

**CITY OF TWO RIVERS  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
Tuesday, September 5, 2017 - 6:00PM  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Regular Meeting**

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

Also present were Jeff Dawson, Lester Library Director; Scott Schneider, Fire Chief; Judy Goodchild, Parks and Recreation 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, August 31, 2017.

Input from the Public. No one addressed the Council:

Council Communications: Letter from Gib St. Pierre [regarding requesting placement of a boat launch dock at on -27<sup>th</sup> Street at the East Twin River \(Paddlers' Park\)](#). A motion was made by Councilmember Gagnon, seconded by Councilmember Gonnerman, to receive and refer to the Advisory Recreation Board. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Council Reports from Boards/Commissions/Committees. Councilmember England suggested brochures and friendly reminders should be placed around the City about the new [animal dog ordinances](#). Councilmember Bittner reported [sharing concerns from residents about](#) scam calls and computer emails. Councilmember Gagnon stated [that he had received a communication from](#) George Reis [regarding a](#) number of Economic Development issues [within the City](#). Councilmember Gonnerman stated [that there were](#) long wait times for the

shuttle bus on Sunday for the Kites Over Lake Michigan. Mr. Buckley stated that this issue will be brought up with the festival committee. Councilmember Bittner ~~stated~~suggested that the decision to cancel the band for Kites Over Lake Michigan might have been~~be~~ made at a later time, since it was paid for regardless of the weather. Mr. Buckley stated that the people in charge of the event including Police Chief Collins, had monitored the weather very closely and were mindful of the time required for set-up by the band when that decision was made.

City Manager's Report:

Invited Guests:

1. Mr. Buckley called upon Parks and Recreation Director Judy Goodchild ~~for absent Tammy Desten of the Two Rivers Senior Center~~ to present the Resolution Designating September as Senior Center Month. He noted that Senior Center Supervisor Tammy Desten was not present at the meeting, because she and the -Center's Volunteer Coordinator has already worked a long day, filling in for the Senior Center Cook and Assistant Cook. ~~-~~A motion was made by Councilmember Shimulunas, seconded by Councilmember LeClair, to read and adopt the Resolution. Upon a roll call vote, Ayes (9) John Casavant, David England, Patrick Gagnon, Erin Gonnerman, Kay Koach, Darla LeClair, Jack Powalisz, Bonnie Shimulunas. Noes (0) None. Motion carried.

Status/Update Reports:

1. Mr. Buckley stated Lincoln Avenue project is going well with Vinton Construction now finishing up on the side streets.
2. Mr. Buckley stated that the Memorial Drive Wayside acquisition will soon be considered by~~is at~~ the WisDOT's NE Regional Surplus Properties Committee.
3. Mr. Buckley stated there is nothing new to report regarding acquisition of the ~~and that the City continues to work on an offer to present to~~ Canadian National Railroad, ~~to acquire the railroad~~ right-of-way ~~from Madison Street to Woodland Drive.~~
4. Mr. Buckley stated that there will be a hearing on~~is~~ Friday, September 8, 2017 at

- 9:00 AM before the Manitowoc County Condemnation Commissioners, in Manitowoc County Courthouse Room B22, on the [City's](#) eminent domain action to acquire the property at 1326 East River Street (former Blue Goose Tavern Property).
5. Mr. Buckley stated that Parks & Recreation Department will be opening bids on September 13, 2017 for replacing the lighting system at Vietnam Vets Park.
  6. Mr. Buckley stated that the Thermo Fisher Scientific appraisal report will be communicated with the Thermo Fisher Scientific representative and Jay and Mary Streu. [He added that](#) ~~D~~drilling rigs are [currently](#) on site [at the Thermo Fisher property, for primarily to do environmental](#) testing.
  7. Mr. Buckley, [stated that he and](#) Councilmembers Bittner and LeClair attended the [Manitowoc County Republican Party's](#) informational meeting [on August 29, where the entire presentation was devoted to why residents should oppose establishment of the proposed Wisconsin-Lake Michigan regarding the](#) National Marine Sanctuary. [He reported on a recent discussion with the City Manager of Alpena, Michigan, home to the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary group against the creation of the Marine Sanctuary in the area. The City of Alpena doesn't show any problem with the sanctuary in their area, who reported that the Sanctuary has greatly benefitted](#) ~~benefitted~~ his community. - Councilmembers Bittner and LeClair also [offered comments regarding the meeting.](#) Mr. Bittner noted that he plans to attend an [informational meeting on the proposed sanctuary to be held on.](#) ~~Next meeting is~~ September 21, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Sheboygan Yacht Club.

Mr. Buckley reported on the status of the property at 2338 Roosevelt Avenue. A follow-up visit by the Police Department has occurred and two citations have been issued. Court dates [has](#) ~~ve~~ been set for the violations.

State Budget. The Joint Finance Committee [continues to work on a budget for the fiscal year that began on July 1, 2017.](#)

The following Consent Agenda items were considered: Minutes from the August 21, 2017 Regular Meeting and August 28, 2017 Work Session Meeting. Applications for Beverage Operator License – Recommended for approval for; Kriss A. Barner, 2334 39th Street, Deborah J. DeTroye, 1509 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Laura R. Klein, 819 N 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Lydia R. Koehler, 1705 Marshall Street, Alexa E. Mohr, 3117 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Nikki J. Payne, 3918 Mishicot, Apt. 101, Dori L. Plansky, 2111 34<sup>th</sup> Street, Traci J. Wondrash, 2140 Hawthorne Avenue; Application for Special Event Beer Garden Permit and Noise Ordinance Waiver Request for Schwarz's Pub and Grill, 1509 Washington Street, for September 16, 2017 Ethnicfest (Noise Waiver until 11:00 PM) ~~and the~~[with](#) fence height requirement ~~waiver has been waived~~; Minutes of Meetings [for](#) Business and Industrial Development Committee and Community Development Authority, June 27, 2017 and July 25, 2017, Committee on Aging, July 10, 2017, Personnel & Finance, August 22, 2017, Board of Review, August 30, 2017; Financial Reports for July 2017 General Fund, Debt Service, Lester Public Library.

A motion was made by Councilmember Shimulunas, seconded by Councilmember Gagnon, to approve the Consent Agenda with the various actions recommended. Upon a roll call vote, Ayes (9) David England, Patrick Gagnon, Erin Gonnerman, Kay Koach, Darla LeClair, Jack Powalysz, Bonnie Shimulunas. Mark Bittner, John Casavant; Noes (0) None. Motion carried.

President Koach presented a Liability Insurance Claim presented by Thomas Shimanek.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gagnon, seconded by Councilmember Gonnerman, to deny and disallow the claim as recommended by the City's [li](#)insurance [c](#)Carrier. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

President Koach presented an Audit Services Agreement with Schenck, SC to Provide Financial Report Preparation and Auditing Services for 2017 in the amount of \$27,600; 2018 in the amount of \$28,100.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bittner, seconded by Councilmember England, to authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.

President Koach presented an Authorization to Hire Two New Full-time Fighter/Paramedics; as a Temporary Increase in Staffing, Pending Upcoming Retirements and Adoption of 2018 City Budget. Mr. Buckley and Chief Schneider addressed the request.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bittner, seconded by Councilmember Gagnon, to authorize the increase in authorized staffing by two positions, as a temporary measure at this time. Upon a roll call vote, Ayes (9) Patrick Gagnon, Erin Gonnerman, Kay Koach, Darla LeClair, Jack Powalysz, Bonnie Shimulunas, Mark Bittner, John Casavant, David England; Noes (0) None. Motion carried.

For Information Only:

- A. Mr. Buckley reported on the Kites Over Lake Michigan recent event. He thanked Chow Chong, all the sponsors, and volunteers who made this event ~~awesome and~~ very successful.
- B. Performance at the Rotary Pavilion, Out a Time, Saturday, September 9, 2017, 4 – 7 PM; Food and beverages available for purchase
- C. 11th Annual Pig to Pig Walk, Saturday, September 9, 2017, 8 AM proceeds benefit Lakeshore Cap
- D. Senior Center Open House, Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 4 – 6 PM
- E. Two Rivers Water and Light Fall Recycle Day, Tuesday, September 12, 2017, 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM, 1415 Lake Street
- F. Main Street Ethnic Fest, Saturday, September 16, 2017, 9:30 AM – 5 PM
- G. The Salvation Army 5th Annual Ride for Hunger, Saturday, September 16~~th~~, 2017,

8 AM – 3 PM

H. 6th Annual Suicide Prevention and Awareness 5k Walk/Run for Hope, Sunday, September 17, 2016, 9 AM, Neshotah Beach

I. Progress Lakeshore Pasta for Progress, Thursday, September 21, 2017, 5 – 8 PM

J. Voting is now open for the Coolest Thing Made in Wisconsin please vote for Carron's [Net's](#) 100% Nylon Netting.

At 7:20 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember Gonnerman, 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; 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: Confer with legal counsel regarding property acquisition matters likely to be the subject of litigation.

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

At 8:06 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember LeClair, seconded by Councilmember Powalisz, to reconvene in Open Session. Voice vote, motion carried.

At 8:06 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember Gonnerman, seconded by Councilmember England, to dispense with the reading of the minutes and adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, motion carried.

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Kim M. Graves  
City Clerk