

**CITY OF TWO RIVERS
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, May 15, 2017 - 6:00PM
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Kay Koach at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call – Present: Darla LeClair, Jack Powalisz, Bonnie Shimulunas, Mark Bittner, John Casavant, David England, Patrick Gagnon, Erin Gonnerman, Kay Koach; Absent: None

Also present were Jeff Dawson, Lester Library Director; Dave Buss, Finance Director; Scott Schneider, Fire Chief; Judy Goodchild, Parks and Recreation Director; Joe Collins, Police Chief; Ross Blaha, Water Utility Director; 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, May 11, 2017.

Input from the Public. No one addressed the Council.

Council Communications:

Invitation from the Robert E. Burns Post of the American Legion, for Council Members to participate in the Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 29, 2017: Pre-Parade Assembly and Wreath-Laying Ceremony at 8:30AM in Central Park; Parade Steps Off at 9:00 AM.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gagnon, seconded by Councilmember Casavant to receive and file. Councilmembers Gonnerman, Casavant, Koach, Powalisz and Shimulunas indicated that they will be participating.

Councilmember LeClair stated she received a phone call from Mike Cleveland, requesting additional work done at the skate park. Mrs. LeClair referred him to Judy Goodchild, Parks and Recreation Director to discuss.

Council Reports from Boards/Commissions/Committees. There were no reports.

City Manager's Report:

A. Invited Guests:

1. Dolly McNulty, Ice Age Trail Communities. Mrs. McNulty distributed information regarding the Ice Age Trail within the communities of Manitowoc and Two Rivers. She also presented the City a sign designating Two Rivers as an official Ice Age Trail Community, and noted that an event commemorating the designation of both Two Rivers and Manitowoc as Ice Age Trail Communities is planned for Saturday, August 5, 2017.
2. Jim Christensen, Domazlice Sister exchange group, reported on his recent visit to that city the Czech Republic, along with nine other are residents. Mr. Christensen stated the trip was great and presented the City a proclamation from Domazlice.
3. Jeff Dawson, director, Lester Public Library, reported on a reading project in partnership with the Rhea County High School in Evensville, Tennessee. Richard Daugherty, the literacy coordinator and Emmaly Fisher, the school librarian at the RCHS, had the entire high school student body work on a literacy project that featured Two Rivers--all because our city is the home of the ice cream sundae. The students worked out the math: at 710 miles and at 2,000 steps per mile, it would take 1,420,000 steps to travel from Evensville to Two Rivers. With one page of reading per step, that translated to each student reading four 200-page books by the end of this school year. Students marked their progress on a bulletin board next to a display of Two Rivers memorabilia in the school library. There was an ice cream sundae party

on May 10, 2017, to celebrate reaching Two Rivers, attended by Mr. Dawson. Over 1500 ice cream sundaes were served to students, faculty and staff of the Rhea County High School in less than one hour. During a ceremony preceding the ice cream party, Dawson was presented with a proclamation by Rhea County Executive, George Thacker, naming 'May 10, 2017, as Two Rivers, Wisconsin Day in Rhea County, Tennessee. Mr. Dawson stated that he was honored to be a part of this amazing journey in literacy.

B. Resolution Declaring May 21-27, 2017 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

A motion was made by Councilmember Shimulunas, seconded by Councilmember Gagnon, to read and adopt the Resolution. Upon a roll call vote, Ayes (9) Jack Powalisz, Bonnie Shimulunas, Mark Bittner, John Casavant, David England, Patrick Gagnon, Erin Gonnerman, Kay Koach, Darla LeClair; Noes (0) None. Motion carried. Fire Chief Schneider read the Resolution aloud.

Status/Update Reports:

1. Mr. Buckley stated the Lincoln Avenue project is moving along and Vinton Construction is staying on schedule with the project. He encouraged everyone to support these businesses during the construction period.
2. Mr. Buckley reported that Will Dorsey from the DOT continues interest in working with the City on the Memorial Drive Wayside and he intends to provide DOT with a draft agreement by the end of May.
3. Mr. Buckley reported that the City remains interested in acquiring the Canadian National Railroad Right-of-Way from Madison Street to Woodland Drive. The City offered \$1.00 in exchange for taking responsibility for removal of the swing bridge (cost estimated at \$365,000). Last year, the railroad indicated that the City's offer was not sufficient. Mr. Buckley

stated that staff and consultants from McMahon Associates are reviewing the right-of-way area to see how much of this area is wetland, prior to considering a new proposal to the railroad.

4. Mr. Buckley detailed a recent meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding harbor entry design modifications to address surge and shoaling issues. The Corp is expected to submit a written engineering report within two weeks, identifying design alternatives.

5. Mr. Buckley reported that the owners of the property at 1326 East River Street (former Blue Goose Tavern) received a jurisdictional offer from the City on April 15, 2017. That offer was rejected and the City Attorney has now prepared a petition of condemnation to be filed with the Circuit Court. The Circuit Court Judge is expected to refer the petition to the County's Condemnation Commissioners for a determination as to the appropriate amount of compensation to be paid for the property.

6. Mr. Buckley reported on the Vietnam Veterans Park lighting issue. It was determined that several poles need to be replaced and the City is continuing to work with the Two Rivers Youth Sports Group on this project.

7. Hamilton Waterfront Property Acquisition. Mr. Buckley stated he sent a letter to Thermo Fisher Officials, reporting on the actions taken by City Council on May 8, 2016, but have not received a response.

8. Mr. Buckley reported that Crescent Woolen Mills announced that it will be closing its doors at the end of June, unless a buyer for the company is found. Approximately 14 employees will be affected by this closing.

Legislative/Intergovernmental Update.

1. Mr. Buckley reviewed the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Bulletin of May 8,

2017 and addressed the issues contained in this bulletin.

2. Councilmember LeClair gave a report on her attendance at the Lobby Day in Madison on May 10, 2017.

3. Mr. Buckley discussed the “Dark Store” Bill, and the bill seeking to reverse the ruling in the case of Walgreens vs City of Madison.

4. Mr. Buckley stated the City was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation, which will be used to identify and plan for energy efficiency projects in city owned facilities. The City may be eligible for up to \$25,000 in additional grant funds to help implement such projects.

5. Mr. Buckley distributed copies of e-mails between the City of Manitowoc, Two Rivers and County of Manitowoc, regarding a possible County Sales Tax.

The following Consent Agenda items were considered: Minutes from the May 1, 2017, Regular Meeting; Applications for Beverage Operator Licenses – Recommended for Approval for Marlene E. Behrendt, 559 S Main Street, Mishicot, Angela L. Glover, 1613A 24th Street, Two Rivers, Amy T. Krueger, 2031 25th Street, Two Rivers, Lisa M. Matzke, 1715A 27th Street, Two Rivers, Paula S. Petri, 2220 Jefferson Street, Two Rivers, Lisa E, Richmond, 2316 Wilson Street, Two Rivers, Peter M. Schwarz, 5529 Old County Rd Q, Manitowoc, Taylor E. Shillcox, 2313 16th Street, Two Rivers; Application for Temporary Class “B” License – Recommended for Approval for Two Rivers Business Association for Carp Fest, June 3, 4, 2017 from 2:00 PM – 10:30 PM in front of Community House on West Park Street. Shooter Malone’s Softball Team, for Shooter Malone’s Softball Tournament, July 7-9, 2017 from 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM in Vietnam Veterans Park; Minutes of Meetings for Committee On Aging, February 6, 2017, Public Works Committee, April 3, 2017, Public Utilities Committee, April 4, 2017, Public

Works Committee, April 10, 2017, Public Utilities Committee, May 5, 2017; Monthly Department Reports for the month of April, 2017: Electric Department, Fire Department, Inspections Department, Lester Public Library, Parks and Recreation Department, Public Works Department Safety and Water Utility; Finance Budget Reports for Debt Service, General Fund, Lester Public Library and Utilities for month ending December, 2016; Finance Budget Reports for General Fund, Debt Service, Lester Public Library and Utilities for the first quarter of 2017 ending March, 2017; Summary of Verified Bills for the month of April, 2017 in the amount of \$2,272,852.02.

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

President Koach presented the Official Newspaper Declaration and Bid from the Herald Times Reporter.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gagnon, seconded by Councilmember Shimulunas, to accept bid as submitted and declare the Herald Times Reporter as the official newspaper of the City of Two Rivers. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

President Koach presented the City Manager's appointments to Boards, Committees and Commissions.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gagnon, seconded by Councilmember Powalisz, to approve the list as recommended by the City Manager. Preston Jones, Zoning Board of Appeals, Logan Kust to Advisory Recreation Board (Student Representative). Upon voice vote, motion carried.

President Koach presented a Noise Ordinance Waiver Request from TRBA for the Carp Fest on June 3 and 4, 2017 until 10:00 PM.

A motion was made by Councilmember Casavant, seconded by Councilmember England, to approve the request. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

President Koach presented a Letter Supporting Application for Not-For-Profit 501(c)(3) Status by Two Rivers Family Swim Center. Mr. Buckley noted that Bridgett Klein and Mark Ducat were in attendance and invited them forward to give a brief presentation on the history and operations of the Two Rivers Family Swim Center.

A motion was made by Councilmember LeClair, seconded by Councilmember Powalisz, to authorize the City Manager to send the letter, indicating City support, Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

City Council Unfinished Business.

President Koach presented a Resolution Determining Necessity for Acquisition of a Portion of the Downtown Property Owned by Jay and Mary Streu; Parcel identified as vacant land between East River Street and East Twin River, Parcel No, 0000530107, with area of approximately 0.10 acres, for public street purposes. (Tabled from May 8, 2017 Special Meeting)

A motion made by Councilmember Gagnon, seconded by Councilmember LeClair, to waive reading and adopt the Resolution and to authorize the City Manager to contract for a narrative appraisal of the properties to be acquired. Upon a roll call vote, Ayes (9) Bonnie Shimulunas, Mark Bittner, John Casavant, David England, Patrick Gagnon, Erin Gonnerman, Kay Koach, Darla LeClair, Jack Powalisz; Noes (0) None. Motion carried.

For Information Only: The City Manager addressed the following:

A. Prior to this meeting, the Community Development Authority authorized the sale of a lot in the Sandy Bay Highlands Subdivision.

B. Peace Officers Memorial Day is Monday, May 15, 2017; Ceremony at Noon on the 22nd Street Bridge, honoring fallen Officers Leo Rocque and Thomas Dodge. The following Councilmembers indicated that they will attend: Kay Koach, Bonnie Shimulunas, Patrick Gagnon, John Casavant, Mark Bittner.

C. Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep is May 19-20, 2017 9:00 AM – noon at Manitowoc County Highway Shop, 3500 Hwy 310

D. May Council Work Session is scheduled for Monday, May 22, at 6:00 PM, Council Chambers.

E. Memorial Day Parade is Monday, May 29th, gathering at 8:30 AM in Central Park

F. Two Rivers Water & Light Spring Recycle Day is Thursday, May 25, 2017 from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM, 1415 Lake Street

G. Recycle a Compact Fluorescent Lamp & enter to win a 40” Energy Star TV at participating retailers between June 26-July 30, promotion by City Electric Utility

H. Jazz in the Park is Tuesday, May 30, 6:00 PM in Central Park, performance by area high school musicians

I. Hamilton Woodtype Museum celebrates Wisconsin Museum Week from Sunday, May 14, through 20, free admission in exchange for a non-perishable food item and for every two items delivered, choose a free letterpress printed specimen sheet.

J. Two Rivers School District Art Show through the month of May at Lester Public Library.

K. Mr. Buckley stated that the Neshotah Charitable Foundation's recent "Dick Rohrer Memorial Badger Night" was a successful event. He stated that he was honored to be the Emcee for this event and to welcomed guest speaker Joshua Gasser. He noted that Parks and Rec Director Judy Goodchild and her staff did a great job of providing a venue and setup for this event and Police Chief Joe Collins assisted with comments about the Foundation and its work in support of youth in the community.

L. The Accidental Hero, a World War II story of a Two Rivers man who liberates the Czech village, of Domazlice, will be presented Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 7:30 PM, Capital Civic Center

Mr. Buckley stated there was no need for the Closed Session that was listed on tonight's agenda.

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



Kim M. Graves
City Clerk