



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

August 28, 2018

Mayor Dan 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, Sean Downing, Christopher Gagne, Scott Morrissette, Diane Odeen, Michael Page, Hal Watson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: City Administrator Scot Simpson; Assistant City Administrator Julie Bergstrom; City Attorney Dan Gustafson; Police Chief Gordon Young; Utility Director Kevin Westhuis; Operations Director Mike Stifter; Management Analyst Fellow Brandt Johnson; Management Analyst Fellow Jason Rohloff; City Treasurer Susan Langer; City Engineer Reid Wronski; Communications Manager Mary Zimmermann; EMS Director Jason Stroud; Operations Superintendent Wayne Siverling; SCADA Engineer Greg Dietsche, Wastewater/Water Superintendent Ron Groth

Others Present: Ben Fochs, Randy Lindquist, the Hanson family, others

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

August 14, 2018, Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes

MSC Morrissette/Odeen approve minutes. Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Bills: \$1,385,749.16

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

PUBLIC COMMENT, PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

City Administrator Scot Simpson introduced the City's new EMS Director Jason Stroud.

Ben Fochs, 680 County Road MM – came to speak about the City's street naming policy and what he felt was a clear violation of the policy. He also asked about the compost fee including food waste.

Aldersperson Morrissette made a statement about the Town of Troy. He talked about efforts to work with the Town in boundary discussions. On both occasions, the Town decided not to move forward. Morrissette talked about the legal annexation of City property. Rather than talking to the City about any concerns, the Town decided to sue the City. The St. Croix District Court ruled in favor of the City. Morrissette provided details about the case and talked about the Town appealing the case costing River Falls residents in total over \$180,000 plus countless staff hours. Morrissette said the Town of Troy hasn't made any attempt to repair the damage caused by this unnecessary legal action. He questions why the City would continue any type of working relationship with the Town of Troy – specifically regarding the EMS services currently in place. Morrissette requested that staff prepare a report that examines the following: the EMS financial model with and without the service to the Town of Troy and the contract requirements for notices of termination to both parties.

Randy Lindquist from West Central Wisconsin Biosolids came to provide a report to Council. He provided a history. River Falls was one of 11 regional members that came together to form the organization. The

organization processes biosolids from the City's wastewater plant. Today, there are 21 communities participating. Twenty million gallons of an exceptional Class A safe, quality sludge is produced. The organization doesn't make money; it just provides a service. Last year, River Falls had 354 truckloads, 2.5 million gallons and 713,465 pounds of waste hauled from the City. Lindquist encouraged attendance at the annual meeting in November. There were no questions from Council.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2018-09 - An Ordinance Repealing Section 2.04.130, Committee of the Whole-Second Reading and Disposition

At 6:42 p.m., the Mayor recessed into a Public Hearing. With no one wishing to comment, the Mayor moved into Open Session at 6:43 p.m. MSC Watson/Bjerstedt move to approve the ordinance.

Unanimous.

Ordinance No. 2018-10 - An Ordinance Repealing Section 10.24.080, Snowmobile Renters License -Second Reading and Disposition

At 6:44 p.m., the Mayor recessed into a Public Hearing. With no one wishing to comment, the Mayor moved into Open Session at 6:44 p.m. MSC Morrissette/Odeen move to approve the ordinance.

Unanimous.

Ordinance No. 2018-11 - An Ordinance Repealing Section 10.20, Bicycles -Second Reading and Disposition

At 6:44 p.m., the Mayor recessed into a Public Hearing. With no one wishing to comment, the Mayor moved into Open Session at 6:45 p.m. MS Downing/Watson move to approve the ordinance. Alderperson Morrissette noted that adopting this ordinance doesn't affect the City's Bike Friendly status. Alderperson Downing said it made it more 'bike friendly.' **The Mayor asked for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.**

Ordinance No. 2018-12 - An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.64 Utility Advisory Board -Second Reading and Disposition

At 6:45 p.m., the Mayor recessed into a Public Hearing. With no one wishing to comment, the Mayor moved into Open Session at 6:45 p.m. MSC Morrissette/Page move to approve the ordinance.

Unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Acknowledgement of the following minutes: Library Board – 6/25/18; EMS Advisory Board – 6/4/18; Police and Fire Commission – 6/4/18; Utility Advisory Board – 6/18/18; Business Improvement District - 7/10/18

Resolution Approving 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan→→***Pulled by Downing***

Resolution No. 6294 - Regarding Compost Clean Up Fee

Resolution No. 6295 - Regarding Safe Ride Home Program

Resolution Regarding Hanson Utility Easement and Hanson Drive Right of Way Clean Up→→***Pulled by Downing***

Resolution Authorizing North Substation SCADA Panel Purchase→→***Pulled by Downing***

Resolution No. 6296 - Regarding Electric Service Truck Chassis and Body

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

Resolution No. 6297 - Approving 2019-2023 Capital Improvement Plan

Downing asked about the plans for the Council Chambers.

Assistant City Administrator Bergstrom provided a presentation on the CIP. She talked about the development of the plan and the first presentation to Council at a workshop in June. The plan totals \$42.5 million in projects and capital purchases in a variety of areas including City buildings (including a proposed Police Department

building), economic development (including Mann Valley Corporate Park), parks (Glen Park construction) and transportation (Hwy. 35 and Division Street interchange). These four projects make up 50 percent of the plan. Bergstrom talked about funding for the projects. She said the general property tax levy accounts for only four percent. Bergstrom broke down the funding by project. She talked about the City's vehicle replacement schedule.

Bergstrom answered Downing's question and talked about physical changes to the Council Chambers and upgrades to the monitors and cameras. City Administrator Simpson provided more detail and talked about the Council dais taking up most of the room.

Downing asked more questions about the downtown alleys. Simpson provided a detailed answer and noted the money was for the physical pavement of the alley. There was further discussion.

Downing asked Utility Director Westhuis to talk about oxidation ditch aeration. Westhuis provided background information, and he talked about how oxygen is introduced into the ditch and how staff made a cost-saving repair. **MSC Downing/Odeen move to approve the resolution. Unanimous.**

Resolution No. 6298 - Regarding Hanson Utility Easement and Hanson Drive Right-of-Way Clean Up

Downing asked if there were any technical details that have changed. Utility Director Westhuis provided a presentation. He recognized the Hanson family for its patience and cooperative attitude in working with the City. Westhuis provided background of the project. He talked about an underground being installed without a formal easement with the Hanson Family. Staff has been meeting with the family for the last 18 months, and he believes an agreement has been reached. Westhuis talked about the Hansons wanting to clean up right-of-way issues. He showed a map and talked about ownership. Westhuis explained the Hanson family will give a 20' easement and the City will take full ownership from Division Street to the Hanson property line and make it a normal street. Should the Hansons annex in the future, the City will extend water/sewer lines.

Westhuis asked Downing if his question was answered. Downing said yes and appreciated the work that has been done.

Alderson Bjerstedt asked about the street width. Westhuis said the width would be continued as shown on the map. Bjerstedt also asked if any of the Hanson family had questions or comments. The representative of the family felt everything was okay. Alderson Morrissette asked for clarification on road improvements. Westhuis answered and provided details. Morrissette thanked the Hanson family for their patience and for working with the City. A representative of the Hanson family had a question about plowing of the street.

City Engineer Reid Wronski provided a detailed answer. He assumed the City would leave this as a private driveway until there comes a time when it needs to be declared a public street. Bjerstedt asked if there was any liability for them to plow on City property. Wronski said no. Simpson talked about other public right-of-ways in the City. **Upon the completion of discussion, the Mayor asked for a vote. MSC Downing/Odeen move to approve resolution. Unanimous.**

Resolution No. 6299 - Authorizing North Substation SCADA Panel Purchase

Alderson Downing asked about the warranty for the SCADA technology and if the SCADA systems 'work together' after the upgrade.

Operations Superintendent Siverling addressed the warranty question. He said a 12-year-old SCADA system failed, and the company replaced it in full without expense. It is a reputable company based in Wisconsin.

SCADA Engineer Dietsche asked Downing to repeat the question. Dietsche said the electric SCADA is one system we are installing. The panel will bring the north substation in line with the equipment at the south substation and at the power plant. All the equipment will work together. **MSC Downing/Odeen move to approve resolution. Unanimous.**

REPORTS

Administrator's Report

City Administrator Simpson shared upcoming important dates.

Comptrollers Report for July 2018

Comptroller Odeen read the following report: General Fund revenues through the end of July were \$5,432,336 or 54 percent of budgeted. July revenues include \$298,179 in shared revenue and \$173,214 in transportation aids. Expenditures for the same period were \$5,191,421 or 52 percent of budgeted, for a net of revenues over expenditures of \$240,914.

At 7:20 p.m., MSC Bjerstedt/Morrisette move to adjourn. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi McKahan, Deputy Clerk