

**CITY OF TWO RIVERS
CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, October 24, 2016
6:00 PM
3rd Floor Council Chambers - City Hall**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

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

Staff Members present were: Jim McDonald, City Engineer; Ross Blaha, Water Utility Director; Dave Buss, Finance Director; Joe Collins, Police Chief; Jeff Dawson, Library Director; Judy Goodchild, Parks and Recreation Director; Scott Schneider, Fire Chief and Gregory Buckley, City Manager.

Consideration of Purchase Agreement with Holy Family Memorial, Inc., for Street Right-of-Way Connecting Roosevelt Ave and Memorial Drive

Mr. Buckley reviewed the Agreement for Sale of Real Estate with the Council. The purchase price of this property is \$30,000 and to be paid at closing which is scheduled for November 9, 2016.

He noted that the City Council had adopted the "Resolution Determining Need and Adopting a Relocation Order" in conjunction with this property acquisition for new street connecting Roosevelt Avenue and Memorial Drive/STH 42 on June 6, 2016. The city has since provided Holy Family Memorial with an appraisal of the property, and the parties have concurred on purchase price that is lower than the appraised value.

A motion was made by Councilmember Bittner, seconded by Councilmember Yaggie, to authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Discuss Project Design and Funding Status: Proposed Bike Trails Connecting to Two Rivers High School

Mr. Buckley stated that the City was awarded two WisDOT grants to help fund these projects in 2010. In 2014, Donohue Associates commenced work on the projects with as routing alternatives analysis that looked at routing alternatives for the two trails. Eastside Trail and Northside Trail. The Council did endorse the proposed routes for alternative trails in September

of 2014.

The City Manager stated that this project has taken far longer that the City expected when the grant awards were announced in 2010. Since that time, the City obtained new estimates for both projects and the costs increased substantially.

He provided a handout, showing the 2009 estimated cost for the Eastside Trail at \$610,300 and the updated 2015 cost estimate at \$876,878, an increase of \$266,578. It also showed the estimated cost for the Northside Tail at \$863,911 in 2009 and \$2,031,134 in 2015, an increase of \$1,167,222.

Mr. Buckley further reported that the City has applied for additional DOT grant funding for both projects in 2015, to fund 80 percent of the revised cost estimates. Neither grant application was funded. Staff has discussed reducing the scope of one or both projects to build a portion of the trails, in a “phased” approach, but that is not allowed under the grant program.

Mr. Buckley and Mr. McDonald noted that the North side Trail, for which the cost estimate has increased by nearly \$1.2 million, will be very difficult to build in accordance with the Federal design requirements tied to the grant program. Because of this, and because the City cannot afford to bear the entire additional cost of this project on its own, staff in May 2016 directed the project designers at Donohue Associates to cease incurring design costs for the Northside Trail. Design work is continuing on the East Side Trail.

Mr. Buckley further reported the WisDOT has indicated that, if the City is not going to pursue the Northside Trail project under the grant program, it could consider shifting funds to the Eastside Trail, to bring grant funding up to 80%. He has indicated to WisDOT that this is how the city intends to proceed.

The City is still in need of \$213,262.40 to complete the Eastside Trail project. The Council reviewed the route and the consensus was to go with the Eastside Trail which will follow STH 42 from 35th Place to the High School. Mr. Buckley stated staff will proceed with pursuing more grant money for this project.

Mr. Buckley and Mr. McDonald also stated that there are other options for funding and constructing an improved bike and pedestrian connection from the north side of the city to the high school. These include working with Manitowoc County on a planned 2018 resurfacing project on CTH VV from Tannery Bridge to STH 42, and pursuing DNR trails grants, which can be used to do projects on a phased basis and have much less stringent design standards.

Update on Staff Followup to Ad Hoc Committee Discussions Regarding Community Engagement in Economic Development Planning

The City Manager stated that he has not done much more work on this project, but has identified three consultants for the project, who will be asked to make presentations to the ad hoc committee. He expects the project to cost approximately \$25,000, to be pulled from various City budgets, and expects that it will be undertaken in the first quarter of 2017.

Closed Executive Session

At 7:00 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember Powalisz, seconded by Councilmember Yaggie, to enter into Closed Session, per Wisc. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

- Discuss possible assistance to economic development projects
- Discuss matters pertaining to possible property purchase
- Discuss matters pertaining to utility easement and the City's rights under said easement

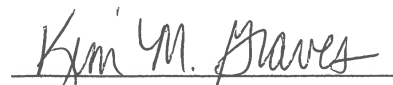
Upon a roll call vote, Ayes (8) Bonnie Shimulunas, Brad Yaggie, Mark Bittner, John Casavant, Patrick Gagnon, Kay Koach, Darla LeClair, Jack Powalisz; Noes (0) None. Motion carried.

Open Session

At 7:26 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember LeClair, seconded by Councilmember Powalisz, to reconvene in open session. Upon a voice vote, motion carried.

Adjournment

At 7:26 PM, a motion was made by Councilmember Yaggie, seconded by Councilmember Bittner, to adjourn the City Council meeting. Upon a voice vote motion carried.



Kim M. Graves
City Clerk