



**MINUTES**  
 REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE  
 WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL  
 TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024  
 6:00 P.M.

A reorganizational meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, on Tuesday, April 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 Zacher called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

Roll call indicated that all alderpersons were present, with a vacancy in District 3:

<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"/>
Vacant	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Penzkover	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanaach	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"/>
Madalyn Palmquist	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

**4. Oath of Office for Mayor Matt Zacher**

City Clerk Gossick administered an oath of office for Mayor Matt Zacher

**5. Oaths of Office for Alderpersons in Districts 2, 4, 6, and 8**

City Clerk Gossick administered oaths of office for Alderpersons Dean Veneman (District 2), Jeff Penzkover (District 4), Dennis Polach (District 6), and Madalyn Palmquist (District 8)

**6. Election of a Common Council President**

Polach nominated Veneman; Delaney nominated Cattanaach, and both nominations were accepted. As there were no further nominations, Mayor Zacher asked for unanimous consent to close nominations. No objection was made and nominations were closed. A vote was taken by secret ballot which resulted in the election of Dean Veneman as Common Council President by a vote of 5 votes for Veneman to 2 votes for Cattanaach.

**7. Discuss and consider the appointment of a District 3 Aldersperson and/or consider ordering a Special Election due to the resignation of District 3 Aldersperson Matt Zacher**

It was moved by Cattanaach, seconded by Delaney to consider the appointment of a District 3 Aldersperson at the May Common Council meeting to serve for a term ending April 14, 2025. Motion carried, 4 ayes and 3 nays:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vacant	3		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Penzkover	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Madalyn Palmquist	8		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**8. Mayor Zacher’s Appointments to Standing Committees of the Common Council**  
**Mayor Zacher made the following appointments:**

Finance and Property Committee

Jake Cattanach  
 Dean Veneman  
 Patrick Delaney

Public Works Committee

Madalyn Palmquist  
 Ryan Austin  
 Jeff Penzkover

Human Resources Committee

Dennis Polach  
 Patrick Delaney  
 Jake Cattanach (to serve until Aldermanic District 3 vacancy is filled)

**9. The Newly Appointed Committees will meet to elect Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons**

The committees met and elected:

- Jake Cattanach as Chairperson and Dean Veneman as Vice-Chairperson of the Finance and Property Committee, which will meet at 5:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month;
- Ryan Austin as Chairperson and Madalyn Palmquist as Vice-Chairperson of the Public Works Committee, which will meet at 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday following the first Tuesday of the month;
- Patrick Delaney as Chairperson and Dennis Polach as Vice-Chairperson of the Human Resources Committee. Meeting day and time to be determined.

**10. The Newly Elected Chairpersons will meet to elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the Legislative Committee**

The newly elected Chairpersons met to elect Jake Cattanach as Chairperson and Ryan Austin as Vice-Chairperson of the Legislative Committee.

**11. Election of an Alderperson to the Planning Commission, to serve a term expiring April 14, 2025.**

Veneman nominated Austin; Delaney nominated Palmquist, and both nominations were accepted. As there were no further nominations, Mayor Zacher asked for unanimous consent to close nominations. No objection was made and nominations were closed. A voice vote was taken which resulted in 4 votes for Austin and 3 votes for Palmquist. As a 2/3 vote is required, Austin declined the nomination at this point. A second vote was taken, which resulted in 6 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention to approve Madalyn Palmquist as the Alderperson member to the Planning Commission for a term expiring April 14, 2025:

<u>Alderperson</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"/>
Vacant	3		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Penzkover	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Madalyn Palmquist	8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**12. Election of an Alderperson to serve as an alternate on the Ethics Board to replace Matt Zacher, for a term expiring in November 1, 2024**

Delaney nominated Palmquist, and the nomination was accepted. As there were no further nominations, Mayor Zacher asked for unanimous consent to close nominations. No objection was made and nominations were closed. A voice vote was taken which resulted in 6 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention to approve Palmquist as the alternate Alderperson member to serve on the Ethics Board, for a term expiring November 1, 2024:

<u>Alderperson</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"/>
Vacant	3		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Penzkover	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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Madalyn Palmquist	8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. Election of an Alderperson to the Park and Recreation Commission, to serve for the Alderperson’s term of office  
 Delaney nominated Veneman, and the nomination was accepted. As there were no further nominations, Mayor Zacher asked for unanimous consent to close nominations. No objection was made, and nominations were closed. A voice vote was taken, which resulted in 7 ayes and 0 nays to approve Veneman as the Alderperson member to the Park and Recreation Commission to serve for his term of office:

<u>Alderperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Veneman</u>	<u>Evanson</u>
Ryan Austin	1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vacant	3		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Penzkover	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"/>
Madalyn Palmquist	8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14. Election of an Alderperson to the Water Works and Lighting Commission, to serve for the Alderperson’s term of office

Cattanach nominated Penzkover, and the nomination was accepted. As there were no further nominations, Mayor Zacher asked for unanimous consent to close nominations. No objection was made, and nominations were closed. A voice vote was taken, which resulted in 7 ayes and 0 nays to approve Penzkover as the Alderperson member to the Water Works and Lighting Commission to serve for his term of office:

<u>Alderperson</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"/>
Vacant	3		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Penzkover	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"/>
Madalyn Palmquist	8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. Consider for confirmation Mayor Zacher’s Appointments to various Committees, Commission and Boards  
 Mayor Zacher made the following appointments:

Convention and Visitor’s Bureau

Scott Kellogg, 511 Elm Street, is reappointed as a regular member for a term expiring 4/21/2026

Historic Preservation Commission

Pat Kozicki, 430 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, is appointed as an alternate member to replace Jeff Penzkover for a term expiring 02/01/2026

Housing Authority

Jean Helmer, 531 Klevene Circle, is appointed as a regular member for a term expiring 4/30/2029.

Park and Recreation Commission

Aldersperson Jeff Penzkover, 1231 17<sup>th</sup> Street, is the mayor's aldersperson appointment for a term expiring 04/21/2026.

Tom Rayome, 1220 22<sup>nd</sup> Street North, is appointed as a regular member to replace to Tom Ekelin for a term expiring 05/01/2029

Planning Commission

Eric Daven, 2811 21st Place South, is reappointed as a regular member for a term expiring 05/01/2027  
Benjamin Goodreau, 550 Elm Street, is reappointed as a regular member for a term expiring 05/01/2027  
Lee Thao, 1010 11th Avenue, is reappointed as a regular member for a term expiring 05/01/2027

Wastewater Treatment Commission

David Laspa, 2931 10th Street South, is reappointed as a regular member for a term expiring 06/01/2029

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Palmquist to approve Mayor Zacher's appointments to various Committees, Commissions and Boards 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>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"/>
Vacant	3		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Penzkover	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"/>
Madalyn Palmquist	8	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16. Adjournment

It was moved by Penzkover, seconded by Veneman to adjourn. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays, and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.:

<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	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vacant	3		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Penzkover	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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Madalyn Palmquist	8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk