

**CITY OF TWO RIVERS  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, July 6, 2021 – 6:00 PM  
Council Chambers – City Hall  
MINUTES**

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- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** by President Curt Andrews at 6:00 PM
- 2) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3) **ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK**

Councilmembers: Curt Andrews, Mark Bittner, Jeff Dahlke, Tracey Koach, Bill LeClair, Darla LeClair, Jay Remiker, Bonnie Shimulunas, Adam Wachowski

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Adam Wachowski	Vice-President	Present	
Bill LeClair	Councilmember	Present	
Bonnie Shimulunas	Councilmember	Present	
Curt Andrews	President	Present	
Darla LeClair	Councilmember	Present	
Jeff Dahlke	Councilmember	Present	
Jay Remiker	Councilmember	Absent	
Tracey Koach	Councilmember	Present	
Mark Bittner	Councilmember	Excused	

Also present were Ross Blaha, Water Utility Director; Dave Dassey, IT Assistant; Jeff Dawson, Library Director; Steve Denzien, Fire Chief; Jim McDonald, Public Works Director; Ben Meinnert, Asst. Police Chief; Elizabeth Runge, Community Development Director/City Planner; Jack Bruce, City Attorney; and Greg Buckley, City Manager.

- 4) **CONSIDERATION OF ANY COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING FROM A REMOTE LOCATION**
- 5) **PUBLIC HEARING**  
None.
- 6) **INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC**  
None.
- 7) **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Letters and other communications from citizens**

Councilmember Shimulunas reported that she received a call inquiring about the rules regarding dogs on the beach. She suggested that we put information regarding this in

the next utility billing insert. She also indicated that someone called her in favor of golf carts.

Council President Andrews reported that he received a letter from the residents at 2408 Hayes Street to report an issue with the intersection of 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Forest Avenue citing that the parking on the west side of Forest Avenue close to the intersection of 24<sup>th</sup> Street creates visibility concerns for those trying to turn off 24<sup>th</sup> Street onto Forest Avenue. A special Public Works Committee meeting will be held at 5:00 PM on July 19<sup>th</sup> prior to the City Council meeting to address this issue.

## **8) COUNCIL REPORTS FROM BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES**

Council President Andrews reported that the Celebrate Two Rivers Committee met last week. The Council also had a joint meeting with the Central Park West 365 Planning Committee to review the proposed splash pad/ice rink project in Central Park West.

## **9) CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

A. Invited Guests  
None

### **B. Status/Update Reports**

#### **1. Street and Utility Construction Projects**

Mr. Buckley reported that the underground utility work (storm, sanitary, and water) was completed June 30<sup>th</sup> on 24<sup>th</sup> Street. Grading and graveling operations were completed on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and final grading is schedule for the week of July 5<sup>th</sup> with paving to commence the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>.

The contractor is scheduled to complete sanitary sewer and water main work on 25<sup>th</sup> Street the week of July 5<sup>th</sup>. The contractor is scheduled to install storm sewer, and laterals, to complete underground work by the end of July. Work on Madison Street is scheduled to begin when underground work is completed on 25<sup>th</sup> Street, near the end of July.

Contractors are continuing to perform work as requested by the City for sewer and water lateral replacements. Currently three service laterals have been replaced.

Contracts for the Eggers/20<sup>th</sup> Street Pond and the Pine Tree Lift Station were awarded in June. Work on these two contracts has not yet been scheduled and documents associated with project financing including principal forgiveness and a low interest loan through Wisconsin's Clean Water Fund Program will be presented for Council action in the near future.

#### **2. Staffing Updates**

Mr. Buckley reported that applications for the Head of Building and Grounds Maintenance at City Hall are due on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Interviews were completed in late June with 15 applicants for vacant police officer positions and the top 4 candidates were identified.

3. Request for Congressional Appropriation for Harbor Study  
Mr. Buckley reported that an appropriation request for a harbor study is being pursued by Senator Baldwin's office.
  4. Federal Designation of Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary  
Mr. Buckley reported that final rule was published on June 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Federal Register and the federal designation of Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary becomes final after 45 days, or around August 6<sup>th</sup>. Plans are underway for a Fall celebration in the shoreline cities that border this newest National Marine Sanctuary.
  5. Summer 2021 Downtown Concerts and Bands on the Beach  
Mr. Buckley reported on upcoming summer concerts including Bands on the Beach and Music in the Park.
  6. Recent Media of Two Rivers Summer Events and Attractions  
Mr. Buckley reported that Fox 11's Emily Deem was in Two Rivers doing a segment on the beach and bike trails on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Interviews at the beach took place with Parks & Recreation Director Terri Vosters and Christian DeKok who operates the City's beach groomer. Eagle Scout candidates Colman Slattery and Joaquin Guynes were interviewed on Mariners Trail and showcased their recently completed Eagle Scout projects – a pergola constructed by Colman Slattery and picnic tables completed by Joaquin Guynes.
  7. Upcoming Events  
Mr. Buckley reported on upcoming events in the City including Kids Night: Chalk It Up at Koenig on July 6<sup>th</sup>, the West Twin River Paddle on July 10<sup>th</sup>, Bryan Lee Day on July 10<sup>th</sup>, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fish Derby & Festival on July 16<sup>th</sup>, and the Neshotah Beach Volleyball Open on July 16<sup>th</sup>.
  8. ExploreTwoRivers.com  
Mr. Buckley reminded viewers that the most up-to-date source of information for events in the City of Two Rivers is [www.exploretworivers.com](http://www.exploretworivers.com).
  9. Other  
Mr. Buckley reported that Snowfest 2021 is Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. Councilmembers are invited to ride/walk in the parade on July 24<sup>th</sup> with the parade leaving from 12<sup>th</sup> Street near the DPW garage at 11:00 AM.
- C. Legislative/Intergovernmental Update
1. American Rescue Plan Funding for Two Rivers  
Mr. Buckley reported that the City received 50% of its ARPA allocation, \$577,822.76, on June 28<sup>th</sup>. The funds are on deposit, for use between now and the end of 2024. Plans for spending this Federal funding on eligible activities will be addressed as part of the 2022 budget process.
  2. State Budget  
Mr. Buckley reported that the \$87 billion biennial budget passed both houses of the Wisconsin Legislature last week and it is now on the Governor's desk. The

budget includes approximately \$3.3 billion in State tax cuts, repeals personal property tax and provides \$202 million to offset the revenue impact to local taxing entities, increases local transportation aids by 2 percent in each year of the budget, and includes a one-time allocation of \$100 million for Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP), including \$25.4 million for cities. There is no change in funding for Shared Revenues or Expenditure Restraint and no change to local property tax levy limits.

3. State Legislation on Public Safety Maintenance of Effort  
Mr. Buckley reported that the League of Wisconsin Municipalities is urging Governor Evers to veto Senate Bill 119 which calls for decreased shared revenue payments to municipalities based on decreased funding for law enforcement officers.
4. Intergovernmental Agreement on Tourism with City of Manitowoc and Manitowoc Area Visitor & Convention Bureau  
Mr. Buckley reported that discussions between representatives of the City of Two Rivers, the City of Manitowoc, and the Manitowoc Area Visitor and Convention Bureau are ongoing.

## 10) CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Presentation of Minutes
  1. Regular City Council - June 21, 2021
  2. Work Session City Council- June 28, 2021
  3. Joint City Council and Central Park West 365 Planning Committee - June 28, 2021

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the minutes

- B. Applications and Petitions
  1. Applications for Temporary Class "B" Licenses
    - a. Softball Central-WI, Crazy From the Heat 6, July 23-25, 2021, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park
    - b. Rogers Street Fishing Village, Rogers Street Days, August 13-14, 2021, 2010 Jackson Street
  2. Applications for Taxi Driver Licenses for the period of July 7, 2021 to June 30, 2022
    - a. Terrence B. Alston, 3215 Mishicot Road Apt 202, Two Rivers
    - b. Earl J. Smith, 7054 Tannery Road, Two Rivers
    - c. Becky J. Kriescher, 7054 Tannery Road, Two Rivers
  3. Application for Sidewalk Cafe Permit
    - a. Lee's Inn, Cheri Ertman, 1019 17th Street, Two Rivers

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve the applications and authorize issuance of the licenses

- C. Reports:
  1. Minutes of Meetings

- a. Police and Fire Commission, June 22, 2021
- 2. Finance Reports
  - a. Debt Service, May 2021
  - b. General Fund, May 2021
  - c. Lester Library, May 2021
  - d. Utilities Report, May 2021

Recommended Action:  
Motion to receive and file

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the various actions recommended

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED WITH VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bonnie Shimulunas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Dahlke
<b>AYES:</b>	Curt Andrews, Darla LeClair, Jeff Dahlke, Bill LeClair, Tracey Koach, Bonnie Shimulunas, Adam Wachowski

### 11) CITY COUNCIL - FORMAL ITEMS

- A. Amendment of Beer Garden Ordinance to allow Amplified Sound or Music Until 10:00 PM During the Summer Months (Friday Before Memorial Day to Labor Day) and on Fridays and Saturdays only, May 1 to Friday Before Memorial Day and Labor Day to October 31

(Current Ordinance Language Prohibits Such Sound or Music after 9:00)

Request from Councilmembers Andrews and Wachowski

Recommended Action:  
Motion to waive reading and adopt the ordinance

Asst. Police Chief Ben Meinnert stated that the Police Department doesn't have any bias regarding this proposed revision but shared that 9-10 months ago when this ordinance was last changed a survey was done of residences within 250 feet of establishments that could have beer gardens. Of nearly 400 surveys sent there were only 23 responses with a limited number that were in favor of it.

Councilmember Dahlke suggested that the time be extended to 11:00 PM.

Councilmember D. LeClair suggested that the City Council should take taxpayers opinions into consideration and let the neighbors weigh in.

**RESULT:** APPROVED WITH ROLL CALL [6 TO 1]  
**MOVER:** Tracey Koach  
**SECONDER:** Bonnie Shimulunas  
**AYES:** Curt Andrews, Jeff Dahlke, Bill LeClair, Tracey Koach, Bonnie Shimulunas, Adam Wachowski  
**NAYES:** Darla LeClair

- B. Noise Ordinance Waiver Request from Rogers Street Fishing Village, August 13-14, 2021 until 11:30 PM at 2010 Rogers Street for Rogers Street Days

Recommended Action:  
 Motion to approve the request as submitted

**RESULT:** APPROVED WITH ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Adam Wachowski  
**SECONDER:** Jeff Dahlke  
**AYES:** Curt Andrews, Darla LeClair, Jeff Dahlke, Bill LeClair, Tracey Koach, Bonnie Shimulunas, Adam Wachowski

- C. Resolution Regarding Housing Rehabilitation Program--Component of Restore Two Rivers Program

Recommended Action:  
 Motion to waive reading and adopt the resolution

Community Development Director, Elizabeth Runge, shared information to address concerns the Council previously had when reviewing this resolution at an earlier meeting. The Housing Rehabilitation Initiative would allow the City to purchase homes that are in need of rehabilitation, make repairs, and sell them. If the rehabilitation costs exceed what the home would be sold for, the Department of Administration does not require the shortfall to be paid back. Council President Andrews clarified that the money used is not local taxpayer funded, but rather Federal government money that is channeled through the State to add value to properties.

Due to several modifications suggested to the wording of the resolution, Council President Andrews recommended the resolution be tabled until the next meeting.

**RESULT:** TABLED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Jeff Dahlke  
**SECONDER:** Tracey Koach  
**AYES:** Curt Andrews, Darla LeClair, Jeff Dahlke, Bill LeClair, Tracey Koach, Bonnie Shimulunas, Adam Wachowski

- D. Discuss County Executive's Proposal to Assist Cities and Villages with Lead Water Lateral Replacement, from American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Recommended Action:  
Motion to refer to the Council's Public Utilities Committee

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED WITH VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bonnie Shimulunas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Dahlke
<b>AYES:</b>	Curt Andrews, Darla LeClair, Jeff Dahlke, Bill LeClair, Tracey Koach, Bonnie Shimulunas, Adam Wachowski

## 12) FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- A. City Council Regular Meeting, Monday, July 19, 2021, 6:00 PM
- B. City Council Work Session, Monday, July 26, 2021, 6:00 PM

## 13) CLOSED SESSION

Motion to enter into Closed Session at 7:33 PM, per Wisc. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investment or public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: Discuss possible City assistance to economic development projects, discuss possible property sale, and discuss possible property purchase.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED WITH ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bonnie Shimulunas
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Tracey Koach
<b>AYES:</b>	Curt Andrews, Darla LeClair, Jeff Dahlke, Bill LeClair, Tracey Koach, Bonnie Shimulunas, Adam Wachowski

## 14) RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Motion to reconvene in Open Session at 8:30 PM.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED WITH VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Adam Wachowski
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Tracey Koach
<b>AYES:</b>	Curt Andrews, Darla LeClair, Jeff Dahlke, Bill LeClair, Tracey Koach, Bonnie Shimulunas, Adam Wachowski

Motion to approve the details of the agreement for the sale of 2023 Washington Street with modifications consistent with what was agreed to in closed session including that site and architectural plans are to be submitted to the City within 120 days and approved by the Plan Commission within 180 days and that Section 8 be revised to include that the project will be considered complete when it is completed as described in the site and architectural plans as submitted and approved, and based on building permits issued pursuant to those plans.

Councilmember Dahlke voiced his concern over the \$10,000 selling price and indicated that he would still like to see the price be \$40,000.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED WITH ROLL CALL [6 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Adam Wachowski
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Tracey Koach
<b>AYES:</b>	Curt Andrews, Darla LeClair, Bill LeClair, Tracey Koach, Bonnie Shimulunas, Adam Wachowski
<b>NAYES:</b>	Jeff Dahlke

## 15) ADJOURNMENT

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting and adjourn at 8:40 PM.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED WITH VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Dahlke
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Adam Wachowski
<b>AYES:</b>	Curt Andrews, Darla LeClair, Jeff Dahlke, Bill LeClair, Tracey Koach, Bonnie Shimulunas, Adam Wachowski

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Jamie Jackson  
City Clerk