



MINUTES
MEETING OF THE WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL
TUESDAY, March 16, 2021
6:00 P.M.
VIA REMOTE VIDEOCONFERENCE

A meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council was held via remote videoconferencing on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. Because of the pandemic, the public was unable to attend this meeting in person; however, the public was invited to listen to the audio of the meeting. The meeting was also streamed LIVE on the City's Facebook page. Members of the public who wished to submit comments to the Council regarding an agenda item were directed to contact the Mayor. No comments were received by the Mayor.

Present in the Council Chambers at City Hall were Mayor Blaser and Alderpersons Veneman, Kellogg, Rayome, Kubisiak, and Bemke. Alderpersons Zurfluh, Koth, and Cattanach appeared via videoconference. Also present in the Council Chambers were Chief Young, Sue Schill, Tyler Mickelson, Joe Terry, and Jennifer Gossick. Chief Blevins, Ryan Hartman, Tim Desorcy, Rick Merdan, and Patrick Gatterman appeared via videoconference.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Blaser called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call indicated that all alderpersons were present; Alderperson Cattanach resumed the office of District 6 Alderperson and thus Dennis Polach's temporary appointment as District 6 Alderperson was terminated:

Joe Zurfluh (via videoconference)
Dean Veneman
Scott Kellogg
Tom Rayome
Steve Koth (via videoconference)
Jake Cattanach (via videoconference)
Thaddeus Kubisiak
Jay Bemke

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

Mayor Blaser requested that all present stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

4. Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on February 16, 2021

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

5. Mayor Recognitions

Mayor Blaser recognized the following:

- a. Assumption Royals girls basketball team won the Division 5 State Championship
- b. Lincoln High School Red Raiders girls basketball team are regional champions
- c. Wisconsin Community Media won several awards from Best of the Midwest Media Fest;
Out of 13 submissions, there were 2 excellence awards (one of which is Best in Show amateur level), 7 achievement awards, and 2 merit awards. The Mayor's Youth Council Thank You video won Best in Show produced by youth (18 years old and under) amateur level.

6. Consider a Resolution Extending the Emergency Declaration Proclamation Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic
It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve a Resolution Extending the Emergency Declaration Proclamation Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays. Resolution No. 5 (2021)
Mayor Blaser announced that the upper floors of City Hall would reopen April 5, but face coverings and social distancing will be required; that spectators and applicants would be allowed to attend City meetings, but meetings should be held in City Hall Council chambers, face coverings and social distancing will be required, and members

and City staff may still attend meetings via Zoom.

7. Consider appointment of a member to the Water Works and Lighting Commission, for a term expiring October 1, 2025

There were 3 persons who expressed interest: Rick Merdan, Patrick Gatterman, and Phil Gilbert.

It was moved by Kubisiak, seconded by Bemke to allow each candidate to speak for two minutes. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays. Rick Merdan and Patrick Gatterman spoke.

It was moved by Kubisiak, seconded by Bemke to establish the following voting rules:

- a. If there is a majority winner (5 votes) on the first vote, no second vote is needed
- b. If there is no majority winner on the first vote, the candidate with the fewest votes in the first vote will drop out and a second vote will be taken to determine a winner from the remaining two candidates.

Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays.

It was moved by Kellogg, seconded by Kubisiak that if during the first vote or a subsequent vote, there is a tie (4 votes each), the Council will take one more vote. If that vote also ends in a tie, the Council will flip a coin to determine who will be appointed to the Commission. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays.

A vote was taken with the following results:

Rick Merdan received 5 votes

Patrick Gatterman received 3 votes

Philip Gilbert received 0 votes

As Rick Merdan, 1510 Clyde Avenue, received a majority of votes, Rick was re-appointed as a member of the Water Works and Lighting Commission for a term expiring October 1, 2025.

8. Consider for confirmation Mayor Blaser's appointments to the Library Board, for terms expiring July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2023

It was moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Kellogg to confirm the following appointments to the Library Board:

- a. Kim Heniadis, 740 Baker Street, as a regular member to fill a term formerly held by Susan Bovee for a term expiring July 1, 2021
- b. Eric Montag, 1341 E. Grand Avenue, as a regular member for a term expiring July 1, 2023.

Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays.

9. Consider a Resolution Adopting the Wood County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan

It was moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Kellogg to approve a Resolution Adopting the Wood County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays. Resolution No. 6 (2021)

10. Consider for adoption an Ordinance Amending Section 8.15(5) of the Municipal Code, regarding the Emergency Lateral Repair Fund.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Rayome to approve an Ordinance Amending Section 8.15(5) of the Municipal Code, regarding the Emergency Lateral Repair Fund. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays. Ordinance No. MC 1285

11. Consider for adoption an Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapters 2, 11, 14, and 26 to require city residency for members of some committees, commissions and boards, as recommended by the Legislative Committee at its meeting on March 8, 2021

It was moved by Kubisiak, seconded by Veneman to approve an Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapters 2, 11, 14, and 26 to require city residency for members of some committees, commissions and boards. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays. Ordinance No. MC 1286

12. Consider for Adoption the Actions of the Planning Commission at its meeting held on March 1, 2021:

Date of Meeting: March 1, 2021

Report #1

Reported to Council: March 16, 2021

The Planning Commission met at 4:00 p.m. on March 1, 2021 within the Council Chambers at City Hall and via remote audioconferencing. Due to the pandemic, social distancing guidelines and masks were required for in-person participation. Commissioners present were Lee Thao, Tom Brey, Shane Burkart, Jay Bemke, and Susan Feith. Absent was Dan Hanson, and Shane Blaser. Others partaking in the meeting included: Larry

Koopman, Craig Broeren, Joel Ehrfurth and Robert Polzin. Tom Brey moved to nominate Jay Bemke to serve as Chairperson in Shane Blaser's absence and the attending commissioners approved unanimously. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

1. Approval of the reports from the February 1, 2021 Planning Commission meeting
Motion by Thao, second by Brey, to approve the reports from the February 1, 2021 Plan Commission meeting.
Motion carried (4 – 0)

2. **PLAN-21-0095; Alliance Development** – request for Certified Survey Map approval to combine lots and create an outlot, including the dedication of said outlot as public right-of-way, located at 1810-1830 8th Street (Parcel ID 3411723 & 3411724)

Motion by Burkart, second by Thao, to accept the request for Certified Survey Map approval in PLAN-21-0095.
Motion carried (4 – 0)

3. **PLAN-21-0094; Community Development Department** – Public hearing and action on a request to permanently zone a recently annexed unaddressed parcel on Grove Avenue, east of 16th Street South (Town Parcel ID 0700640) to I-1 Institutional District.

Public hearing opened at 4:07 p.m.

Speaking in favor: none

Speaking against none

Robert Polzin of 21st Place South inquired about the parking at the facility and whether Grove Avenue would be extended, to which Craig Broeren and the Director of Community Development responded.

Public hearing closed at 4:11 p.m.

Motion by Brey, second by Burkart, to approve the request for PLAN-21-0094 to permanently zone permanently zone a recently annexed unaddressed parcel on Grove Avenue, east of 16th Street South (Town Parcel ID 0700640) to I-1 Institutional District.

Motion carried (4 – 0)

4. **PLAN-21-0082; Connexus Credit Union** – Site Plan Review and Architectural Review to construct a vestibule and other site improvements at 1930 8th Street South (Parcel ID 3411731).

Larry Koopman of Lampert Lee & Associates addressed the lighting plan and agreed to work with the City Engineering Department and/or Public works to satisfy the needs for pavement markings and signage at the crosswalk.

Motion by Bemke, second by Brey, to approve the Site Plan Review and Architectural Review to construct a vestibule and other site improvements at 1930 8th Street South (Parcel ID 3411731) in PLAN-21-0082 subject to the conditions below:

- a. The impervious surface ratio shall not be increased beyond the existing conditions, 89.9%.
- b. A maximum of 50% of the parking, including the off-site parking, for the use shall be permitted to exist within the front of the principal building.
- c. The Public Works Department shall review and approve any lighting within the right-of-way.
- d. Refuse enclosure vinyl fencing shall be solid and opaque of decoration on all sides.
- e. Applicable permits through City Hall shall be obtained.
- f. Community Development staff shall have the authority to approve minor modifications to the plans.

Motion carried (4 – 0)

Susan Feith joined the meeting

5. **Community Development 2020 Annual Report**

Staff gave a brief synopsis of the Community Development 2020 Annual Report

6. **Adjourn**

Motion by Thao to adjourn, second by Brey. Motion carried (5 – 0).

Meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Kellogg to approve and adopt the actions of the Commission. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays.

13. 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 2, 2021:

Steve Koth, Chairperson

Scott Kellogg, Secretary

Thad Kubisiak

Date of Meeting: March 2, 2021

Reported to Council: March 16, 2021

The Finance and Property Committee meeting was held via remote videoconferencing on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. The public was invited to listen to the audio of the meeting. 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. Also in attendance were Alderperson Veneman, Alderperson Polach, Mayor Blaser, Sue Schill, Jennifer Gossick, Andy Barnett and Tim Desorcy. A list of others in attendance is on file in the Clerk's office.

1. Call to order

Alderperson Koth called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Consider a request from MCH Inc. d/b/a Ida's Neighborhood Sports Bar and Grill, Mark Hardt, agent, for a Class "B" Beer and "Class B" liquor license for the premises located at 1981 Lincoln Street.

It was moved by Kubisiak, seconded by Kellogg to approve a Class "B" Beer and "Class B" liquor license for MCH Inc. d/b/a Ida's Neighborhood Sports Bar and Grill, Mark Hardt, agent, for the premises located at 1981 Lincoln Street. Motion carried.

3. Consider for approval a Trail Extension License Agreement with the Town of Grand Rapids for use of City railroad right-of-way property for the extension of a pedestrian/non-motorized trail. (See attached Trail Extension License Agreement)

It was moved by Kubisiak, seconded by Kellogg to approve the Trail Extension License Agreement with the Town of Grand Rapids for use of City railroad right-of-way property for the extension of a pedestrian/non-motorized trail. Motion carried.

4. Update from McMillan Memorial Library Director Andy Barnett on the Learning Futures project. This \$2 million redesign of a City owned building is going out to bid on March 3, 2021.

McMillan Memorial Library Director Andy Barnett gave the committee an update on the Learning Futures project. No action was taken.

5. Audit of the Bills.

It was moved by Koth, seconded by Kellogg to approve check no. 7238 to 7576. Motion carried.

6. Set next meeting date

The next regularly scheduled Finance and Property Committee will be Monday, April 5, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

7. Adjourn

Motion by Kellogg, seconded by Koth to adjourn. Motion carried with the meeting adjourning at 5:00 p.m.

It was moved by Koth, seconded by Veneman to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays.

B. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 11, 2021:

Steve Koth, Chairperson

Scott Kellogg, Secretary

Thad Kubisiak

Date of Meeting: March 11, 2021

Reported to Council: March 16, 2021

The Finance and Property Committee meeting was held via remote videoconferencing on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. The public was invited to listen to the audio of the meeting. 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 except for Alderperson Koth and Alderperson Kubisiak. Alderperson Veneman sat in for Alderperson Kubisiak and Alderperson Rayome sat in for Alderperson Koth. Also in attendance were Alderperson Bemke, Alderperson Polach, Mayor Blaser, Chief Young and Tim Desorcy. A list of others in attendance is on file in the Clerk's office.

1. Call to order

Alderperson Kellogg called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. Consider for approval a contract for construction management services for the fire station renovation
It was moved by Kellogg, seconded by Veneman to approve the proposal and contract for construction management services from Miron Construction Co., Inc. contingent upon review and approval from the City Attorney (See attachment No. 1 and No. 2). Motion carried.

3. Consider for approval a resolution amending the 2020 Budget

It was moved by Kellogg, seconded by Veneman to approve **Resolution No. 7 (2021)** amending the 2020 Budget (See attachment No. 3). Motion carried.

4. Consider for approval a resolution amending the 2021 Budget

This item was held over and no action was taken

5. Adjourn

Motion by Kellogg, seconded by Rayome to adjourn. Motion carried with the meeting adjourning at 4:45 p.m.

It was moved by Koth, seconded by Rayome to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays.

C. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 2, 2021:

Tom Rayome

Jake Cattanaach

Dean Veneman

Date of Meeting: March 2, 2021

Reported to Council: March 16, 2021

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 via remote videoconference. Tom Rayome, Dennis Polach, and Dean Veneman were present. Others attending are on file in the Clerk's office.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm

2. Review DPW Report

DPW report was reviewed

3. Assessment hearing for 2nd Ave South from West Riverview Expressway to 10th Ave S

An assessment hearing was called to order at 6:14 pm. Rod Winters and Jim Gignac commented on their assessments. The assessment hearing was closed at 6:26 pm.

4. Consider a final resolution for special assessments related to 2nd Ave South from West Riverview Expressway to 10th Ave S

Motion by Rayome, second by Palach to approve a final resolution for special assessments related to 2nd Ave South from West Riverview Expressway to 10th Ave S. Motion carried (3-0) **Resolution No. 8 (2021)**

5. Assessment hearing for Washington Street from 12th St S to Baker Dr

An assessment hearing was called to order at 6:29 pm. Brian Clement commented on his assessment.

The assessment hearing was closed at 6:31 pm

6. Consider a final resolution for special assessments related to Washington Street from 12th St S to Baker Dr

Motion by Veneman, second by Rayome to approve a final resolution for special assessments related to Washington Street from 12th St S to Baker Dr. Motion carried (3-0) **Resolution No. 9 (2021)**

7. Assessment hearing for 14th Place from approximately 522' south of Rosewood Ave to approximately 595' south of Rosewood Ave

An assessment hearing was called to order at 6:32 pm. There were no comments. The assessment hearing was closed at 6:33 pm.

8. Consider a final resolution for special assessments related to 14th Place from approximately 522' south of Rosewood Ave to approximately 595' south of Rosewood Ave

Motion by Veneman, second by Polach to approve a final resolution for special assessments related to 14th Place from approximately 522' south of Rosewood Ave to approximately 595' south of Rosewood Ave. Motion carried (3-0) **Resolution No. 10 (2021)**

9. Adjourn.

Motion by Rayome, second by Veneman to adjourn. Motion carried (3-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 pm

Rayome requested that item #4 be held out for separate vote. It was moved by Rayome, seconded by Veneman to approve and adopt the balance of the report holding out item #4. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays.

Regarding item #4, it was moved by Veneman, seconded by Rayome to approve the final resolution for special assessments related to 2nd Ave South from West Riverview Expressway to 10th Ave S consistent with the City Engineer's amended report. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays.

D. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 9, 2021:

Tom Rayome

Jake Cattanaach

Dean Veneman

Date of Meeting: March 9, 2021

Reported to Council: March 16, 2021

The Public Works Committee met on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 via remote videoconference. Tom Rayome, Dennis Polach, and Dean Veneman were present. Others attending are on file in the Clerk's office.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm

2. Assessment hearing for 10th St S from Airport Ave to Grove Ave

An assessment hearing was called to order at 6:07 pm. Dave Laspa and Richard Antinoga commented on their assessments. The assessment hearing was closed at 6:13 pm

3. Consider a final resolution for special assessments related to 10th St S from Airport Ave to Grove Ave

Motion by Rayome, second by Polach to approve a final resolution for special assessments related to 10th St S from Airport Ave to Grove Ave. Motion carried (3-0) **Resolution No. 11 (2021)**

4. Assessment hearing for Chase St from 17th Ave S to 21st Ave S

An assessment hearing was called to order at 6:24 pm. Dennis Oczachowski commented on his assessment. The assessment hearing was closed at 6:40 pm

5. Consider a final resolution for special assessments related to Chase St from 17th Ave S to 21st Ave S
Motion by Rayome, second by Veneman to approve a final resolution for special assessments related to Chase St from 17th Ave S to 21st Ave S. Motion carried (3-0) **Resolution No. 12 (2021)**

6. Review and consider amending the preliminary resolution for 15th Street from Apricot to Norton St
Motion by Rayome, second by Veneman to amend the preliminary resolution for 15th Street from Apricot to Norton St. Motion carried (3-0) **Resolution No. 13 (2021)**

7. Adjourn

Motion by Rayome, second by Veneman to adjourn. Motion carried (3-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm

It was moved by Rayome, seconded by Kellogg to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays.

E. REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 4, 2021:

Thad Kubisiak, Chairperson

Joseph Zurfluh, Secretary

Jay Bemke

Date of Meeting: March 4, 2021

Reported to Council: March 16, 2021

A meeting of the Human Resources Committee was held on Thursday, March 4th, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. via remote videoconferencing, originating from the City Hall Council Chambers. All members were present, with Chairperson Kubisiak and Alderperson Bemke appearing in person, and Alderperson Zurfluh appearing remotely. Also present were Mayor Shane Blaser, City Attorney Sue Schill (remote), Alderperson Dennis Pollack, Ryan Hartman, Morgan Tauschek and Tyler Mickelson.

1. Call to order.

Chairperson Kubisiak called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Discuss and consider for approval to change the city's Flexible Spending Account (FSA) provider to Diversified Benefit Services, Inc. (DBS) as the city's third-party administrator (TPA), effective May 1st, 2021

Motion by Kubisiak, second by Bemke to change the city's Flexible Spending Account (FSA) provider to Diversified Benefit Services, Inc. (DBS) as the city's third-party administrator (TPA), effective May 1st, 2021. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss and consider for approval the revisions to the Temporary Employees Policy as presented
Motion by Kubisiak, second by Bemke to approve the revisions to the Temporary Employees Policy.
Motion carried 3-0.

4. Update on status of responses to Request for Proposals for Classification and Compensation Study; possible discussion and approval to proceed with a consultant to provide a classification and compensation study

No motion made. Update provided with possible referral to April Human Resources Committee.

5. HR Department Update

- DPW OSHA Training

- OSHA training dates have been set and moving forward with creation of a Safety Plan.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Bemke, second by Zurflu to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

It was moved by Kubisiak, seconded by Kellogg to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays.

F. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 8, 2021:

Tom Rayome, Chairperson

Steve Koth, Secretary

Thaddeus Kubisiak

Date of Meeting: March 8, 2021

Reported to Council: March 16, 2021

A meeting of the Legislative Committee was held via remote videoconferencing originating from the City Hall Council Chambers on Monday, March 8, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. Because of the pandemic, appearance in person by the public was not permitted. However, the public could access live audio of the meeting. The meeting was also streamed LIVE on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page. If a member of the

public wished to submit comments to the Committee regarding an agenda item, they were asked to contact Alderperson Rayome via email at trayome@wirapids.org before the meeting. No comments were submitted.

Chairperson Rayome was present remotely, and Alderperson Kubisiak was present in person. Alderperson Koth was absent but requested that Alderperson Veneman sit in for him, and Chairperson Rayome consented to same. Also present in person were Alderperson Bemke, Alderperson Polach, Mayor Blaser, Sue Schill, and Tyler Mickelson. Also appearing remotely was Joe Terry.

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

2. Consider an ordinance which would increase the term of the alderperson member of the Water Works and Lighting Commission from 1 year to the alderperson's term in office (Alderperson Kellogg referral)

Motion be Kubisiak, second by Veneman, to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried, 3-0.

(See attached ordinance) **Ordinance No. MC 1287**

3. Initial discussion regarding a salvage ordinance which would regulate the salvaging of non-structural materials outside the demolition process for vacant manufacturing buildings (Community Development Department referral)

Motion by Rayome, second by Kubisiak to have the Community Development Department draft a salvage ordinance and bring it back to the Committee. Motion carried, 3-0.

4. Initial discussion regarding the role and responsibilities of the Park and Recreation Commission (Alderperson Rayome referral)

Motion by Kubisiak, second by Veneman, to create an ad hoc committee to discuss the future role and responsibility of the Park and Recreation Commission and make a recommendation to Council; members shall be appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council; and shall consist of 2 alderpersons, 2 Park and Recreation Commissioners, and Mayor Blaser. Motion carried, 3-0.

5. Initial discussion regarding increasing the size of the membership of the Council, and increasing the size of standing committees of the Council, via charter ordinance, in anticipation of local redistricting (Alderperson Rayome referral)

It was discussed that if an increase in council size is pursued, the Committee favored limiting the options to either 9, 10, or 11 alderpersons.

Motion by Kubisiak, second by Veneman, to postpone this item until the next Legislative Committee meeting. Motion carried, 3-0.

6. Consider an ordinance to increase the compensation paid to Alderpersons (Alderperson Koth referral - present pay is \$490 per month)

Motion by Kubisiak, second by Veneman, to place this item on the Committee referral list. Motion carried, 3-0.

7. Initial discussion regarding city residency for members of all committees, commissions, and boards of the City (Alderperson Rayome referral)

Motion by Veneman, second by Rayome, to have the City Attorney draft an ordinance to present to the March Council which would limit membership of committees, commissions, and boards, to only City residents, except where non-city residents are specifically required, for persons holding positions per tenure, and like circumstances. Motion carried, 3-0.

Motion by Rayome, second by Kubisiak, to adjourn. Motion carried, 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Koth requested that item #4 and item #6 be held out for separate vote. It was moved by Rayome, seconded by Kubisiak to approve and adopt the balance of the report holding out item #4 and item #6. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays.

Regarding item #4, it was moved by Kubisiak, seconded by Veneman to confirm Mayor Blaser's appointments of Tom Rayome and Jay Bemke as alderperson members, and Kris Barteck, 3441 15th Street South, and Tom Ekelin, 443 Shady Lane, as Park and Recreation Commission members, as members, along with the Mayor, of an ad hoc committee to discuss the future role and responsibility of the Park and Recreation Commission and to make recommendations to the Council. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays.

Regarding item #6, it was moved by Koth, seconded by Cattanaach to increase the compensation paid to Alderpersons from \$490 per month to \$750 per month to be publicly noticed October 2021 to take effect after the April 2022 election. Motion failed, 3 ayes and 5 nays with Zurfluh, Veneman, Kellogg, Kubisiak, and Bemke voting in the negative.

14. Reports of Other Committees, Commissions and Boards; Department Reports

- A. Police & Fire Commission held on January 13 and February 10
- B. Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department Summary for February 2021
- C. Wisconsin Rapids Police Department Summary for February 2021
- D. South Wood County Airport Manager Report for February 2021, South Wood County Airport Commission held on February 4, 2021
- E. McMillan Memorial Library Annual Report for 2020, McMillan Memorial Library held on February 3, February 4, and February 10
- F. Water Works & Lighting Commission held on February 10
- G. Wastewater Treatment Commission held on March 3

It was moved by Kubisiak, seconded by Bemke to place the reports on file. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays.

15. Referrals to Committee

No referrals were received.

16. 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".

In closed session, the Committee will discuss negotiations and strategy regarding the status of the present agreement for wastewater services with the Village of Biron, and will discuss negotiations and strategy regarding a new wastewater services agreement with the Village of Biron.

The Committee may return to open session and may take action regarding the status of the present agreement for wastewater services with the Village of Biron.

It was moved by Zurfluh, seconded by Rayome 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". Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays, and the Council went into closed session.

a. In closed session, the Council discussed negotiations and strategy regarding the status of the present agreement for wastewater services with the Village of Biron, and discussed negotiations and strategy regarding a new wastewater services agreement with the Village of Biron.

It was moved by Kubisiak, seconded by Rayome to return to open session. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays.

b. In open session it was moved by Kubisiak, seconded by Rayome to send a Notice of Termination of 1991 Agreement for Transportation of Sewage between the City of Wisconsin Rapids and the Village of Biron, effective December 31, 2021, and to have City staff continue to work with the Village of Biron on a successor wastewater services agreement. Motion carried 8 ayes and 0 nays.

17. Adjournment

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Rayome to adjourn. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk