



**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**  
**WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**REVISED—ITEM #8 ADDED**

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council to be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be streamed live on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page and will also be broadcast live on Charter Cable Channel 985 and Solarus HD Cable Channel 3. If a member of the public wishes to access this meeting live via Zoom audio conferencing, you must contact the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting to coordinate your access. This meeting is also available after its conclusion on the City's Facebook page and Community Media's YouTube page, which can be accessed at [www.wr-cm.org](http://www.wr-cm.org). It is possible that members of the Council may appear remotely via video or audioconferencing for this meeting.

### **Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Presentation of the Colors by the Wisconsin Rapids Police Department Honor Guard**
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer in Lieu of Invocation**
- 5. Administration of Ceremonial Oath of Office and Badge Pinning for New Wisconsin Rapids Police Chief**
- 6. Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings held on April 13 and April 18, 2023 (See Attachments #1 and #2)**
- 7. Consider for confirmation Mayor Blaser's Appointments to various Committees, Commissions and Boards (See Attachment #3)**
- 8. Presentation on the Guardian Angel Project**
- 9. Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,230,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023A (See Attachment #4)**
- 10. 23-000125; City of Wisconsin Rapids – action on a request to amend Chapter 11 – Zoning Ordinance, specifically Appendix A Land-Use Matrix, to list single-family dwelling as a permitted or conditional use in the R-3 Multi-Family Medium Density Residential District (See Attachment #5)**
- 11. Consider for Adoption the Actions of the Planning Commission at its meeting held on May 1, 2023:**
  1. Approval of the report from the April 3, 2023, Plan Commission meeting.
  2. 23-000224; David Zielke – public hearing and action on a request for a conditional use permit amendment for site reconfiguration to a previously approved conditional use permit to establish an auto repair facility at 2240 8<sup>th</sup> Street South (Parcel ID 3412139).
  3. 23-000251; Meehan Development – request for site plan and architectural review for an industrial building addition at 2211 Industrial Street (Parcel ID 3400912).
  4. 23-000259; Jonathan Ruder – request for a sign exception for an off-premise sign at 2730 8<sup>th</sup> Street South (Parcel ID 3412599).
  5. 23-000234; City of Wisconsin Rapids – public hearing and action on a request to amend Chapter 11 – Zoning Ordinance, specifically Section 11.06.67(c), Parking of a commercial vehicle as an ancillary residential use, to allow for greater flexibility in standards for commercial vehicles.
  6. Adjourn
- 12. Consider for adoption the Actions of the Standing Committees of the Common Council, as follows:**
  - A. Finance and Property Committee meeting held on May 2, 2023:**
    1. Call to Order

2. Consider a request from Johnny's Bar Est 1960 LLC, D/B/A Johnny's Bar, Jonathon Ruder, agent, for a Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages license and a Retail "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor license for the premises located at 2610 8<sup>th</sup> Street South
  3. Consider for approval a Temporary Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages License for Central Wisconsin Cultural Center, Inc., 2651 Eighth Street South, for an Exhibit Opening - Celebrate Red event to be held on Thursday, May 11, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
  4. Consider a request from Wisconsin Rapids Ranger Baseball Inc., Tina Bush, agent, for a 6-month Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages license from May to October 2023, for the premises located at the Rapids Area Sports Complex, 1801 16<sup>th</sup> Street South
  5. Consider a request from Wisconsin Rapids Women's Softball Association, Jamie McDonald, agent, for a 6-month Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages license from May to October, 2023 for the premises located at Mead Field, 311 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, for the Women's Concession Stand and Seasonal Softball Diamond Area, and a temporary premises extension to include the Men's Concession Stand and Seasonal Softball Diamond Area for a softball tournament from May 19, 2023 to May 21, 2023
  6. Initial Review of Alcohol License Renewals
  7. Discussion and possible action on amending policy guidelines for the Rapids Rediscovered grant program
  8. Discussion and possible action on contracting building plan review services with E-Plan Exam for the inspection division of the Community Development Department
  9. Review and consider for approval 2023 Budget Amendment No. 1
  10. Audit of the bills
  11. Set next meeting date
  12. Adjournment.
- B. Public Works Committee meeting held on May 2, 2023:**
1. Call to order
  2. Review Engineering & Street Department Monthly Activity Report.
  3. Review and consider approval of Change Order #1 for the 2023 Concrete Contract for Reconstruction Projects.
  4. Review and consider modifying the parking ordinance on the east side of 16<sup>th</sup> Street South between just south of Pepper Avenue to East Riverview Expressway.
  5. Review the Wisconsin Rapids Rail Feasibility Study.
  6. Review referral list
  7. Set Next Meeting Date
  8. Adjourn
- C. Public Works Committee meeting held on May 11, 2023:**
1. Call to order
  2. Review bids for the 2023 Curb & Gutter and Sidewalk Maintenance Contract and consider award to the low, qualified bidder
  3. Adjourn
- D. Human Resources Committee meeting held on May 9, 2023:**
1. Call to order
  2. Discuss and consider for approval the elimination of the Code Enforcement Officer position in the Community Development Department, and the creation of an additional police officer position in the Police Department; the position will be a full-time assignment by the Police Chief of the duties of code enforcement, nuisance abatement and general neighborhood services.
  3. The Committee may vote to go into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., 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".
  4. In closed session the Committee may discuss negotiations and strategy pertaining to a Memorandum of Understanding with the WRPPA police union regarding entry level officers who are not law

enforcement board-certified; and pertaining to the assignment by the Police Chief of duties of code enforcement, nuisance abatement and general neighborhood services to an officer.

5. The Committee may return to open session to take action on approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and WRPPA. The Committee may also consider an agreement regarding assignment by the Police Chief of duties of code enforcement, nuisance abatement and general neighborhood services to an officer. The Committee may also consider and approve of a policy requiring reimbursement from entry level officers of recruit school costs under certain circumstances.

6. Adjournment

**E. Human Resources Committee meeting held on May 16, 2023:**

1. Call to order
2. Discuss and consider for approval the renewal of employee health insurance with Aspirus Health Plan, effective July 1, 2023
3. Discuss and consider for approval the renewal of dental plan administration with Delta Dental, effective July 1, 2023
4. Discuss and consider for approval employee health and dental insurance rates, effective July 1, 2023
5. Adjournment

**F. Legislative Committee meeting held on May 1, 2023:**

1. Call to Order
2. Consider a Council rule which would require all supporting materials for items brought before Council be provided to alderpersons at least 2 business days before the Council meeting
3. Consider eliminating standing committees, and having 2 Council meetings per month
4. Consider limiting alderpersons to serving 3 or 4 consecutive terms
5. Discuss temporary alcohol licenses and their requirements under state law, as it relates to recent requests for temporary alcohol licenses

**13. Reports of Other Committees, Commissions, Boards, and Department Reports:**

1. Wisconsin Rapids Housing Authority held January 25, February 28, and March 29, 2023
2. Historic Preservation Commission held March 16, 2023
3. South Wood County Airport Commission held April 6, 2023
4. Police and Fire Commission held April 12, 2023
5. Wastewater Treatment Commission held April 12, 2023
6. Water Works and Lighting Commission held April 12; Special Meeting held April 19, 2023
7. Zoning Board of Appeals held April 19, 2023
8. Park and Recreation Commission held May 8, 2023

Department Reports for April 2023:

9. Engineering Department
10. Public Works Department
11. South Wood County Airport Commission
12. Wastewater Treatment Plant
13. Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department; 2022 Annual Report
14. Wisconsin Rapids Police Department

**14. Referrals to Committees**

- 15. 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."**

In closed session, the Council will discuss negotiations and litigation strategy in preparation for an upcoming mediation session regarding litigation involving a new wastewater services agreement with the Village of Biron.

- 16. The Council will adjourn in closed session.**

Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk

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