CITY OF TWO RIVERS COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS WORK SESSION

Monday, October 25, 2021 – 6:00 PM Council Chambers – City Hall MINUTES

1. Call to Order by President Adam Wachowski at 6:02 PM. President Wachowski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Adam Wachowski	President	Present	
Bill LeClair	Councilmember	Present	
Bonnie Shimulunas	Councilmember	Present	
Darla LeClair	Councilmember	Present	
Jeff Dahlke	Councilmember	Present	
Jay Remiker	Councilmember	Present	
Tracey Koach	Councilmember	Present	
Mark Bittner	Councilmember	Present	

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

Action Items

A. Council Candidate Presentations; Appointment to Council Vacancy

Recommended Action:

- 1. Presentations (3 minutes each)
 - a. Greg Coenen
 - b. Heather Ross
 - c. Scott Stechmesser
 - d. Larry Thomas
- 2. Councilmember Ratings Matrixes Turned in to City Clerk
- 3. Recess for Tabulation of Candidate Ratings
- 4. Presentation of Councilmember Ratings
- 5. Motion to Appoint Candidate to the Vacant Position on City Council, to Serve Until a Successor is Elected in a Special Election in April 2022 and Sworn In

Candidates for Council, Greg Coenen, Heather Ross, Scott Stechmesser, and Larry Thomas, each presented to Council why they wish to serve on City Council and what they perceive to be the biggest challenges and opportunities facing the City of Two Rivers.

Councilmembers completed their ratings matrixes and submitted them to the City Clerk. A short recess followed to allow for tabulation of the candidate ratings. The City Clerk then presented the results of the tabulation identifying the top four candidates, from highest to lowest ranking, as Larry Thomas, Greg Coenen, Scott Stechmesser, and Heather Ross.

Motion to appoint Larry Thomas to the vacant position on City Council, to serve until a successor is elected in a Special Election in April 2022 and sworn in.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH ROLL CALL [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jay Remiker, Councilmember **SECONDER:** Tracey Koach, Councilmember

AYES: Adam Wachowski, Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Darla LeClair, Jeff Dahlke,

Jay Remiker, Tracey Koach, Mark Bittner

NAYS: None

Larry Thomas was administered the Oath of Office by the City Clerk and joined the meeting as a Councilmember.

4. Discussion Items

A. Discuss Returning to Regular Seating Arrangement for Regular City Council Meetings, with all Councilmembers Seated at Dais

Mr. Buckley indicated that several Councilmembers have requested to return to the seating arrangement with all Councilmembers, City Attorney, City Manager, and City Clerk seated at the dais that was used prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and requirement of social distancing measures.

A polling of Councilmembers indicated that a majority of members were interested in returning to the old seating arrangement. Mr. Buckley offered that any Councilmembers that wish to remain distanced request an accommodation with the City Manager or City Clerk's office to remain seated at a table set up at the end of the dais.

B. Discuss Proposed Ordinance on "Wireless Communication Facilities in the Right-of-Way"

Electric Utility Director Brian Dellemann presented the proposed ordinance on wireless communications facilities in the right-of-way and the requirement that municipalities allow installation of wireless communication facilities on poles in the public right-of-way. There is currently an application from Nsight for installation of a small cell wireless facility to be installed on Forest Avenue. The full ordinance will be brought before the Council for approval at the next regular Council meeting on November 1, 2021.

C. Revisit Design Issues Brought Up in September 30 Joint meeting with Central Park West 365 Planning Committee – Specifically, Whether or Not to Close the Street

Mr. Buckley presented the Council with a possible revision to the concept plan for the Central Park West 365 Project which includes a single lane, one-way, northbound street in front of the Community House with a drop off zone near the center of the block, and angle parking on the north half of the block.

Councilmembers discussed the pros and cons of creating a one-way street vs. eliminating the street completely.

By show of hands, the Council unanimously supported the new design change presented including the one-way street and requested that their support be communicated back to the Central Park West 365 Planning Committee.

Closed Executive Session

Motion to enter into closed session at 8:01 pm 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:

Discuss Terms for Sale of 2023 Washington Street

- Discuss Possible City Assistance to Economic Development Projects

- Discuss Redevelopment of City-Owned Paragon Property

RESULT: APPROVED WITH ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jeff Dahlke, Councilmember

SECONDER: Bonnie Shimulunas, Councilmember

AYES: Adam Wachowski, Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Curt Andrews, Darla

LeClair, Jeff Dahlke, Jay Remiker, Tracey Koach, Mark Bittner, Larry Thomas

NAYS: None

6. Reconvene in Open Session

Motion to reconvene in open session at 8:43 pm to consider possible actions in follow-up to closed session discussions.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH VOICE VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Larry Thomas, Councilmember **SECONDER:** Bill LeClair, Councilmember

AYES: Adam Wachowski, Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Curt Andrews, Darla

LeClair, Jeff Dahlke, Jay Remiker, Tracey Koach, Mark Bittner, Larry Thomas

NAYS: None

Motion to approve the request by the purchaser of 2023 Washington Street for a 90-day extension with the contingency that the purchaser be responsible for snow removal at the property during the 2021-2022 winter season.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Bill LeClair, Councilmember **SECONDER:** Darla LeClair, Councilmember

AYES: Adam Wachowski, Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Curt Andrews, Darla

LeClair, Jeff Dahlke, Jay Remiker, Tracey Koach, Mark Bittner, Larry Thomas

NAYS: None

7. Adjournment

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and adjourn at 8:52 pm.

RESULT: APPROVED WITH ROLL CALL VOTE [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jay Remiker, Councilmember **SECONDER:** Jeff Dahlke, Councilmember

AYES: Adam Wachowski, Bill LeClair, Bonnie Shimulunas, Curt Andrews, Darla

LeClair, Jeff Dahlke, Jay Remiker, Tracey Koach, Mark Bittner, Larry Thomas

NAYS: None