

# MINUTES MEETING OF THE WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022 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, and via remote videoconferencing on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 6:15 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 6:15 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

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

<u>Alderperson</u>	<u>District</u>	Present	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1		$\boxtimes$
Dean Veneman	2	$\boxtimes$	
Matt Zacher	3	$\boxtimes$	
Tom Rayome	4	$\boxtimes$	
Sheri Evanson	5	$\boxtimes$	
Jake Cattanach	6	$\boxtimes$	
Patrick J. Delaney	7	$\boxtimes$	
Jay Bemke	8	$\boxtimes$	

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 March 15, 2022

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to dispense with a reading and accept the minutes of the previous meetings. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays:

Alderperson	District	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1				$\boxtimes$
Dean Veneman	2	Second	$\boxtimes$		
Matt Zacher	3		$\boxtimes$		
Tom Rayome	4		$\boxtimes$		
Sheri Evanson	5		$\boxtimes$		
Jake Cattanach	6		$\boxtimes$		
Patrick J. Delaney	7		$\boxtimes$		
Jay Bemke	8	Motion	$\boxtimes$		

5. Consider for approval an Ordinance amending Chapter 11 of the Municipal Code to define Towing Business and place it within zoning districts. This was a second reading of this ordinance.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher to approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 11 of the Municipal Code to define Towing Business and place it within zoning districts. Motion carried, 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention. Ordinance No. MC 1314:

<u>Alderperson</u>	<u>District</u>	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1					$\boxtimes$
Dean Veneman	2		$\boxtimes$			
Matt Zacher	3	Second	$\boxtimes$			

Tom Rayome	4		$\boxtimes$		
Sheri Evanson	5		$\boxtimes$		
Jake Cattanach	6			$\boxtimes$	
Patrick J. Delaney	7		$\boxtimes$		
Jay Bemke	8	Motion	$\boxtimes$		

6. Consider for approval the Transportation Utility Ordinance. This was a second reading of this ordinance. It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Zacher to approve the Transportation Utility Ordinance. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays. Ordinance No. MC 1315:

Alderperson	District	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1				$\boxtimes$
Dean Veneman	2	Motion	$\boxtimes$		
Matt Zacher	3	Second	$\boxtimes$		
Tom Rayome	4		$\boxtimes$		$\boxtimes$
Sheri Evanson	5		$\boxtimes$		
Jake Cattanach	6		$\boxtimes$		
Patrick J. Delaney	7		$\boxtimes$		
Jay Bemke	8		$\boxtimes$		

# 7. Consider for Adoption the Actions of the Planning Commission at its meeting held on April 4, 2022:

Date of Meeting: April 4, 2022

Reported to Council: April 14, 2022

The Planning Commission met at 4:00 p.m. on April 4, 2022 in the City of Wisconsin Rapids Council Chambers, 444 West Grand Avenue, and via remote audioconferencing. Members present included Lee Thao, Eric Daven, Ryan Austin (acting chair), and Ben Goodreau; Susan Feith and Shane Burkart attended remotely. Shane Blaser was excused. Also present were Kyle Kearns, Carrie Edmondson, Chris Steckbauer, Bert Steckbauer, and Chad Wirl.

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

1. Approval of the reports from the March 7, 2022 Plan Commission meeting

Motion by Feith to approve the reports from the March 7 Plan Commission meeting; second Thao. Motion carried (5 - 0)

2. Vandewalle & Associates – Wisconsin Rapids Recovery & Redevelopment Plan Update Community Development Director Kyle Kearns provided the most recent update regarding the special Common Council and Plan Commission meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Aquatic Center. A public meeting is also tentatively scheduled for a date later in May.

Shane Burkart joined the meeting

3. Phillip M Dachel; Extraterritorial CSM – request for Certified Survey Map approval for the creation of 1 lot, which is under 5 acres, within the Town of Rudolph. The subject property is west of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, and north of Oak Road (Parcel ID 1700425).

Kyle Kearns provided an overview of Agenda items 3 and 4, recommending approvals.

Motion by Daven to accept the request for Certified Survey Map for the creation of 1 lot, which is under 5 acres, within the Town of Rudolph, subject property being west of  $3^{rd}$  Avenue, and north of Oak Road (Parcel ID 1700425); second by Thao. Motion carried (6 – 0)

4. James Walloch; Extraterritorial CSM – request for Certified Map approval for the creation of 2 lots, one of which is under 5 acres, within the Town of Rudolph. The subject property is east of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and north of Pine Road (Parcel ID 1700375).

Motion by Goodreau to accept the request for Certified Map approval for the creation of 2 lots, one of which is under 5 acres, within the Town of Rudolph, the subject property being east of  $6^{th}$  Avenue, and north of Pine Road (Parcel ID 1700375); second by Austin. Motion carried (6 – 0)

5. PLAN-22-000184; Chad Wirl – request for a site plan review to construct an accessory structure at 850 Rosecrans Street (Parcel ID 3401550)

Associate Planner Carrie Edmondson provided a review of PLAN-22-000184, recommending approval with the conditions outlined in the staff report.

Commissioner Goodreau asked the Mr. Wirl about the fence line to which the applicant responded. Chad Wirl requested that the conditions c, f and g be removed from staff report. Eric Daven inquired about lighting on

the property, to which both Mr. Wirl and Kyle Kearns responded. Mr. Kearns and Commissioner Thao also addressed the applicant's concerns regarding the conditions of approval.

Motion by Austin to approve the PLAN-22-000184; Chad Wirl – request for a site plan review to construct an accessory structure at 850 Rosecrans Street (Parcel ID 3401550), subject to the following conditions:

- a) The exterior materials of the building shall match the design and color of the principal building.
- b) The applicant would be required to install a paved driveway to access the accessory structure.
- c) Light from the business shall not exceed 0.1 foot-candles at neighboring property lines to the north and west and 0.2 footcandles at properties to the south.
- d) Applicable permits through the City shall be obtained, including those applicable for fences and asphalt.
- e) This approval is contingent upon a Zoning Board of Appeals variance(s) approval.
- f) A building permit may be obtained only for a structure that matches the dimensions as specified on the plans submitted with this application.

g) Community development staff shall have the authority to approve minor modifications to the plans. Second by Goodreau. Motion carried (6 - 0)

6. PLAN-22-000198; C & C Steckbauer LLC. – request for an architectural review to perform façade improvements to the building at 150 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North (Parcel ID 3408114), which falls within the Downtown Design Overlay District.

Kyle Kearns provided a synopsis of the request, recommending approval with the condition outlined in the staff report.

Commissioner Goodreau inquired about painting of the brick on the property and Mr. Steckbauer responded. Susan Feith asked about a viable jump exit platform to which and Mr. Kearns responded, noting that the jump platform is not part of this approval. Chris Steckbauer also provided comment.

Motion by Goodreau to approve PLAN-22-000198; C & C Steckbauer LLC. – request for an architectural review to perform façade improvements to the building at 150 2<sup>nd</sup> Street North (Parcel ID 3408114), which falls within the Downtown Design Overlay, subject to the following condition:

a) Minor modifications to the façade improvement can be approved by the Community Development Department.

Second by Thao. Motion carried (6 - 0)

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Austin, second by Goodreau. Motion carried (6 – 0). Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m. It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher to approve and adopt the actions of the Commission. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays:

Alderperson	<b>District</b>	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	Absent
Ryan Austin	1				$\boxtimes$
Dean Veneman	2		$\boxtimes$		
Matt Zacher	3	Second	$\boxtimes$		
Tom Rayome	4		$\boxtimes$		
Sheri Evanson	5		$\boxtimes$		
Jake Cattanach	6		$\boxtimes$		
Patrick J. Delaney	7		$\boxtimes$		
Jay Bemke	8	Motion	$\boxtimes$		

8. 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 APRIL 5, 2022:

Tom Rayome, Chairperson Jake Cattanach, Secretary Jay Bemke Date of Meeting: April 5, 2022 Reported to Council: April 14, 2022

The Finance and Property Committee met at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 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 <a href="http://www.wr-cm.org">www.wr-cm.org</a> 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, Sue Schill, Interim Fire Chief Eckes, Kyle Kearns, Jake Klingforth, Tyler Mickelson and Tim Desorcy. A list of others in attendance is on file in the clerk's office.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Rayome called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

2. Consider a request from the Fire Department to apply for a grant to purchase two LUCAS devices through the Aspirus Foundation. (A LUCAS device is a mechanical CPR machine)

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Rayome, to approve the application for a grant to purchase two LUCAS devices through the Aspirus Foundation for \$34,521.22. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Consider a request from the Park and Building Supervisor to replace the humidifier at City Hall It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Rayome, to accept a bid from Tri City Services for replacement of the humidifier at City Hall for \$14,599. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Consider a request from the Park and Building Supervisor to remove all the windows at the Centralia Center and reinsulate around the windows

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Bemke, to accept the proposal in the amount of \$16,906 from K&W Glass to remove and reinsulate the Centralia Center windows. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Consider a request from Wisconsin Rapids Women's Softball Association, Jamie L. McDonald, agent, for a renewal of the 6-month Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages License from May 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022, for the premises located at Mead Field, 311 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Rayome, to approve a 6-month Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages License for Wisconsin Rapids Women's Softball Association, Jamie L. McDonald, agent, from May 1, 2022, to October 31, 2022, for the premises located at Mead Field, 311 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Motion carried 3-0.

 Consider for approval a Temporary Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages License for Central Wisconsin Cultural Center, 2651 Eighth Street South, for an Open Mic event to be held on Friday, April 29, 2022, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Rayome, to approve a Temporary Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages License for Central Wisconsin Cultural Center, 2651 Eighth Street South, for an Open Mic event to be held on Friday, April 29, 2022, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

7. Review and consider for approval proposals for acquisition and upgrade of financial software It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Bemke, to approve a proposal for NewRoads Public Works Management System software in the amount of \$12,000, and RT Vision software for \$4,500, with yearly maintenance fees. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Review and consider for approval 2022 Budget Amendment

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Bemke to approve the 2022 Budget Amendment resolution. Motion carried 3-0. **Resolution No. 10 (2022)** 

9. Audit of the Bills

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Rayome to approve check numbers 11992 to 12431. Motion carried 3-0.

10. Set next meeting date

The new Committee will set a date at the reorganizational meeting of the Council.

11. Consider the sale of a vacant City-owned building located at 161 & 163 3rd Street North, Parcel IDs: 34-08156 & 3408157

In open session, it was moved by Bemke, 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. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion carried 3-0. The Committee went into closed session.

In closed session, the committee discussed negotiations and strategy regarding the sale of the above property.

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Bemke to return to open session. Motion carried 3-0. The Committee returned to open session.

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Bemke to sell the vacant City-owned building located at 161 & 163 3rd Street North, Parcel IDs: 34-08156 & 3408157, pursuant to the offer presented, for the amount of \$38,000, with development contingencies as outlined in the offer. Motion carried 3-0.

12. In open session, it was moved by Bemke, seconded by Cattanach to go into closed session pursuant to 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 taken. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion carried 3-0. The Committee went into closed session.

In closed session, the Committee discussed a proposal for an organizational study and analysis of the police department and police chief candidate recruitment.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Rayome to return to open session. Motion carried 3-0. The Committee returned to open session.

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Bemke, to proceed with the proposal from CSS for an organizational study and analysis of the police department and police chief candidate recruitment, and the appropriation of funds to the Police and Fire Commission for the police chief candidate recruitment portion. Motion carried 3-0.

13. It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Rayome to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

It was moved by Rayome, seconded by Cattanach to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays:

<u>Alderperson</u>	<u>District</u>	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1				$\boxtimes$
Dean Veneman	2		$\boxtimes$		
Matt Zacher	3		$\boxtimes$		
Tom Rayome	4	Motion	$\boxtimes$		
Sheri Evanson	5		$\boxtimes$		
Jake Cattanach	6	Second	$\boxtimes$		
Patrick J. Delaney	7		$\boxtimes$		
Jay Bemke	8		$\boxtimes$		

### B. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 7, 2022:

Matt Zacher

Patrick J. Delaney

Date of Meeting: April 7, 2022

Reported to Council: April 14, 2022

The Public Works Committee met on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in the Council Chambers at City Hall and via remote videoconference. Ryan Austin, Matt Zacher and Patrick Delaney were in attendance. Others attending are on file in the Clerk's office.

1. Call to order

Ryan Austin

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM.

2. Review Engineering and Street Department Activities Report.

Reports were reviewed.

3. Review and consider proposals for Environmental Services related to W. Jackson Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue reconstruction projects.

Environmental service proposals were reviewed with Engineering Department's recommendation to hire Robert E. Lee based on hourly rates and past working experience with the City.

Motion by Zacher, second by Austin to approve hiring Robert E. Lee for environmental services up to \$20,000. Motion carried (3-0).

4. Review the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Report. Annual MS4 report was reviewed.

5. Review referral list

No items to update.

6. Adjourn

Motion by Zacher, second by Austin to adjourn at 5:25 pm. Motion carried (3-0).

It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Evanson to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays:

Alderperson	District	Motion/Second	Ave	Nay	Absent
Ryan Austin	1	<b>,</b>			
Dean Veneman	2		$\boxtimes$		
Matt Zacher	3	Motion	$\boxtimes$		
Tom Rayome	4		$\boxtimes$		
Sheri Evanson	5	Second	$\boxtimes$		
Jake Cattanach	6		$\boxtimes$		

Patrick J. Delaney	7	$\boxtimes$	
Jay Bemke	8	$\boxtimes$	$\boxtimes$

### C. REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 14, 2022:

Jay Bemke, Chairperson

Sheri Evanson

Dean Veneman, Secretary Date of Meeting: April 14, 2022

Reported to Council: April 14, 2022

The Human Resources Committee held a meeting in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, and via remote videoconferencing, on Thursday, March 14, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. All Committee members were present. Also present were, Mayor Shane Blaser, City Attorney Sue Schill, Ryan Hartman, Jake Klingforth, and Tyler Mickelson, Dennis Polach, and Patrick Delaney. 1. Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bemke at 5:05 p.m.

2. Discuss and consider for approval an increase in compensation for the Wastewater Treatment Plant intern from \$14.00 to \$16.00 per hour.

Motion by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve the request for pay increase for a Wastewater Treatment Plant intern from \$14.00 to \$16.00 per hour. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Discuss and consider for approval modifications to the position descriptions for the Recreation Supervisor and Park and Recreation Coordinator.

Motion by Veneman, seconded by Bemke to approve modifications to the position descriptions for the Recreation Supervisor and Park and Recreation Coordinator, with proposed language to education requirements. Motion carried 3-0.

4. Discuss and consider for approval a 2022 general wage increase for non-represented City employees. Motion by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve a 3% general wage increase for non-represented City employees, retroactive to January 1, 2022. Motion carried 3-0.

5. Update on wage study.

Discussion- no action taken.

6. Discuss and consider for ratification a successor collective bargaining agreement with IAFF Local 425. Motion by Bemke, seconded by Evanson to ratify a successor collective bargaining agreement with IAFF Local 425. Motion carried 3-0.

7. Discuss and consider for ratification a successor collective bargaining agreement with WRPPA. Motion by Veneman, seconded by Evanson to ratify a successor collective bargaining agreement with WRPPA. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Adjournment.

Motion by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m. It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Motion carried, 6 ayes and 1 nay:

Alderperson	District	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1				$\boxtimes$
Dean Veneman	2		$\boxtimes$		
Matt Zacher	3	Second	$\boxtimes$		
Tom Rayome	4		$\boxtimes$		
Sheri Evanson	5		$\boxtimes$		
Jake Cattanach	6		$\boxtimes$		
Patrick J. Delaney	7			$\boxtimes$	
Jay Bemke	8	Motion	$\boxtimes$		

### 9. Reports of Other Committees, Commissions and Boards; Department Reports

- A. Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department Annual Report for 2021 and Monthly Summary for March 2022
- **B.** Wisconsin Rapids Housing Authority held January 26
- **C.** Police and Fire Commission held February 9, March 16 and March 23
- D. McMillan Memorial Library Board held February 16 and Personnel Committee held March 9
- E. South Wood County Airport Commission held March 3
- F. Water Works and Lighting Commission held March 9
- G. Wastewater Treatment Commission held March 9 and Monthly Summary for March 2022
- H. Engineering Department Monthly Summary for March 2022

- I. Public Works Department Monthly Summary for March 2022
- J. Wisconsin Rapids Police Department Monthly Summary for March 2022
- K. Park and Recreation Commission held April 11

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher to place the reports on file. Motion carried, 5 ayes, 1 nay, and 1 abstention:

<u>Alderperson</u>	District	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1					$\boxtimes$
Dean Veneman	2		$\boxtimes$			
Matt Zacher	3	Second	$\boxtimes$			
Tom Rayome	4		$\boxtimes$			
Sheri Evanson	5		$\boxtimes$			
Jake Cattanach	6			$\boxtimes$		
Patrick J. Delaney	7				$\boxtimes$	
Jay Bemke	8	Motion	$\boxtimes$			

### 10. Referrals to Committee

- A. Alderperson Cattanach made a referral to the Park and Recreation Commission to review Aquatic Center concessions and rates
- B. Alderperson Evanson made a referral to the Park and Recreation Commission to record demographics for the Aquatic Center to review admission rates
- C. Alderperson Evanson made a referral to the Legislative Committee for an update on the Biron Wastewater Agreement
- D. Alderperson Evanson made a referral to the Legislative Committee to update the City's Municipal Code to reflect recent departmental changes

### 11. Adjournment

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Cattanach to adjourn. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays:

<u>Alderperson</u>	<b>District</b>	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1				$\boxtimes$
Dean Veneman	2		$\boxtimes$		
Matt Zacher	3		$\boxtimes$		
Tom Rayome	4		$\boxtimes$		
Sheri Evanson	5		$\boxtimes$		
Jake Cattanach	6	Second	$\boxtimes$		
Patrick J. Delaney	7		$\boxtimes$		
Jay Bemke	8	Motion	$\boxtimes$		
The meeting adjourne	ed at 7:40	) p.m.			

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk