

**CITY OF TWO RIVERS
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
WORK SESSION
Monday, March 29, 2021 – 6:00 PM
Council Chambers – City Hall
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order by President Curt Andrews at 6:00 PM.
2. Roll Call

Councilmembers: Curt Andrews, Mark Bittner, Kay Koach, John Casavant, Bill LeClair, Darla LeClair, Jay Remiker, Bonnie Shimulunas, Adam Wachowski

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Kay Koach	Commissioner	Present	
Adam Wachowski	Councilmember	Present	
Bill LeClair	Councilmember	Present	
Bonnie Shimulunas	Councilmember	Present	
Curt Andrews	President	Present	
Darla LeClair	Vice-President	Present	
Jay Remiker	Councilmember	Present	
John Casavant	Councilmember	Present	
Mark Bittner	Councilmember	Present	

Also present were Brian Dellemann, Electric Utility Director; Brian Kohlmeier, Police Chief; Jim McDonald, Public Works Director; Ben Meinnert, Assistant Police Chief; Elizabeth Runge, Community Development Director/City Planner; Terri Vosters, Parks & Recreation Director; and Greg Buckley, City Manager.

3. Discuss Items

- A. Discussion of Possible Change to Local Ordinance to Allow Operation of ATV's or UTV's on City Streets--with Guest Darren Kuhn, Safety Specialist Warden, Wisconsin DNR

Recommended Action:

Council discretion--Does Council wish to pursue an ordinance amendment?

Darren Kuhn, Recreation Warden-Incident Investigator, with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources was present to field questions from the Council regarding the possibility of allowing the use of ATV's and/or UTV's in the City limits. He indicated that ATV's and UTV's are already allowed for snow removal purposes within the City limits under Wis. Stats. Chapter 23 as long as they meet the specific requirements and travel restrictions listed in the statutes. The City could pass an ordinance for any additional use within the City, but doing so would not allow the City to authorize use of UTV's only as both ATV's and UTV's are considered synonymous under state statutes. The Council was polled to gauge interest in creating an ordinance to allow ATV's and UTV's in the City in general and there were 3 Council members in favor and 6 opposed. The Council was then polled to gauge interest in creating an ordinance allowing ATV's and UTV's in the City for landscaping purposes similarly to how Chapter 23 of Wis. Stats. allows for snow removal. There were 6 Council members in favor, 2 opposed, and 1 undecided. Given the Council's desire to explore the possibility of allowing the use of ATV's and UTV's for landscaping purposes, Mr. Kuhn was asked to research

any signage requirements the City would need to comply with. Pending an answer from Mr. Kuhn, the Council will be provided with an update at the April 5 or April 19 Council meeting.

- B. Update on Branding and Marketing Activities--By Curt Andrews, Chair of the Branding and Marketing Committee

Recommended Action:

None, for information only

Council President Andrews presented the Council with a marketing and branding update including a 2020 financial report and 2021 forecast. A calendar of events put together by the Parks and Recreation Department was distributed.

Following item 3B, the Council redirected to item 5, Closed Session.

- C. Winter Parking Ban Ordinance--What are Council's Thoughts on Possible Ordinance Amendments

Recommended Action:

Council discretion

The Council discussed the effectiveness of the winter parking ban in the 2020-2021 winter season. Due to the mild winter, the ban was lifted for 45 of the 105 day ban. Council discussed possible changes to the ban for future years and the option of declaring snow emergencies during snow events versus having a ban during the whole winter season. This item will be brought up again at a future meeting.

4. Action Items

- A. Resolution Protesting Inequities in Funding Assistance Provided to Large (Metro) Cities Versus Smaller Cities, Villages and Towns Under the American Rescue Plan Legislation

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the resolution

RESULT: NO VOTE
MOVER: Adam Wachowski, Councilmember
SECONDER: John Casavant, Councilmember

Motion to amend the original motion to adopt the resolution as amended to include sending a copy of the resolution to the Vice President and Governor and to incorporate several corrections noted by the City Manager.

RESULT: APPROVED ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Adam Wachowski, Councilmember
SECONDER: John Casavant, Councilmember
AYES: Kay Koach, Adam Wachowski, Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Curt Andrews, Darla LeClair, John Casavant, Mark Bittner
ABSENT: Jay Remiker

- B. Authorization for Sale of 14.74 Acres of City-Owned Property Located East of Tannery Road, Abutting the East Dead Ends of 41st, 42nd and 43rd Streets--Offered for Sale

Based on Council Action on February 1, 2021

Recommended Action:

Motion to authorize sale of the property to Jeffrey J. Dahlke and Katherine C Dahlke, based on their bid in the amount of \$16,500.01, with deed restrictions, City option to repurchase a portion of the property and other provisions consistent with the language of the Purchase Agreement

RESULT: **APPROVED WITH ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Darla LeClair, Vice-President
SECONDER: Mark Bittner, Councilmember
AYES: Kay Koach, Adam Wachowski, Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Curt Andrews,
 Darla LeClair, John Casavant, Mark Bittner
ABSENT: Jay Remiker

- C. Consider Request from Nathan Klein for Permission to Operate a Canoe, Kayak and Paddle Board Rental Business at Neshotah Beach, Allowing Operation from a Trailer to be Parked at Jet Ski Parking/Launch Area

1. Possible Terms for License Agreement
2. Insurance Requirements

The Council discussed Mr. Klein's request in regards to insurance requirements and possible terms for a license agreement. The matter is being referred to the Advisory Recreation Board for determination if leasing out space in the jet ski parking/launch area at the beach will be feasible prior to going into further details for a lease agreement. Mr. Buckley agreed to consult with the City Attorney regarding liability insurance requirements.

5. Closed Executive Session

The City Council reserves the right 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 reason require a closed session.

- Discuss Purchase of Former Hamilton Property
- Discuss Possible Sale of Paragon Property

Motion to enter into closed session at 7:39 PM, 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 reason require a closed session: Discuss purchase of former Hamilton property and discuss possible sale of Paragon property.

RESULT: **APPROVED ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Bill LeClair, Councilmember
SECONDER: Jay Remiker, Councilmember
AYES: Kay Koach, Adam Wachowski, Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Curt Andrews,
 Darla LeClair, Jay Remiker, John Casavant, Mark Bittner

Councilmember Remiker left the meeting at 8:19 PM.

6. Reconvene in Open Session

Motion to reconvene in open session at 8:40 PM to consider possible actions in follow-up to closed session discussions.

RESULT: **APPROVED VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Kay Koach, Commissioner
SECONDER: Bill LeClair, Councilmember
AYES: Kay Koach, Adam Wachowski, Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Curt Andrews,
 Darla LeClair, John Casavant, Mark Bittner
ABSENT: Jay Remiker

The Council then discussed item 3C before moving onto item 4 action items.

7. Adjournment

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting and adjourn at 9:17 PM.

RESULT: **APPROVED VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Bill LeClair, Councilmember
SECONDER: Darla LeClair, Vice-President
AYES: Kay Koach, Adam Wachowski, Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Curt Andrews,
 Darla LeClair, John Casavant, Mark Bittner
ABSENT: Jay Remiker

Jamie Jackson
City Clerk