

**CITY OF TWO RIVERS
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING**
Monday, June 21, 2021 – 6:00 PM -03
Council Chambers – City Hall
MINUTES

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

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
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	Present	
Tracey Koach	Councilmember	Present	
Mark Bittner	Councilmember	Present	

Also present were Ross Blaha, Water Utility Director; Dave Buss, Finance Director; Dave Dassey, IT Assistant; Jeff Dawson, Library Director; Brian Dellemann, Electric Utility Director; Steve Denzien, Fire Chief; Brian Kohlmeier, Police Chief; Jim McDonald, Public Works Director; 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**

None.

5. **PUBLIC HEARING**

A. Public Hearing to Amend Municipal Code Section 10-1-25B(2) to Allow Commercial Kennels as a Conditional Use in the B-2 Business District

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the ordinance

Council President Andrews opened the public hearing and made three calls for input by those in attendance in person. There was no one wishing to comment on the matter.

Three calls were then made for input by telephone. There were no callers and the public hearing was closed.

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

6. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

Dean LaRose - 1629 Hawthorne Avenue - Questioned if there is anyway to get bicyclists off the sidewalks due to safety concerns. Chief Kohlmeier commented on the matter and indicated that it is generally against City ordinances for bicycles to be on the sidewalks, although there are some instances when they are allowed. Council President Andrews requested that information be put out on Facebook to remind residents of the ordinance.

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Letters and other communications from citizens

Councilmember Bittner reported that he also received a call from a citizen concerned about bicycles on sidewalks.

Councilmember Shimulunas reported that she received a phone call from Mr. LaRose about bicycles on sidewalks. She also received a call from someone with concerns about passenger safety while riding on golf carts.

Police Chief Kohlmeier commented that the Police Department hasn't received any complaints on golf carts and the ordinance currently has no prohibition on the age of passengers, but passengers are expected to ride according to manufacturer recommendations. Golf carts are supposed to yield the right of way and allow vehicles to pass if needed. He requested that the concerned citizens get the license number from the golf cart so they can be reported to the Police Dept.

Councilmember Dahlke reported that he received feedback from citizens on the audio and video quality of Council recordings. He also questioned if handicap scooters are allowed on the sidewalks.

Police Chief Kohlmeier responded to the question regarding scooters and indicated that they are considered assisted mobility vehicles and currently allowed on sidewalks and trails.

Councilmember Dahlke reported that he received an inquiry from someone on Golfview Drive asking if the street will be renamed since there is no longer a golf course there. He also reported on a call he received about suspicious activity on 18th Street. Police Chief Kohlmeier suggested that all suspicious activity be reported to the Police Department so it can be properly investigated.

Councilmember Koach reported that she received a complaint from a citizen about pets riding as passengers on golf carts.

Councilmember Wachowski reported that he received a complaint about limited options for paying utilities bills. He also received a complaint regarding the proposed downtown location of the splash pad and ice rink.

Council President Andrews reported on a complaint he received about the availability of the archived meeting recordings online with the new Granicus meeting program. He also received a complaint about boats being parked on lawns and the grass not being maintained where the boats are parked.

8. COUNCIL REPORTS FROM BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

Councilmember Bittner reported that the Room Tax Commission is still reviewing options for contract revisions for the joint tourism agreement between the City of Two Rivers, City of Manitowoc, and the Manitowoc Area Visitor and Convention Bureau. The next Room Tax Commission meeting is on Thursday, June 24th at 10:00 a.m.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Invited Guests

None.

B. Status/Update Reports

1. Street and Utility Construction Projects

Mr. Buckley reported that the sanitary sewer and water utilities are complete on 24th Street. The contractor is now working on storm sewer main and lateral installation with grading and gravelling scheduled for the week of June 28th.

The contractor for 25th and Madison Streets is working on the 25th Street sanitary sewer and water main. The work began at the west end of the project at West River Street and is working east toward Forest Avenue. Sewer and water lateral work will begin the week of June 28th. Work is not expected to begin on Madison Street until the utility work on 25th Street is complete, likely to be early July.

2. Staffing Updates

Mr. Buckley reported that the recruitment period for the Police Officer vacancies closed June 7th with 26 applications received. There are vacancies for a Head Cook at the Senior Center and a Head of Building and Grounds Maintenance at City Hall.

3. Vehicle Leasing Program with Enterprise

Mr. Buckley reported that the vehicle leasing program with Enterprise is off to a slow start due to supply issues. Of 21 vehicles ordered, 5 have been delivered.

4. New Play Equipment Being Installed at Neshotah & Riverside Parks

Mr. Buckley reported that installation of new playground equipment at Neshotah and Riverside Parks will take place on Tuesday, June 22nd. Woodchips will be installed later in the week with the hope that the playgrounds will be ready for public use by the end of the week. Security cameras are also being installed to deter vandalism.

5. Year-to-Date Room Tax Revenues

Mr. Buckley reported that following a record year in 2020, year-to-date room tax revenues for 2021 are out pacing last year. As of April 2021, YTD revenues were