

**CITY OF TWO RIVERS
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Monday, September 18, 2017 - 6:00PM
Council Chambers, City Hall
Regular Meeting**

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

President Koach led the Council and those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call – Present: Kay Koach, Darla LeClair, Jack Powalisz, Bonnie Shimulunas, Mark Bittner, John Casavant, David England, Patrick Gagnon, Erin Gonnerman.

Also present were Joe Collins, Police Chief; Jeff Dawson, Lester Library Director; Ken Kozak, Electric Utility Director; Judy Goodchild, Parks and Recreation Director; Rick Powell, EDP Supervisor; Brett LaChapelle, Park & Recreation Superintendent, 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, September 14, 2017.

Input from the Public. No one addressed the Council:

Council Communications: Councilmember England reported that he was contacted by a resident regarding the lead lateral replacements schedule; he noted that this resident has a property where the City replaced the “public side” of the lateral several years ago. Mr. Buckley responded that the City has contracted to replace the “private side” of the laterals at 71 such properties, and the Engineering Department half through contacting those property owners to make arrangements for installations. DNR grant funding for such “private lead service lateral replacement” is \$300,000 this year. The City is expecting \$500,000 in such funding in 2018.

Councilmember Gagnon stated that he had received an email from George Reis relative to a variety of Economic Development issues; he asked Mr. Buckley to provide copies of that letter to other Council members. Jack Powalisz stated that he has received compliments about live streaming of City Council meetings, but also noted audio problems due to Councilmembers not speaking into the microphones.

Council Reports from Boards/Commissions/Committees. None

City Manager's Report:

Invited Guests:

A. Ken Kozak introduced Jake Oelke, WPPI Energy; who presented "Doing More Together: Preparing for the Future through Joint Action". Mr. Oelke presented Two Rivers with a "115 Years of Public Power" Award and noted that October 1-7 is Public Power Week

Status/Update Reports:

1. Mr. Buckley stated that the Memorial Drive Wayside acquisition was reviewed earlier in the day by the WisDOT's NE Regional Surplus Properties Committee. The State expects to be able to issue a Quit Claim Deed by the end of the year. He added that a portion of the property would be deeded to Two Rivers and a portion to Manitowoc.
2. Mr. Buckley stated there is nothing new to report regarding acquisition of the Canadian National Railroad right-of-way.
3. Mr. Buckley reported that the City Attorney received an Award of Condemnation from the County Compensation Commissioners, determining that \$57,000 is the appropriate compensation for the property at 1326 East River Street (former Blue Goose Tavern Property). Both parties have 60 days to appeal the decision to Circuit Court. He noted that there would be an opportunity for further discussion of this matter in the closed session listed later on the agenda.

4. Mr. Buckley stated the information on replacing the lighting system at Vietnam Vets Park will be discussed later in the agenda.
5. Mr. Buckley noted that the Thermo Fisher Scientific appraisal report needs to be communicated with the two property owners. He added the field work has been completed on site at the Thermo Fisher property, for environmental assessment.
6. Mr. Buckley stated that an informational meeting on the proposed National Marine Sanctuary will be held on September 21, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Sheboygan Yacht Club.
7. Mr. Buckley stated that the sale of just under 2 acres of industrial park property to WG&R Bedding closed this morning.
8. Mr. Buckley informed that Vinton Construction will start tomorrow on the reconstruction of Pilon Court. Work on Wilson Street will begin shortly thereafter.
9. Mr. Buckley reported that Sewer Lining Projects on 25th and 13th Street were completed two weeks ago.
10. Mr. Buckley gave staffing updates, reporting that the Police and Fire Commission last week approved a new hiring list for the position of Firefighter/Paramedic and authorized conditional offers to two individuals for full-time employment. The PFC also approved Police Department eligibility lists for full-time and part-time officer positions. The department was also identified a top candidate for Community Service Officer.

Legislative/Intergovernmental Update

1. State Budget Update. The City Manager reported that the State Budget passed the Senate on the prior Friday night, after passing the Assembly earlier in the week. The Budget now goes to the Governor. He noted that the League of Municipalities has contacted members to urge the Governor to veto certain Budget provisions. He pointed out that the provisions

recommended for veto include the proposed prohibition on use of condemnation to acquire land for bicycle and pedestrian facilities. He then presented a proposed City Council resolution on this subject.

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

3. League of Wisconsin Municipalities Phosphorus Water Quality Standards Letter

4. Recent site visit to Harbor Park by Representatives of Wisconsin DNR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The City Manager reported that the visiting State and Federal program representatives were very impressed with the facility, and encouraged the City to pursue a Boating Infrastructure Grant for further harbor improvements.

The following Consent Agenda items were considered: Minutes from the September 5, 2017 Regular Meeting. Applications for Beverage Operator License – Recommended for approval for Cathleen S. Brooks, 1820 South 18th Street, Sadie M. Kramer, 3702 Tannery Road, Jonna M. Niquette, 1019 Pine Street; Application for Temporary “B” Retailer’s License for Autism Society of the Lakeshore, September 22 - 24, 2017, Friday 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM, Sunday 8:00 AM -5:00 PM, Vietnam Veterans Park for 2nd Annual Swing for Autism; Applications for Taxi Drivers for Mathew T. Winnekens, 1524 Marshall Street, Tammy J. Potter, 1524 Marshall Street; Minutes of Meetings for Committee on Aging, August 7, 2017, Lester Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting, August 8, 2017; August Department Reports for Electric, Fire, Lester Public Library, Public Works/Wastewater, Safety Program, Water Department; .Summary of Verified Bills for the Month of August 2017 in the amount of \$2,951,657.00.

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

President Koach presented the Bid Award for Vietnam Vets Park Lighting Project.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gagnon, seconded by Councilmember Gonnerman, to award installation contract to Hubbartt Electric of Manitowoc, in its bid amount of \$79,975, contingent upon City Council approval of the capital budget amendment that appeared next on the agenda. 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.

President Koach presented a Resolution Amending 2017 Capital Funds Budget to Provide Necessary Funds for Vietnam Vets Park Lighting Project.

A motion was made by Councilmember Simulunas, seconded by Councilmember LeClair, to waive reading and adopt the resolution. 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:

A. Mr. Buckley congratulated Main Street, sponsors and volunteers for a successful Ethnic Fest. He also reported on a recent concert at the Rotary Pavilion, and suggested it could be a model for future events.

B. Two Rivers Senior Center Over 80 Party, Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 11:00 AM

C. Two Rivers High School Octagon Club Electronics Recycling Event, Saturday, September 30, 2017, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM, J. E. Hamilton Community House Parking Lot (enter from 18th Street)

- D. Fall Bike and Hike Point Beach State Forest, September 30, 2017, 2:00 PM
Round Trip Ride to Port Sandy Bay, Food Served 4:00 – 7:00 PM
- E. Autumn Breakfast in the Park by Two Rivers Optimist Club, Sunday, October 1, 2017, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Concession Stand at Point Beach State Park
- F. Two Rivers Optimist Club Empty Bowl Lunch, Sunday, October 1, 2017, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, J.E. Hamilton Community House
- G. 3rd Annual Two Rivers Harvest Craft Fair, Saturday, October 7, 2017, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM, J.E. Hamilton Community House Gymnasium
- H. Two Rivers Lions Apple Fest, Saturday, Saturday, October 14, 2017, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Central Park and J.E. Hamilton Community House
- I. Holiday House 5K Walk & Roll, Saturday, October 14, 2017, 8:00 AM Check-in, Wayside Across from Aurora Hospital
- J. City Council Work Session, Monday, September 25, 2017, 6:00 PM, City Hall, 3rd Floor, City Council Chambers
- K. Work Session on Economic Development Strategic Plan, City Manager’s Request Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, 6:00 PM

At 7:35 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember Powalisz, seconded by Councilmember England, to enter into Closed Sessions, per Wisc. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investment of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session 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 and Per Wisc. Stats 19.85(1)(g), conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advise concerning strategy to

be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved to confer with legal counsel regarding property acquisition matters likely to be the subject of litigation.

Upon Roll Call vote; Ayes (9), Mark Bittner, John Casavant, David England, Patrick Gagnon, Erin Gonnerman, Kay Koach, Darla LeClair, Jack Powalysz, Bonnie Shimulunas; Noes (0), None. Motion carried.

At 8:00 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember Shimulunas, seconded by Councilmember Gagnon, to reconvene in Open Session. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

At 8:00 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember Shimulunas, 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