items which required four separate Council actions. The items are related to the WinField Solutions project. Simpson provided project information, talked about TID creation, and the deal summary. There were no questions/comments from the public. **At 6:47 p.m., the Mayor closed the Public Hearing and moved back into Open Session.**

Alderperson Bjork asked if there was a time obligation that the City has regarding putting in water and sewer. Simpson said there's not. The City has agreed they can maintain the private facilities as long as needed. When the City has infrastructure in place, they would have to connect to it. There was further discussion.

MSC Morrissette/Gagne move to approve the ordinance. Unanimous.

Ordinance 2016-11 – Amending Chapter 12.06 – Residential Parking Permit System (No Parking in Grotenhuis Addition)-Second Reading and Disposition

The Mayor recessed into a Public Hearing at 6:51 p.m.

Pastor Mike Bechtold from the River Falls Assembly of God Church said the church has a small parking lot and relies on street parking on Sunday morning. He asked for consideration to park on the streets on Sunday morning. Morrissette asked about the time range on Sunday morning and if there were other days/times to consider. Bechtold said Wednesday nights.

Gagne asked Police Chief Young about the obstruction to Cascade Avenue noted in the packet. Young said it is obstruction to EMS and Fire vehicles which cannot make it down the road if both sides are filled with parking. There was discussion about parking during specific times. Young did not want to speak for Fire/EMS if this was not acceptable to them. There was further discussion.

Simpson provided options to Council. He suggested that Council sent it back to staff if changes are needed. **MS Odeen/Bjork move to send back to staff for further work.** Morrissette asked if the other parts can be passed. Simpson said yes any or all parts of it can be passed. He reminded Council they were still in the Public Hearing and should see if there were any other comments.

Britta Kelly, 700 Valley View Drive appreciated Council consideration as the Grotenhuis Addition is a one entrance subdivision and parking has been an issue. She provided comments to consider including curb parking and restricting parking along blind intersections.

With no other comments, the Mayor moved back into Open Session at 6:59 p.m. Morrissette made an amendment that Council sends back only the Grotenhuis Section of the ordinance. Odeen seconded the amendment. The Mayor asked for a vote. All voted in favor.

The Mayor asked for a vote to pass the remainder of the ordinance. MS Bjork/Morrisette to approve remainder of ordinance. City Administrator Simpson clarified what remained was: 200 Mound View Street, NW Corner of Fremont and Maple Streets, Whitetail Boulevard and 200 block East Foster. The Mayor asked for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Combination “Class B” Liquor and Class “B” Beer License for Chef Leone LLC – Disposition by motion
The Mayor recessed into a Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m. Anthony Leone, who is purchasing the West Wind/River Valley Catering, stood for questions.

Morrisette asked if Leone understood the role of an agent, if he has taken the responsible servers course, and if he understands that if an alcohol related incident occurs in his absence, he is still responsible. Leone answered yes to all. **With no other comments, the Mayor moved back into Open Session at 7:02 p.m.**

Alderson Watson asked if the licensed area is the same as it is currently. Leone said yes. Alderson Gagne what measures he will take so someone does not walk off the property with a drink. Leone said generally there is no drinking outside of the facility unless it is River Falls Days at which there would be extra security.

MSC Morrisette/Gagne move to approve license. Unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Acknowledgement of the following minutes:

River Falls Housing Authority – 6/8/16; Park and Recreation Advisory Board – 6/15/16; Utility Advisory Board – 6/20/16

Resolution No. 6057 - Regarding General Insurance Renewal

Resolution No. 6058 - Approving Appointment of Buddy Lucero to St. Croix Valley Incubator Management Team as City Representative

Resolution No. 6059 - Regarding South Fork Relay Replacement Project

Resolution Approving Purchase of Vac Truck and Camera→→*Pulled by Morrisette*

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

Resolution No. 6060 - Approving Purchase of Vac Truck and Camera

Alderson Morrisette wanted to clarify how/where the funds are coming from. Utility Director Westhuis said it would be paid from an enterprise fund. Bjork asked about how often the truck would be used. It would be used approximately 384 hours a year mostly during the warmer months for cleaning and televising sewer lines. Bjork asked about the possibility of creating revenue by letting other entities use it. **With no other comments, the Mayor asked for a motion. MSC Morrisette/Odeen move to approve resolution. Unanimous.**

Resolution No. 6061 - Approving an Amendment to the Project Plan and Boundaries of Tax Incremental District No. 10, City of River Falls, Wisconsin

MS Watson/Morrisette move to approve resolution. Gagne asked for clarification from Simpson on how the City benefits by using TID 10. Simpson said the boundary change doesn't have a significant impact on the project plan. In order to comply with the statutes relating to the TID, the like parcels have to be together. Gagne asked about expenditures of TID. Simpson said that they are used for infrastructure and land cost. The City coordinates the construction of streets, utilities and other amenities to get the lots ready for sale. The new taxes created are used to fund the projects. **With no other comments, the Mayor asked for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.**

Resolution No. 6062 - Approving the Project Plan and Establishing the Boundaries for and the Creation of Tax Incremental District No. 12, City of River Falls, Wisconsin
MSC Morrissette/Gagne move to approve resolution. Unanimous.

Resolution No.6063 - Approving Development Agreement with Winfield Solutions for Sterling Ponds Corporate Park Lot H
MSC Watson/Cronk move to approve resolution. Unanimous.

Resolution No. 6064 - Approving Development Agreement with Winfield Solutions for Mann Valley Property
MSC Morrissette/Odeen move to approve resolution. Unanimous.

Resolution No. 6065 - Approving Audited Financial Report for Period Ending December 31, 2015
Kim Shult from Baker Tilly presented the financial report for Council. She provided a summary of the reports. Shult said an unmodified opinion was issued on the City's 2015 financial statements meaning the statements are presented fairly based upon generally accepted accounting principles. There is reasonable assurance that the City's statements are correct.

Shult talked about the fund balance and budget for general fund. The results were better than the initial budget which resulted in a surplus of \$421,000. The revenues were almost exactly as predicted and the expenditures were \$617,000 less than expected. She talked about the general obligation debt, debt services expenditures, and enterprise funds. Shult talked about different utility accounts and their cash positions. She wrapped up the presentation by thanking Julie and her team for their assistance. There were no Council questions. **MSC Morrissette/Odeen moved to approve the resolution. Unanimous.**

REPORTS:

EMS Service Report

EMS Director Jeff Rixmann and Carole Mottaz, Chair of the Police, Fire and Ambulance Commission, gave a presentation on the EMS Service. Rixmann talked about the license levels, employment classifications, training hours, and scheduling of ambulances between River Falls and Prescott. They are taking between 8-10 calls daily which is the most ever. He talked about the department's ambulances and equipment.

Mottaz talked about having pride for the EMS Service and department goals. She thanked Council for its support. Rixmann and Mottaz fielded questions from Council about mutual aid, staffing and funds.

Administrator's Report

Morrissette congratulated Officer Gottfredsen on the Renaissance Academy Service Award. Simpson recognized Cindy McKahan on her retirement after 17 years of service. He also talked about growth in the City.

Comptroller's Report for June 2016

Comptroller Odeen read the report as follows: General Fund revenues through the first half of the year were \$4,401,725 or 45 percent of budgeted. June revenues include \$219,286 from the rural fire association and \$6,300 in swimming pool fees. Expenditures for the same period were \$4,057,921 or 42% of budgeted, for a net of revenues over expenditures of \$343,804.

MSC Cronk/Morrissette to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi McKahan,
Deputy City Clerk