



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

**April 21, 2020**

Mayor Toland called the meeting to order at 5:27 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

**Members Present:** Alderpersons Todd Bjerstedt, Sean Downing, Christopher Gagne, Scott Morrisette, Diane Odeen, Ben Plunkett, Hal Watson

**Staff Present:** Scot Simpson, City Administrator; City Attorney Chris Gierhart; others

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 the Mayor; Alderpersons at Large Scott Morrisette and Ben Plunkett; and Todd Bjerstedt, District 4

**ELECTION OF COMMON COUNCIL OFFICERS:**

**Council President**

**MS Odeen/Downing to nominate Scott Morrisette as Council President. The roll call vote was 7-0 with all voting in favor.**

**Comptroller**

**MS Morrisette/Downing to nominate Diane Odeen as Comptroller. The roll call vote was 7-0 with all voting in favor.**

**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:**

**MS Morrisette/Gagne nominate Hal Watson to Plan Commission. The roll call vote was 7-0 with all voting in favor.**

**APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR/CONFIRMATION BY COUNCIL:**

Mayor Toland recommended the following appointments:

Emergency Medical Service Advisory Board	Scott Morrisette
Historic Preservation Commission	Ben Plunkett
Library Board	Diane Odeen
Parks and Recreation Board	Sean Downing
Design Review Committee	Chris Gagne
Utility Advisory Board	Scott Morrisette
Housing Authority	Todd Bjerstedt

**MS Watson/Downing move to approve the Mayor's appointments. The roll call vote was 7-0 with all voting in favor.**

**APPOINTMENTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS**

City Attorney - Weld Riley S.C.

City Forester – Nate Croes

Health Officer – Pierce and St. Croix County Health Departments

**MS Watson/Downing move to approve the Mayor’s appointments of City officials. The roll call vote was 7-0 with all voting in favor.**

Resolution No. 6465 – Designating Public Depositories for Public Monies Held by the City of River Falls

**MS Odeen/Watson move to approve the resolution. Alderperson Morrisette said he would abstain because his employer was included in the resolution. The roll call vote was 6-0 with all voting in favor.**

**REPORT ON ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES**

City Administrator Simpson provided Council with an organizational chart and details. He talked about work reassignments due to Covid 19.

Alderperson Downing asked Simpson to speak about the two new positions – wastewater operator and senior accountant. Simpson provided information about the positions.

Alderperson Gagne asked about filling a vacancy left by a Police Officer retirement. Simpson said there is a hiring freeze, and the City would not be filling it at this time.

**BOARD OF REVIEW**

The Board of Review meeting date was set for May 26 but will adjourn to Thursday, August 6, 2020, at 4 p.m. as when the assessment roll is completed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi McKahan, Deputy City Clerk