



**MINUTES**  
 MEETING OF THE WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL  
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 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, January 16, 2024, at 6:02 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 6:02 p.m.**

2. Roll Call

**Roll call indicated that all alderpersons were present except Alderperson Veneman, who was excused:**

<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattnach	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. Administration of Ceremonial Oaths of Office and Badge Pinning for New Police Officers

**City Clerk Gossick administered ceremonial oaths of office for the following new Police Officers:**

1. Jordan Leher
2. Barron Taylor

5. Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on December 19, 2023

**It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Cattnach to dispense with a reading and accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried, 7 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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	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	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Consider a Resolution Declaring World Migratory Bird Day in the City of Wisconsin Rapids

It was moved by Austin, seconded by Zacher to approve a Resolution Declaring World Migratory Bird Day in the City of Wisconsin Rapids. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays. Resolution No. 1 (2024):

<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Consider a Resolution Vacating Easements regarding real estate owned by Cranberry Land, LLC and located in the West Side Industrial Park

It was moved by Cattanaach, seconded by Austin to approve a Resolution Vacating Easements regarding real estate owned by Cranberry Land, LLC and located in the West Side Industrial Park. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays. Resolution No. 2 (2024):

<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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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	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"/>

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

Date of Meeting: January 8, 2024

Reported to Council: January 16, 2024

The Planning Commission met at 4:00 p.m. on January 8, 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 in the Chambers included Chairperson Shane Blaser, Ryan Austin, Lee Thao and Eric Daven; Jeff Marutz and Thad Kubisiak were excused. Ben Goodreau attended virtually. Also present in the Chambers were Community Development Director Kyle Kearns, Associate Planner Carrie Edmondson, Aldersperson Dennis Polach, Joe Eichsteadt and Jason Seymour. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the report from December 4, 2023, Planning Commission meeting.

Motion by Thao to approve the report from December 4, 2023, Planning Commission meeting; second by Daven. Motion carried (4 – 0)

2. Request from the Engineering Department to dedicate parkland property from Witter Park, addressed as 681 Chestnut Street (Parcel ID 3407850), for the purpose of right-of-way, totaling approximately 1,411.04 square feet and as depicted on the attached Lincoln Street Transportation Project Plat 2022-14; and recommend to the Council a resolution dedicating said property.

Motion by Austin to approve the request to dedicate parkland property from Witter Park, addressed as 681 Chestnut Street (Parcel ID 3407850), for the purpose of right-of-way, totaling approximately 1,411.04 square feet and as depicted on the attached Lincoln Street Transportation Project Plat 2022-14; and recommendation to the Council for a resolution dedicating said property; second by Blaser. Motion carried (4 – 0). **Resolution No. 3 (2024)**

3. 23-001248; Engineering Department - request for Site Plan Review to perform site improvements at 40 North Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 3402593 and Parcel ID 3402594).

Carrie Edmondson provided background information and a synopsis of the proposal. Approval was recommended with the conditions outlined in the staff report.

Motion by Blaser to approve the request for Site Plan Review to perform site improvements at 40 North Fourth Avenue (Parcel ID 3402593 and Parcel ID 3402594), subject to the following conditions:

1. A revised landscape plan must be submitted for review and approval by the Community Development Department.
2. All applicable right-of-way and stormwater permits must be obtained through the Engineering Department.
3. All applicable permits through the City shall be obtained.
4. Community Development Department staff shall have the authority to approve minor modifications to the plans.

Second by Austin. Ben Goodreau joined the meeting. Motion carried 4 – 0 – 1, Eric Daven abstained)

4. 23-001206; City of Wisconsin Rapids – public hearing and action on a request to amend Chapter 11 - Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A and Appendix B, specifically relating to personal storage facilities, to modify the land use definition and allow the use with a conditional use permit in the General Commercial (B-2) District.

Carrie Edmondson provided a review of the request and recommended approval.

Public hearing opened at 4:15 p.m.

Speaking against: none

Speaking in favor: none

Public hearing closed at 4:16 p.m.

Ryan Austin had a question about the minimum lot area required for storage facilities to which Mrs. Edmondson replied.

Motion by Daven to approve the request to amend Chapter 11 - Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A and Appendix B, specifically relating to personal storage facilities, to modify the land use definition and allow the use with a conditional use permit in the General Commercial (B-2) District.; second by Austin. Motion carried (5 – 0).

**Ordinance No. MC 1361**

5. 23-001207; City of Wisconsin Rapids – public hearing and action on a request to amend Chapter 11 - Zoning Ordinance; Appendix B, to amend the land use description of mobile vending and permit an exception within residential zoning districts.

Kyle Kearns provided a summary of the request.

Public hearing opened at 4:19 p.m.

Speaking against: none

Speaking in favor: none

Public hearing closed at 4:20 p.m.

Jason Seymour asked for clarification about the requirements for refrigeration and freezers for ice cream vendors, to which Mr. Kearns replied.

Motion by Blaser to approve the request to amend Chapter 11 – Zoning Ordinance; Appendix B, to amend the land use description of mobile vending and permit an exception within residential zoning districts; second by Daven. Motion carried (5 – 0). **Ordinance No. MC 1362**

6. Adjourn

Motion by Austin to adjourn the meeting; second by Daven. Motion carried (5 – 0). Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

**Rayome requested that item #4 be held out. It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Cattanach to approve and adopt the balance of the report, holding item #4 out for separate vote. Motion carried, 7 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>
Jay Bemke	8	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Regarding item #4, it was moved by Austin, seconded by Cattnach to approve this item as presented. Motion carried, 6 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattnach	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"/>

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 JANUARY 2, 2024:

Matt Zacher, Chairperson

Dean Veneman, Vice-Chairperson

Jay Bemke

Date of Meeting: January 2, 2024

Report to Council: January 16, 2024

The Finance and Property Committee met at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 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 4:00 p.m.

2. Consider a request from the Fire Department to apply to the Assistance to Firefighters grant (AFG) to replace all of the monitors in the ambulances for approximately \$130,000 total for the grant. This would be a 95/5 split: FEMA pays 95%; the City would pay 5%.

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Bemke to approve a request from the Fire Department to apply to the Assistance to Firefighters grant (AFG) to replace all of the monitors in the ambulances for approximately \$130,000 total for the grant. This would be a 95/5 split: FEMA pays 95%; the City would pay 5%. Motion carried, 3-0.

3. Consider a recommendation from Statewide Services to deny a claim from Kian Carter for alleged vehicle damage resulting from an open manhole on the Expressway on October 11, 2023.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to deny a claim from Kian Carter for alleged vehicle damage resulting from an open manhole on the Expressway on October 11, 2023. Motion carried, 3-0.

4. Consider a request from the Community Development Department to release a request for proposals for the downtown master plan project.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve a request from the Community Development Department to release a request for proposals for the downtown master plan project. Motion carried, 3-0.

5. Audit of the bills

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve check numbers 19376-19883. Motion carried, 3-0.

6. Set next meeting date

The next regular meeting of the Finance and Property Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

7. 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.

In closed session, the committee may discuss negotiations and strategy involving offers to purchase property for right-of-way acquisition and temporary limited easements, as prescribed by the Lincoln Street

Transportation Project Plat 2022-14, and may give staff direction regarding said acquisitions. In closed session, the Committee discussed negotiations and strategy involving offers to purchase property for right-of-way acquisition and temporary limited easements, as prescribed by the Lincoln Street Transportation Project Plat 2022-14.

8. The Committee will return to open session and may take action regarding said offers and acquisitions. It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Veneman to return to open session. Motion carried, 3-0, and the meeting returned to open session.

9. Consider for approval the dedication of City property for the right-of-way prescribed by the Lincoln Street Transportation Project Plat 2022-14. (This item will also be considered by the Planning Commission per state law and City ordinance).

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Bemke to approve the dedication of City property for the right-of-way prescribed by the Lincoln Street Transportation Project Plat 2022-14. Motion carried, 3-0.

10. 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 Bemke, seconded by Veneman 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.

In closed session, the Committee will discuss negotiations and strategy regarding an agreement with the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce for economic development and other services.

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11. Adjournment - The Committee will adjourn in closed session.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to adjourn in closed session. Motion carried, 3-0, and the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Bemke to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Motion carried, 7 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>

**B. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 16, 2024:**

Matt Zacher, Chairperson

Dean Veneman, Vice-Chairperson

Jay Bemke

Date of Meeting: January 16, 2024

Report to Council: January 16, 2024

The Finance and Property Committee met at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 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 except Dean Veneman, who was excused.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Zacher called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Consider for approval an Agreement with the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce for economic development and other services.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher to approve an Agreement with the Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce for economic development and other services to include the changes as presented, using funding from the Room Tax Fund. Motion carried, 2-0.

3. Adjournment.

It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Bemke to adjourn. Motion carried, 2-0, and the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

**It was moved by Zacher seconded by Cattanach to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Motion carried, 7 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>

**C. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 4, 2024:**

Tom Rayome, Chairperson                      Ryan Austin, Vice-Chairperson                      Dennis Polach  
 Date of Meeting: January 4, 2024  
 Reported to Council: January 16, 2024

The Public Works Committee met on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. All members were present.

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 Referral List.

The referral list was reviewed with requests to add flashing yellow arrows at the intersections of Washington St & STH 54 as well as 8<sup>th</sup> St and E Riverview Expressway.

4. Set Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting is set for Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5pm.

5. Adjourn

Motion by Austin, second by Rayome to adjourn at 5:16 PM. Motion carried (3-0).

**It was moved by Rayome, seconded by Polach to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Motion carried, 7 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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"/>

**D. REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2024:**

Jay Bemke, Chairperson                      Jake Cattanach, Vice-Chairperson                      Patrick J. Delaney  
 Date of Meeting: January 11, 2024  
 Reported to Council: January 16, 2024

The Human Resources Committee held a meeting on Thursday January 11, 2024, at 4:15 p.m. in the First Floor Conference room at City Hall, 444 W. Grand Ave. Alderspersons Bemke, Delaney, and Cattanach were present. Also, present were Mayor Blaser, City Attorney Schill, Aldersperson Polach, Battalion Chief Goodreau, Fire Chief Eckes, and HR Manager Hartman.

1. Call to order

Chairperson Bemke called the meeting to order at 4:16 p.m.

2. Discuss and consider for approval a revision to the FLSA classification for the Parks and Building Superintendent position.

Motion by Cattanach seconded by Delaney to approve a revision to the FLSA classification for the Parks and Building Superintendent position. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss providing mental health check-ins for fire department employees, and consideration of an agreement for the provision of these services with Hafermann Counseling Collaborative.

Motion by Cattanach seconded by Bemke to approve an agreement for mental health check in services for fire department employees with Hafermann Counseling Collaborative, to be funded through donations from the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Fighters Charitable Foundation and Crossview Church, and the remaining costs being covered through FAP funds. Motion carried 2-0, with Delaney abstaining.

4. Set next meeting date.

The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, February 6 at 5:00.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Cattanach seconded by Delaney to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

**Bemke requested that item #3 be held out. It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Austin to approve the balance of the report, holding item #3 out for separate vote. Motion carried, 7 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	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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 #3, it was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Bemke to approve this item as presented. Motion carried, 7 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

- A. McMillan Memorial Library Personnel Committee held October 30, 2023; Building and Grounds Committee held November 8 and December 13, 2023; Finance Committee held November 8, 2023; Services Committee held November 14, 2023
- B. South Wood County Airport Commission held December 7, 2023
- C. Water Works and Lighting Commission held December 13 and December 18, 2023
- D. Park and Recreation Commission held January 8, 2024

Department Reports for December 2023

- E. Engineering Department
- F. Public Works Department
- G. South Wood County Airport
- H. Wastewater Treatment Plant
- I. Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department
- J. Wisconsin Rapids Police Department

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) 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"; 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 Polach to go into closed session. Roll call vote was taken. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion carried, 7 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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"/>

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13. The Council will adjourn in closed session.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Delaney to adjourn in closed session. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays, and the meeting adjourned at 8:06 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 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	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk