



MINUTES
 MEETING OF THE WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL
 TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024
 6:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. The public was invited to listen to the audio of the meeting. The meeting was also streamed LIVE on the City’s Facebook page.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Blaser called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call indicated that all alderpersons were present; Alderperson Rayome attended via videoconference:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer in Lieu of Invocation

Mayor Blaser invited all present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer in lieu of an invocation.

4. Recognition of Chief Election Inspector

Mayor Blaser and City Clerk Gossick recognized Ramona Lubeck for her 37 years as a Chief Election Inspector for the City of Wisconsin Rapids.

5. Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on February 20, 2024

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Veneman to dispense with a reading and accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	5	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Consider for adoption a Resolution for No Mow May

It was moved by Delaney, seconded by Bemke to approve a Resolution for No Mow May. Motion carried, 7 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Resolution No. 6 (2024):

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	5		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Discuss and set April business and reorganizational Council meetings

April Council business meeting was set for Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

April Council reorganizational meeting was set for Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

8. REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON MARCH 4, 2024:

Date of Meeting: March 4, 2024

Reported to Council: March 19, 2024

The Planning Commission met at 4:00 p.m. on March 4, 2024 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. It was also streamed live on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page and broadcast live on Charter Cable Channel 985 and Solarus HD Cable Channel 3. Members present included Eric Daven, Lee Thao, Ben Goodreau, Thad Kubisiak, and Ryan Austin (Chairperson) . Shane Blaser and Jeff Marutz were excused. Also present in the Chambers were Community Development Director Kyle Kearns, Aldersperson Dennis Polach, and others as indicated on the meeting sign-in sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the report from February 5, 2024, Planning Commission meeting.

Motion by Daven to approve the report from February 5, 2024, Planning Commission meeting; second by Goodreau. Motion carried (5 - 0)

2. Request from Nieman Properties LLC to dedicate right-of-way along West Grand Avenue at 2141 West Grand Avenue (Parcel ID 3403426) and 2111 West Grand Avenue (Parcel ID 3403425) via certified survey map to combine three parcels

Mr. Kearns provided a brief review of the request.

Motion by Kubisiak to approve the request to dedicate right-of-way along West Grand Avenue at 2141 West Grand Avenue (Parcel ID 3403426) and 2111 West Grand Avenue (Parcel ID 3403425) via certified survey map to combine three parcels; second by Goodreau. Motion carried (5 - 0)

3. 23-000127; VIA Real Estate, LLC - request for a Site Plan Review amendment to construct a car wash at 4120 8th Street South (Parcel ID 3414102)

Kyle Kearns provided an analysis of the request recommending approval with the conditions outlined in the staff report.

Motion by Goodreau to approve the request for a Site Plan Review amendment to construct a car wash at 4120 8th Street South (Parcel ID 3414102), subject to the following conditions:

- a. An updated landscaping plan shall be provided, meeting all applicable landscaping standards, to be reviewed and approved by the community development department.
- b. A six-foot privacy fence shall be constructed along the full west property line.
- c. The refuse and vacuum enclosure shall match the design and colors of the primary building.
- d. Additional windows shall be incorporated into the south and east facades, to be reviewed and approved by the Community Development Department.
- e. The vacuum enclosure shall be relocated to the west side of the building.
- f. Sidewalks along Dove Avenue shall be installed as proposed.
- g. All required stormwater requirements and permits shall be met and obtained.
- h. Applicable permits through the City shall be obtained.
- i. Community development department shall have the authority to approve minor modifications to the plans.

Second by Thao. Motion carried (5 - 0)

4. 23-000123; Matt Burow – request for a Site Plan Review to construct personal storage facilities on a portion of the parcel located at 1501 24th Street South (Parcel ID 3409200)
Kyle Kearns provided a review of the request recommending approval with the conditions outlined in the staff report. Thad Kubisiak asked about the project valuation and Eric Daven inquired about paving requirements, to which Mr. Kearns responded.

Motion by Daven to approve the request for a Site Plan Review to construct personal storage facilities on a portion of the parcel located at 1501 24th Street South (Parcel ID 3409200), subject to the following conditions:

- a. A natural vegetation buffer shall remain on the north side of the site meeting the B-Type Bufferyard requirement.
- b. All required stormwater requirements and permits shall be met and obtained by the applicant.
- c. Site Plan Review approval is contingent upon Certified Survey Map (CSM) approval identifying the newly proposed lot.
- d. Fencing surrounding the outdoor storage area shall be 8 feet in height and opaque (solid or privacy slats).
- e. An updated landscaping plan shall be provided after the existing vegetation is surveyed by a landscape architect to ensure street frontage plantings are met.
- f. Applicable permits through the City shall be obtained.
- g. Community development department shall have the authority to approve minor modifications to the plans.

Second by Austin. Motion carried (5 – 0)

5. 24-000100; Consolidated Water Power Company – public hearing and action on a request for a zoning map amendment to rezone 2721 5th Avenue North (Parcel ID 3400447A) from Rural Residential (RR) and Mixed Residential (R-2) District to General Industrial (M-1) District

Kyle Kearns provided a synopsis for agenda items 5 and 6. Approval was recommended for both items.

Public hearing opened at 4:22 p.m.

Speaking in favor: Marty Burkhardt, 610 High Street, Wisconsin Rapids

Speaking against: none

Public hearing closed at 4:24 p.m.

Motion by Kubisiak to approve the request for a zoning map amendment to rezone 2721 5th Avenue North (Parcel ID 3400447A) from Rural Residential (RR) and Mixed Residential (R-2) District to General Industrial (M-1) District; second by Daven. Motion carried (5 – 0) **Ordinance No. MC 1364**

6. 24-000130; City of Wisconsin Rapids – public hearing and action on a request for a zoning map amendment to rezone three unaddressed parcels at the southwest intersection of 5th Avenue North and West Riverview Expressway (STH 34), Parcel ID's 3400440, 3400454, and 3400333 from Rural Residential (RR) District to General Industrial (M-1) District

Public hearing opened at 4:25 p.m.

Speaking in favor: none

Speaking against: none

Public hearing closed at 4:26 p.m.

Motion by Goodreau to approve the request for a zoning map amendment to rezone three unaddressed parcels at the southwest intersection of 5th Avenue North and West Riverview Expressway (STH 34), Parcel ID's 3400440, 3400454, and 3400333 from Rural Residential (RR) District to General Industrial (M-1) District; second by Thao. Motion carried (5 – 0) **Ordinance No. MC 1365**

7. 24-000131; City of Wisconsin Rapids – public hearing and action on a request to amend Chapter 11 - Zoning Ordinance, Appendix B and Appendix C, specifically relating to twin home (zero-lot line) development standards, to clarify lot size, setbacks, and other requirements for the use

Mr. Kearns provided background information and a review of the request, recommending approval.

Public hearing opened at 4:28 p.m.

Speaking in favor: none

Speaking against: none

Public hearing closed at 4:29 p.m.

Motion by Goodreau to approve the request to amend Chapter 11 - Zoning Ordinance, Appendix B and Appendix C, specifically relating to twin home (zero-lot line) development standards, to clarify lot size, setbacks, and other requirements for the use; second by Austin. Motion carried (5 – 0) **Ordinance No. MC 1366**

8. Adjourn

Motion by Thao to adjourn the meeting; second by Daven. Motion carried (5 – 0). Meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Zacher to approve and adopt the actions of the Commission. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 1 nay:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanaach	5		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Consider for Adoption the Actions of the Standing Committees of the Common Council, as follows:

A. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 5, 2024:

Matt Zacher, Chairperson Dean Veneman, Vice-Chairperson Jay Bemke

Date of Meeting: March 5, 2024

Report to Council: March 19, 2024

The Finance and Property Committee met at 4:01 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was LIVE on Wisconsin Rapids Community Media (WRCM) Spectrum Channel 985 and Solarus Channel 3, online at www.wr-cm.org or via WRCM’s Roku app and was streamed LIVE on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page.

All members of the Finance and Property Committee were present.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Zacher called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. Consider for approval a request from SN RAM Hotels LLC, D/B/A Mead Hotel and Conference Center, Narendra R. Patel, agent, for Retail Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverages and Retail “Class B” Intoxicating Liquor licenses for the premise located at 451 East Grand Avenue.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve a request from SN RAM Hotels LLC, D/B/A Mead Hotel and Conference Center, Narendra R. Patel, agent, for Retail Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverages and Retail “Class B” Intoxicating Liquor licenses for the premise located at 451 East Grand Avenue. Motion carried, 3-0.

3. Consider for approval a Temporary Retail Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverages License and a Temporary Retail “Class B” Wine License for Assumption Catholic Schools, 445 Chestnut Street, for an Assumption Talent Show event to be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve a temporary Retail Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverages License and a Temporary Retail “Class B” Wine License for Assumption Catholic Schools, 445 Chestnut Street, for an Assumption Talent Show event to be held on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Motion carried, 3-0.

4. Consider for approval a request from ecoATM, LLC, Sean Flaherty, agent, located at 4331 8th Street South for renewal of a Secondhand Article Dealer License.

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Bemke to approve a request from ecoATM, LLC, Sean Flaherty, agent, located at 4331 8th Street South for renewal of a Secondhand Article Dealer License. Motion carried, 3-0.

5. Consider for approval a request to replace the existing chiller at City Hall using budgeted funds.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve a proposal from Trane in the amount of \$63,029 to replace the existing chiller at City Hall, utilizing funds from the building maintenance account. Motion carried, 3-0.

6. Consider for approval a request to install and update the building access, cameras and security system at Centralia Center.

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Zacher to approve a proposal to install and update the building access, cameras and security system at Centralia Center for a total cost of \$10,166.80 using funds from the building maintenance account. Motion carried, 3-0.

7. Presentation by the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department and request to consider for approval the ordering of a truck to replace Truck 5.

Chief Eckes gave a presentation regarding the replacement of Truck 5.

It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Bemke to approve a request to order a truck to replace Truck 5 at a cost of \$1,558,000. Motion carried, 3-0.

8. Audit of the bills.

No action was taken on this item. It will be considered at the April 2, 2024 Committee meeting.

9. Set next meeting date

The next regular meeting of the Finance and Property Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to adjourn. Motion carried, 3-0, and the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Bemke to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Veneman requested that item #7 be held out. Mayor Blaser asked for unanimous consent to amend the motion to hold item #7 out for separate vote. No objection was made, and the motion was so amended. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanaach	5		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Regarding item #7, it was moved by Austin, seconded by Delaney to approve the ordering of a truck to replace Truck 5. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 1 nay:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanaach	5		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

B. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 7, 2024:

Tom Rayome, Chairperson Ryan Austin, Vice-Chairperson Dennis Polach

Date of Meeting: March 7, 2024

Reported to Council: March 19, 2024

The Public Works Committee met on Thursday, March 7th, 2024 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. All members were present. Others attending are listed on the sign-in sheet.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

2. Review Engineering & Street Department Monthly Activity Report.

The reports were reviewed.

3. Review and consider updates to Ch 27 Parking regarding parking meters and overnight parking.

Draft changes to the ordinance were reviewed. Mr. Austin would like to see signage at every road entering the City. The committee is sending the ordinance back for staff to make additional draft changes which include revisions to Snow Emergency Restrictions as well as extending the duration of time in which the initial citation fee could be paid prior to the fee doubling. Additionally, the committee would like to review example text for the signage prior to making a motion.

4. Consider a request to allow residential properties additional garbage bins for an additional fee. Motion by Austin, second by Rayome to keep the ordinance as is without the additional bins. Motion carried (3-0).

5. Review Referral List.

Remove the referral regarding additional garbage bins.

6. Set Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for Thursday, April 4th, 2024 at 5pm.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Austin, second by Rayome to adjourn at 6:20 PM. Motion carried (3-0).

It was moved by Rayome, seconded by Polach to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Cattanach requested that items #3 and #4 be held out. Mayor Blaser asked for unanimous consent to amend the motion to hold items #3 and #4 out for separate vote. No objection was made, and the motion was so amended. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	5		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Regarding item #3, it was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Zacher to send this item back to the Public Works Committee for further consideration. Motion failed, 3 ayes and 5 nays:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	5	Motion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

This item already has a referral to the Legislative Committee.

Regarding item #4, it was moved by Austin, seconded by Cattanach to approve this item as presented. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	5	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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C. REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 12, 2024:

Jay Bemke, Chairperson Jake Cattanaach, Vice-Chairperson Patrick Delaney

Date of Meeting: March 12, 2024

Reported to Council: March 19, 2024

1. Call to order.

Chairperson Bemke called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Consider repealing or revising the City’s employee residency ordinance, and the corresponding City personnel policy; and affirm that Water Works and Lighting Commission employee residency shall be as set by Water Works and Lighting Commission policy.

Motion by Bemke seconded by Delaney to remove the residency requirement. Motion failed 2-1.

3. Discuss and consider for approval the elimination of the part-time Airport Attendant and approve and post a position of full-time Airport Attendant.

Motion by Cattanaach seconded by Bemke to approve the full-time airport attendant position and that the Airport Commission is responsible for all costs of the attendant, including wages, benefits, and retirement, by the terms of the management contract the City has with the Commission. If the Commission does not or cannot fund the position, it is eliminated. Motion carried 3-0.

4. HR update.

An update was given, no action taken.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Cattanaach seconded by Delaney to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Bemke requested that item #2 be held out. It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve and adopt the balance of the report, holding out item #2. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanaach	5		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Regarding item #2, it was moved by Bemke, seconded by Austin to repeal the City’s employee residency ordinance and remove the residency requirement. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 3 nays. Ordinance No. MC 1367:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanaach	5		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Reports of Other Committees, Commissions, Boards, and Department Reports:

- a. Wisconsin Rapids Housing Authority held October 5, 2023
- b. McMillan Memorial Library Services Committee held January 9, 2024; Building and Grounds Committee held February 14, 2024
- c. South Wood County Airport Commission held February 1, 2024

- d. Police and Fire Commission held February 14 and February 22, 2024
- e. Park and Recreation Commission held March 11, 2024
- Department Reports for February 2024
- f. Engineering Department
- g. Public Works Department
- h. South Wood County Airport
- i. Wastewater Treatment Plant
- j. Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department and annual report for 2023
- k. Wisconsin Rapids Police Department and annual report for 2023

No action was taken on this item. The reports will be placed on file.

11. Referrals to Committees

No referrals were received.

12. In open session, the Council may vote to go into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., which reads: "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"; and Section 19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., which reads: "Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved."

It was moved by Austin, seconded by Delaney to go into closed session. Roll call vote was taken. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays, and the Council went into closed session:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattnach	5		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In closed session, the Council will consider a Claim for Unlawful Tax by Marshfield Clinic, Inc., of its 2023 general property tax assessment for Tax Parcel No. 34-10784, street addresses of 220 and 440 24th Street South, City of Wisconsin Rapids. (See Attached Claim)

In closed session, the Council considered a Claim for Unlawful Tax by Marshfield Clinic, Inc., of its 2023 general property tax assessment for Tax Parcel No. 34-10784, street addresses of 220 and 440 24th Street South, City of Wisconsin Rapids.

13. The Council will return to open session and may continue discussion and may consider a Resolution regarding the Claim for Unlawful Tax identified above.

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Bemke to return to open session. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays, and the Council return to open session:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattnach	5		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Zacher to approve a Resolution regarding the Claim for Unlawful Tax identified above. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays. Resolution No. 7 (2024):

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	5	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. Adjournment.

It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Cattanach to adjourn. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays, and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	5	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk