



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2020
7:30 P.M.
VIA REMOTE VIDEOCONFERENCE

A Special Meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council was held via remote videoconferencing on Wednesday, June 24, 2020, at 7:30 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. 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, Koth, Kubisiak, and Bemke. Alderpersons Zurfluh and Cattnach appeared by videoconference. Also present were Sue Schill, Jennifer Gossick, Joe Terry, Paul Vollert, Erman Blevins, Tyler Mickelson, Kris Barteck, Dustin Gessert, and Alicia Guldán.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Blaser called the meeting to order at 8:54 p.m.

2. Roll Call

All Alderpersons were present.

3. Consider for adoption the actions of the Finance and Property Committee at its meeting held on June 24, 2020:

Date of Meeting: June 24, 2020

Reported to Council: June 24, 2020

Steve Koth, Chairperson

Scott Kellogg, Secretary

Thad Kubisiak

A Special Meeting of the Finance and Property Committee was held via remote videoconferencing on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 7:00 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 in the Council Chambers. Also present in the Council Chambers were Alderpersons Veneman, Rayome, and Bemke, Mayor Blaser, Joe Terry, Tyler Mickelson, Paul Vollert, Kris Barteck, Dustin Gessert, Erman Blevins, Alicia Guldán, Luis Ramon Melendez and Oscar, Sue Schill, and Jennifer Gossick. Alderpersons Zurfluh and Cattnach appeared via videoconference. Alderperson Koth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- a. Review and consider a request from the Street Department to approve proposals from truck vendors to replace a quad axle dump truck that is considered a total loss due to an accident
Motion by Koth, seconded by Kellogg to approve a proposal from I State Trucking to purchase a 2020 Western Star Quad Axle Truck with Tuff Trac Suspension, 505 HP, Allison Automatic 46,000# Rear suspension, High Lift Tailgate for \$174,500.00. Motion carried, 3 ayes and 0 nays.
- b. Consider a request from Alderperson Koth to suspend the City's open container ordinance on Thursdays through Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. from July 2, 2020 through September 5, 2020 to allow the public to be outside of bars and restaurants to socially distance. This would be limited to beer and wine only (no hard liquor) in plastic and aluminum containers only.
Motion by Kubisiak, seconded by Koth to hold the open container and proposed expansion of alcohol premises ordinance discussion over to the regular scheduled meeting on July 7. Motion carried, 3 ayes and 0 nays.
- c. Consider a request from Door 212 LLC d/b/a Door 212, Lee Chipman, agent, located at 212 West Grand Avenue for a temporary extension of their alcohol license premise to include their entryway and sidewalk directly in front of their premises; and street closure and suspension of the open container ordinance on West Grand Avenue between 2nd Avenue and 3rd Avenue, including

sidewalks, but not including intersections, on Saturday, July 4, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. to allow the public to socially distance for the 4th of July holiday
Motion by Koth, seconded by Kellogg, to approve a temporary extension of Door 212's alcohol license premises to include their entryway, from their front door to the sidewalk in front of their door; and to suspend the open container ordinance on the north sidewalk of West Grand Avenue, from Third Avenue South to Second Avenue South; with both premises extension and the open container suspension occurring on Saturday, July 4, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to midnight. The applicant will be responsible for placing barricades and signing the area for no alcohol beyond the open container area.
Motion carried, 3 ayes and 0 nays.

d. Consider a request from Central Rapids LLC d/b/a La Taqueria, Luis Ramon Melendez, agent, located at 1345 8th Street South for a Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor license. Clerk's Note: Due to alcohol licensing requirements, this request will be considered at a future Council meeting.
Motion by Koth, seconded by Kellogg, to approve a request from Central Rapids LLC d/b/a La Taqueria, Luis Ramon Melendez, agent, located at 1345 8th Street South for a Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor license. Motion carried, 3 ayes and 0 nays. This item will be considered by the Common Council at a meeting in July.

e. Consider a request from Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce Inc, Angelnia Whitehead, president, located at 1120 Lincoln Street for a Temporary Class "B" Beer license for a Business After Hours event to be held at Alexander Field, 3620 1st Street South, on Monday, July 27, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Koth, seconded by Kellogg, to approve a Temporary Class "B" Beer License for a Business After Hours event to be held at Alexander Field, 3620 1st Street South, on Monday, July 27, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Motion carried, 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Motion by Kubisiak, seconded by Kellogg, to adjourn. Motion carried, 3 ayes and 0 nays, and the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Motion by Koth, seconded by Kellogg to approve the actions of the Finance and Property Committee. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays.

4. Discuss and consider taking action on the opening of the Aquatic Center at the Wisconsin Rapids Recreation Complex, and admission fees and restrictions.
Parks and Recreation Commission member Kris Barteck, 3441 15th Street South, spoke in favor of the opening.

Motion by Koth, seconded by Veneman to approve the opening of the Aquatic Center at the Wisconsin Rapids Recreation Complex on July 6, 2020 with the City staff recommendations for admission fees and restrictions.
Motion carried, 7 ayes and 1 nay with Rayome voting in the negative.

5. Discussion regarding mass gatherings and public events in public parks and other public spaces.

Motion by Cattnach, seconded by Veneman, to approve continuing to have no restrictions on mass gatherings and public events in public parks and other public spaces. Veneman and Cattnach asked that the motion be withdrawn. There being no objection, the motion was withdrawn.

6. Adjourn

Motion by Kubisiak, seconded by Koth to adjourn. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays. The meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk