

**CITY OF TWO RIVERS
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, December 19, 2016 - 6:00PM
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Patrick Gagnon at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call – Present: Mark Bittner, John Casavant, Patrick Gagnon, Kay Koach, Darla LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Jim Taddy, Brad Yaggie. Absent and Excused: Jack Powalisz.

Also present were Jeff Dawson, Lester Library Director; Ross Blaha, Water Utility Director; Joe Collins, Police Chief; Dave Buss, Finance Director; Jim McDonald, Public Works Director; Scott Schneider, Fire Chief; Jack Bruce, City Attorney and Greg Buckley, City Manager.

Consideration of any Councilmember request to participate in this meeting from a remote location. None.

The City Clerk reported that notice of the meeting was given to the official newspaper and posted on the bulletin board in City Hall on Thursday, December 15, 2016.

Input from the Public. None.

Council Communications. None.

Council Reports from Boards/Commissions/Committees. None.

City Manager's Report.

Invited Guests.

Paul LeVene, President of the Friends of Two Rivers Senior Center, and Tammy Desten, Senior Center Supervisor, presented a check for \$13,936.00, representing 1,379 active members of the Senior Center, to President Gagnon. These funds are donated annually, in support of the Senior Center's operating budget.

Mr. Buckley noted that State Representative Andre Jacque held a Town Hall meeting earlier in the day at City Hall, and introduced Mr. Jacque as an invited guest. Rep. Jacque

addressed legislation that he is currently working on relative to Medical Assistance, Social Hosting, Brownfield, and Veterans Services. Rep. Jacque stated that he enjoys working with the City of Two Rivers. Mr. Buckley referred to the League of Wisconsin Municipalities legislative agenda for 2017-2018, urging Rep. Jacques' support for issues like TIF law reform, and "dark store" legislation.

Status/Update Reports.

1. Lincoln Avenue Project. Bids came in at about 15% below cost estimate. City cost is for replacement of water and sewer utilities and a portion of roadway costs. Overall, the bid resulted in these costs coming in \$450,000 less than estimated. Vinton Construction of Manitowoc and Two Rivers was the successful low bidder.

2. Strategic Planning Process Planned for First Quarter, 2017. Mr. Buckley provided the Council with information on three (3) firms that he is suggesting for consideration.

3. Mr. Buckley congratulated Police Chief Joe Collins on receiving a Master's Degree from Silver Lake College in Manitowoc.

4. Mr. Buckley congratulated Library Director Jeff Dawson and his staff on celebrating the 125th Anniversary of the Lester Public Library.

5. Mr. Buckley gave kudos to the Public Works crews for their excellent snowplowing and cleanup following the most recent snow storm on December 17, 2016.

6. Mr. Buckley reported on followup discussions with Sandra Carpenter of WisDOT relative to the City's request for East Side Trail supplemental funding for \$140,000. He further reported that State Representative Jacque and State Senator Frank Lasee have committed to sending support letters to WisDOT in favor of this project.

7. St. Mark's Square. Mr. Buckley reported that the Plan Commission has tabled zoning and development plans until January 2017. Mr. Buckley and Marty Marchek, Two Rivers Planning consultant, met with Impact 7 and Lakeshore CAP, who indicated that the overall

project has been put on hold because of questions about how proposed Federal income tax will impact the value of Low Income Housing tax credits. He added that the State of Wisconsin has delayed its next application cycle for such tax credits from February to March 2017.

Legislative/Intergovernmental Update.

Mr. Buckley thanked State Representative Andre Jacque for holding a Town Hall meeting earlier in the day and for attending the Council meeting.

The following Consent Agenda items were considered: Minutes from the December 5, 2016 Regular City Council meeting; Applications for Operator's Licenses – Recommended for Approval for Duerschmidt, Amanda E., 1710 24th Street, Two Rivers, Genrich, Lindsey M., 1009 25th, Two Rivers, McCord, Cynthia A., 11273 Lakeshore Rd, Two Rivers, Villers, Ashley L., 1919 State Hwy 147 W, Mishicot; Minutes of Meetings from Business and Industrial Development Committee and Community Development Authority, August 23, 2016, Business and Industrial Development Committee and Community Development Authority, October 20, 2016, Lester Library Board of Trustees, November 8, 2016, Business Improvement District Board, November 21, 2016, Public Works, December 5, 2016, Public Utilities, December 6, 2015, Plan Commission, December 12, 2016; Department Reports for the Month of November from Electric, Fire, Inspections, Library, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Safety, Water; Financial Reports for the Month of October for General Fund, Debt Service, Lester Public Library; Summary of Verified Bills for the Month of November in the Amount of \$1,727,708.28.

A motion was made by Councilmember Yaggie, seconded by Councilmember Koach, to approve the Consent Agenda with the various actions recommended. Upon Voice vote, motion carried.

President Gagnon presented a Zoning Code Text Amendment Section 10-1-16(g)(4) to revise the provisions for driveways.

A motion was made by Councilmember Shimulunas, seconded by Councilmember Taddy, to set a Public Hearing for Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:0 PM, as recommended by the Plan Commission. Upon Voice vote, motion carried.

City Council Unfinished Business. None.

For Information Only: The City Manager addressed the following:

- City Hall Closed for Holidays on December 23 & 26, 2016 and January 2, 2017
- Lester Library Closed for Holidays on December 23-26 & 30, 31, 2016 and January 1 & 2, 2017
- City Council Work Session Rescheduled for Tuesday, December 27, 2016 and First Regular Meeting will be Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:00 PM
- Nomination Papers are now available in the City Clerk's Office for the Office of Two Rivers City Councilmember. Three seats are up for Election in April. 100 signatures needed and all nomination papers need to be filed in the Clerk's Office on or before Tuesday, January 3, 2017. Non-candidacy forms for current councilmembers are due by 5:00 PM on Friday, December 23, 2016.

Closed Executive Session.

At 6:56 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember Koach, seconded by Councilmember Casavant, to enter into Closed Sessions, per Wisc. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) to discuss possible City assistance to Economic Development projects, property acquisition and matters pertaining to City Utility easement and the City's rights under said easement. Upon Roll Call vote; Ayes (8), Bonnie Shimulunas, Jim Taddy, Brad Yaggie, Mark Bittner, John Casavant, Patrick Gagnon, Kay Koach, Darla LeClair; Noes (0), None. Motion carried.

At 7:10 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember Yaggie, seconded by Councilmember Shimulunas, to reconvene in open session. Upon Voice vote, motion carried.

At 7:10 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember Yaggie, seconded by Councilmember Casavant, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and adjourn the meeting.

Upon Voice vote, motion carried.

Kim Graves
City Clerk