

**CITY OF TWO RIVERS
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, March 6, 2017 - 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: Bonnie Shimulunas, Jim Taddy, Brad Yaggie, Mark Bittner, John Casavant, Patrick Gagnon, Kay Koach, Darla LeClair, Jack Powalisz. Absent: None.

Also present were Jeff Dawson, Lester Library Director; Ross Blaha, Water Utility Director; Jim McDonald, Public Works Director; Dave Buss, Finance Director; Scott Schneider, Fire Chief; Judy Goodchild, Parks and Recreation Director; Joe Collins, Police Chief; Ken Kozak, Electric Utility Director; Scott Ahl, Civil Engineer; 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, March 2, 2017.

President Gagnon opened the Public Hearing for an Ordinance to Amend the District Map to Change Zoning for 1412 20th Street from B-1 Business District to R-3 Single and Double Family Residence District, submitted by Robert Limon and Nicole Malek Owners.

After calling three times and seeing no one wishing to address the Council, President Gagnon closed the hearing and asked for a motion. Mr. Buckley noted that Mr. Limon and Ms Malek were in attendance at this meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Koach, seconded by Councilmember Taddy, to waive reading and adopt the Ordinance, as recommended by the Plan Commission. Upon a roll call vote, Ayes

(9) Jim Taddy, Brad Yaggie, Mark Bittner, John Casavant, Patrick Gagnon, Kay Koach, Darla LeClair, Jack Powalisz, Bonnie Shimulunas; Noes (0) None. Motion carried.

President Gagnon opened a Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit to Recycle and Store Concrete Pavement and Milled Asphalt in the B-2 business District at 3612 Lincoln Avenue, submitted by Vinton-Green Bay, LLC

On the first call the following person addressed the Council:

- Paul Dier, 1100 Mahogany Court, Two Rivers, asked if the concrete and asphalt was going to be stored at this site all year and used as a batch plant. He also stated his concerns about the dust problem with the crushing of the concrete. Rich Lamers, Representative from Vinton-Green Bay stated the storage of the concrete and asphalt will only be until October 27, 2017 as stated in the Conditional Use Permit. As far as the dust and the crushing of the concrete, that will only be done as needed and stated there will be minimal dust due to the processes they use. Mr. Lamrs also stated that the proposed conditional use permit does not allow for operation of a concrete batch plant.

On the second and third call, no one addressed the Council. President Gagnon closed the hearing and asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Yaggie, seconded by Councilmember Powalisz, to approve the Conditional Use Permit, as recommended by the Plan Commission. Upon a roll call vote, Ayes (9) Brad Yaggie, Mark Bittner, John Casavant, Patrick Gagnon, Kay Koach, Darla LeClair, Jack Powalisz, Bonnie Shimulunas, Jim Taddy; Noes (0) None. Motion carried.

President Gagnon opened a Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit to Operate Three (3) Self Storage Buildings in the B-2 Business District in the 3100 Block of Garfield Street, submitted by Lairs Veldre, d/b/a VP Commercial, LLC Owner

After calling three times, and seeing no one wishing to address the Council, President Gagnon closed the hearing and asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Koach, seconded by Councilmember Taddy, to approve the Conditional Use Permit, as recommended by the Plan Commission. Upon a roll call vote, Ayes (9) Mark Bittner, John Casavant, Patrick Gagnon, Kay Koach, Darla LeClair, Jack Powalisz, Bonnie Shimulunas, Jim Taddy, Brad Yaggie; Noes (0) None. Motion carried.

President Gagnon opened a Public Hearing on Final Resolution Authorizing Special Assessments for Concrete Pavement Replacement and Storm Sewer Improvements, to be Charged Against Properties Fronting on Lincoln Avenue Between 22nd Street and 35th Place.

On the first call, no one addressed the Council.

On the second call, the following person addressed the Council:

- Robert LaPoint, 3109 Lincoln Avenue, he stated he owns the largest lot and is concerned about the cost of his assessment and requested a longer period than the ten year policy to pay his assessments. Mr. Buckley stated the City Council could consider his request and authorize a longer repayment term; he added that, while Mr. LaPoint's proposed special assessment of \$7,779.45 is the largest for any property on this project, it is not unusually large when compared to special assessments for the rebuilding of local streets, where there is no WisDOT participation.

No one addressed the Council on the third call. President Gagnon, closed the Public Hearing and asked for a motion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Yaggie, seconded by Councilmember Taddy, to waive reading and adopt the Resolution. Upon a roll call vote, Ayes (9) John Casavant, Patrick Gagnon, Kay

Koach, Darla LeClair, Jack Powalisz, Bonnie Shomulunas, Jim Taddy, Brad Yaggie, Mark Bittner; Noes
(0) None. Motion carried.

Input from the Public. The following person addressed the Council:

Tim Tegen, 1019 27th Street, asked if the City will be putting up more Christmas decorations along Washington Street this year, besides the lights on the trees. He stated that years past there were more decorations in downtown and central park. He also asked about the water rates since Hamilton Industries closed and the new water lateral ordinance. He also asked if there will be limited parking on 27th Street when the reconstruction of Lincoln Avenue begins. Mr. Buckley responded that the downtown Christmas decorations, aside from those on City Hall and the Community House and in Central Park, have historically been funded by the Two Rivers Business Association, and that group has done some fund raising in recent years for new downtown decorations. The City Manager also stated that, because Hamilton was not a large water user, its closing did not have a big impact on that utility. He encouraged Mr. Tegen to contact the City Manager's Office for further information on these issues.

Council Communications:

1. Councilmember Bittner stated he is in receipt of a letter from the Two Rivers Historical Society in support of the Sister City concept. President Gagnon stated there is a Resolution on the Agenda addressing this matter.
2. Mr. Buckley noted that the Two Rivers Elks honored Lt. John Reimer as Police Officer of the Year and Travis Gunderson as Firefighter/Paramedic of the Year at a recent dinner. Resolution of Commendations will be on an upcoming agenda.

City Manager's Report:

Invited Guests:

Mr. Buckley called upon Joe Collins, Police Chief to introduce new Part Time Police Officer, Dakota Gamez. City Clerk Graves administered the Oath of Office to Officer Gamez and the City Council welcomed him. Police Chief Collins, also introduced newly promoted Detective Lieutenant Melissa Arps. The Council congratulated Ms. Arps. Police Chief Collins, introduced Police Officer Kellen Gennrich, who began his employment with the City of Two Rivers on August 22, 2016, and had not previously been introduced to City Council.. The Council welcomed Officer Gennrich.

Mr. Buckley introduced Russ Green, Regional Coordinator of Proposed Wisconsin Lake Michigan National Marine Sanctuary. Mr. Green gave a presentation on the National Marine Sanctuary System. Mr. Buckley noted there is a meeting at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, Tuesday, March 14, 2017 and invited everyone to attend this meeting in support of this endeavor.

Status/Update Reports:

1. Mr. Buckley stated the contractors for the audio/visual upgrade in the Council Chambers will be starting on March 7. He noted the Councilmembers will have high resolution monitors and new microphones at their places for the March 20th meeting.
2. Mr. Buckley stated that the City crews recently started the site prep work and Engineering will be advertising for bids within the next couple of weeks, for the Lakefront Way street construction adjacent to Holy Family Memorial's new Lakefront Clinic.
3. Mr. Buckley stated Vinton Construction is planning to begin asphalt milling on Lincoln Avenue on March 17, and will begin removal of the underlying concrete for sewer main replacement the week of March 20.

4. Mr. Buckley reported the City received a grant in the amount of \$74,500 from the Fund for Lake Michigan to develop a preliminary design for water quality and green storm water infrastructure at the former Hamilton Manufacturing Company site.

Legislative/Intergovernmental Update.

1. Mr. Buckley and Ken Kozak, Electric Utility Director, recently attended the American Public Power Association Legislative Conference in Washington DC. Mr. Buckley stated he had the opportunity to meet with representatives of Congressman Grothman, Johnson and Baldwin, to discuss Two Rivers issues, in addition to the APPA-related sessions...

The following Consent Agenda items were considered: Minutes from the February 20, 2017, Regular Meeting; Application for Beverage Operator License – Recommended for Approval from Corey J. Bowe, Jr., 1727 30th Street, April L. Wolfgram, 2415 Adams Street; Application for Temporary Class “B” Retailer’s License – Recommended for Approval for Friends of the Two Rivers Senior Center for Ultimate Legends Concert, Friday, March 10, 2017 from 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM at the J.E. Hamilton Community House; Friends of the Two Rivers Senior Center for Badger Night on Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 3:00 PM – 12:00 AM at the J.E. Hamilton Community House; Minutes of Meetings for Committee On Aging, January 9, 2017, Advisory Recreation Board, February 14, 2017, Public Utilities Committee, February 16, 2017, Public Works Committee, February 20, 2017, Personnel and Finance Committee, February 20, 2017, Ad Hoc Committee on Economic Development Planning, February 23, 2017; Summary of Verified Bills for the month of February in the amount of \$3,572,025.21.

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

President Gagnon presented the 2017 Street Closure Request from Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Buckley noted that the list showed over 20 special events in the downtown area, requiring street closures.

A motion was made by Councilmember Yaggie, seconded by Councilmember Taddy, to approve the request as submitted. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

President Gagnon presented a recommendation for selection of a project consultant for Economic Development Strategic Planning. He reported on the very positive reference checks for the Ad Hoc Committee's preferred consultant, Redevelopment Resources of Madison.

A motion was made by Councilmember Yaggie, seconded by Councilmember Bittner, to authorize a contract for Consulting Services with Redevelopment Resources of Madison, in the amount not to exceed \$33,495, as recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee. Mr. Buckley noted the City's last economic development strategic planning process was done in 1996. He added that the Ad Hoc Committee interviewed three different consultants, and there was a clear consensus in favor of Redevelopment Resources. Upon a roll call vote, Ayes (9) Darla LeClair, Jack Powalysz, Bonnie Shimulunas, Jim Taddy, Brad Yaggie, Mark Bittner, John Casavant, Patrick Gagnon, Kay Koach; Noes (0) None. Motion carried.

President Gagnon presented a Resolution of Interest in Establishing Sister city Relationship with the City of Domazlice in the Czech Republic.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bittner, seconded by Councilmember Koach, to read and adopt the Resolution. Mr. Buckley read the Resolution aloud. Upon a roll call vote, Ayes (9) Patrick Gagnon, Kay Koach, Darla LeClair, Jack Powalysz, Bonnie Shimulunas, Jim Taddy, Brad Yaggie, Mark Bittner, John Casavant, Patrick Gagnon; Noes (0) None. Motion carried.

City Council Unfinished Business. None.

For Information Only: The City Manager addressed the following:

1. Progress Lakeshore's Investor Social & Wisconsin Ag Education Center Campaign, Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 5:00PM, Wisconsin Maritime Museum
2. Scholar for Life Lecture, 6:00 PM at Lester Public Library, Wednesday, March 8
3. League of Women Voters, City Council Candidate Forum, Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM Behringer Room, Community House; also to be live-streamed on the Internet
4. Public Meeting on Wisconsin-Lake Michigan National Marine Sanctuary; Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 6:30 PM at Wisconsin Maritime Museum
5. Two Rivers Main Street Great Trivia Contest, Friday, March 17, 2017 at the Community House
6. Two Rivers 10-Mile Relay, 2 Mile Run/Walk, Sunday, March 19, 2017
7. Two Rivers Historical Society Remembering Romy Gosz, Sunday, March 19, 2017 at 1:00 PM at the Community House
8. State Representative Andre Jacque will hold a Town Hall Meeting, Monday March, 20, 2017 at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers
9. Choose to Refuse Drugs Event at Two Rivers High School, Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM, sponsored by Two Rivers Rotary and Next Era Energy
10. Mr. Buckley noted that Assistant Fire Chief Dave Murack was asked to speak to the State Assembly in Madison regarding the EPI Pen Program

Closed Executive Session.

At 7:30 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember Koach, seconded by Councilmember Yaggie, to enter into Closed Sessions, per Wisc. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) to discuss possible City

Assistance to Economic Development Projects; to discuss possible property acquisition and discuss results of recent environmental testing activity on and near City-owned property and property owned by others; discuss possible regulatory agency actions and negotiations related thereto. Upon Roll Call vote; Ayes (9), Kay Koach, Darla LeClair, Jack Powalysz, Bonnie Shimulunas, Jim Taddy, Brad Yaggie, Mark Bittner, John Casavant, Patrick Gagnon; Noes (0), None. Motion carried.

At 7:40 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember Taddy, seconded by Councilmember Yaggie, to reconvene in Open Session. Upon Voice vote, motion carried.

At 7:40 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember Shimulunas, seconded by Councilmember Yaggie, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and adjourn the meeting. Upon Voice vote, motion carried.

Kim M. Graves
City Clerk