



**CITY OF RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN
COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

April 16, 2019

Mayor Toland called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Members Present: Alderpersons Todd Bjerstedt, Sean Downing, Christopher Gagne, Scott Morrissette, Diane Odeen, Michael Page, Hal Watson

Staff Present: Scot Simpson, City Administrator; City Attorney Dan Gustafson; City Clerk Amy White; Police Chief Gordon Young; Assistant City Administrator Julie Bergstrom; Finance Director Sarah Karlsson; Assistant to the City Administrator Brandt Johnson; Development Services Director Amy Peterson

Mayor Toland announced that Oaths of Office for the newly elected Council officials have been taken within the 10 days as required by *Wisconsin Statutes* for Alderperson at Large Diane Odeen; Sean Downing, District 1; Christopher Gagne, District 2; and Hal Watson, District 3

ELECTION OF COMMON COUNCIL OFFICERS:

Council President

MSC Odeen/Bjerstedt to nominate Scott Morrissette as Council President. Unanimous.

Comptroller

MSC Morrissette/Gagne to nominate Diane Odeen as Comptroller. Unanimous.

Deputy Comptroller

Comptroller Odeen appointed Hal Watson as Deputy Comptroller.

Parliamentarian

The Mayor appointed Diane Odeen as Parliamentarian.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER TO PLAN COMMISSION:

MSC Morrissette/Downing nominate Hal Watson to Plan Commission. Unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR/CONFIRMATION BY COUNCIL:

Mayor Toland recommended the following appointments:

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| Emergency Medical Service Advisory Board | Scott Morrissette |
| Historic Preservation Commission | Michael Page |
| Library Board | Diane Odeen |
| Parks and Recreation Board | Sean Downing |
| Design Review Committee | Chris Gagne |
| Utility Advisory Board | Scott Morrissette |
| Housing Authority | Todd Bjerstedt |

MSC Morrissette/Gagne move to approve the Mayor's appointments. Unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Resolution No. 6365 -Appointing Weld Riley S.C. as City Attorney

The Mayor appointed Nate Croes as City Forester.

Resolution No. 6366 - Appointing Pierce and St. Croix County Health Departments as Health Officer
MSC Morrissette/Odeen move to approve appointments of City Attorney, City Forester and Health Officer. Unanimous.

Resolution No. 6367 - Designating Public Depositories for Public Monies Held by the City of River Falls
MS Downing/Odeen move to approve resolution. Morrissette abstained from the vote. The resolution passed unanimously.

Review and Approve 2019 City Council Workshop and Special Meetings Schedule
The Council reviewed and approved the meetings schedule.

REVIEW OF OPEN MEETINGS LAWS/ETHICS

City Attorney Dan Gustafson provided Council with an outline about quorum/open meetings. He talked about four members constituting a quorum, the four things a Council majority must vote in favor for it to be binding, open meetings, definitions of a governmental body and meeting, written and phone conversations, walking quorums and attendance at bodies' meetings. Gustafson answered Councilors' questions.

REPORT ON ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES

City Administrator Simpson provided Council with an organizational chart and details. There were no questions from the Council.

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review meeting date was set for May 30. The Mayor confirmed the necessary number of Councilors would be present for the Board of Review.

MSC Bjerstedt/Watson moved to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi McKahan, Deputy City Clerk