



**Report of the Finance and Property Committee**

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

Date of Meeting: February 6, 2024  
Reported to Council: February 20, 2024

The Finance and Property Committee met at 4:04 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 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](http://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 4:04 p.m.**

2. Consider a request from Mas Rocks LLC, D/B/A Hollyrocks, Mark A. Sparhawk, agent, for Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages and Retail "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor licenses for the premise located at 114 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North.

**It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve a request from Mas Rocks LLC, D/B/A Hollyrocks, Mark A. Sparhawk, agent, for Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages and Retail "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor licenses for the premise located at 114 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North. Motion carried, 3-0.**

3. Consider a request from the Parks and Recreation Department to apply to the Legacy Foundation of Central Wisconsin for 3 grants to enhance the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Zoo. These grants would assist with the addition of a new river otter exhibit, insulation of Helen's House to allow for year-round use, and a new inclusive playground. The total grant request will be \$580,000, with the City's match consisting of \$190,000 from the Teske Fund and \$30,000 from Park Outlay.

**It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Bemke to approve a request from the Parks and Recreation Department to apply to the Legacy Foundation of Central Wisconsin for 3 grants to enhance the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Zoo. The total grant request will be \$580,000, with the City's match consisting of \$190,000 coming from the Teske Fund and \$30,000 from Park Outlay. Motion carried, 3-0.**

4. Audit of the bills.

**It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher to approve check numbers 19884-20468. Motion carried, 3-0.**

5. Set next meeting date

**The next regular meeting of the Finance and Property Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.**

6. In open session, the Committee may vote to go into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, 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".

**It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Bemke to go into closed session. Roll call vote was taken. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion carried, 3-0, and the Committee went into closed session.**

7. In closed session, the Committee will discuss negotiations and strategy regarding the following items:

- The sale of approximately 367 square feet of City-owned Parcel 34-05612 to an adjacent landowner (1030 3<sup>rd</sup> Street North) to address a garage encroachment issue, and also obtain a storm sewer utility easement over land located at 1030 3<sup>rd</sup> Street North.
- The purchase of a 10-foot strip of land from Parcel 34-02592 (340 West Grand Avenue) and the granting of a 20 foot easement for garage and property access for the property located at 340 West Grand Avenue, for purposes of the Dixon Parking Lot redesign and resurfacing.
- The sale, disposition, or development of City-owned property in the downtown area known as the Triangle Property.

- d. Extensions of lease agreements in the Centralia Center with the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin and with Park Place Day Services.

**In closed session, the Committee discussed negotiations and strategy regarding the items listed above.**

8. The Committee will return to open session.

**It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to return to open session. Motion carried, 3-0, and the Committee returned to open session.**

9. Discuss and consider for approval a resolution regarding downtown development in partnership with Wood County.

**It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve a resolution regarding downtown development in partnership with Wood County. Motion carried, 3-0.**

10. Discuss and consider for approval the sale of approximately 367 square feet of City-owned Parcel 34-05612 to an adjacent landowner (1030 3<sup>rd</sup> Street North) to address a garage encroachment issue, and also obtain a storm sewer utility easement over land located at 1030 3<sup>rd</sup> Street North.

**It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Bemke to approve the sale of approximately 367 square feet of City-owned Parcel 34-05612 to an adjacent landowner (1030 3<sup>rd</sup> Street North) to address a garage encroachment issue, and also obtain a storm sewer utility easement over land located at 1030 3<sup>rd</sup> Street North. Motion carried, 3-0.**

11. Discuss and consider for approval the purchase of a 10 foot strip of land from Parcel 34-02592 (340 West Grand Avenue) and the granting of a 20 foot easement for garage and property access for the property located at 340 West Grand Avenue, as part of the Dixon Parking Lot redesign and resurfacing.

**It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve the purchase of a 10 foot strip of land from Parcel 34-02592 (340 West Grand Avenue) and the granting of a 20 foot easement for garage and property access for the property located at 340 West Grand Avenue, as part of the Dixon Parking Lot redesign and resurfacing. Motion carried, 3-0.**

12. Discuss and consider for approval extensions of lease agreements in the Centralia Center with the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin and with Park Place Day Services.

**It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Bemke to approve extensions of lease agreements in the Centralia Center with the Aging & Disability Resource Center of Central Wisconsin and with Park Place Day Services as presented. Motion carried, 3-0.**

13. Adjournment.

**It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to adjourn. Motion carried, 3-0, and the meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.**