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**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**  
**WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Notice is hereby given of a regular meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council to be held via remote videoconferencing originating from the City Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 15, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. **The public may listen to the meeting by calling 1-312-626-6799 Access code: 835 4346 1749#.** The meeting will also be streamed LIVE on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page. 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). If a member of the public wishes to submit comments to the Council regarding an agenda item, please contact Mayor Blaser via email or phone at [sblaser@wirapids.org](mailto:sblaser@wirapids.org) or 715-421-8216 before the meeting.

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer in Lieu of Invocation
4. Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on August 18, 2020 (See Attachment #1)
5. Consider Mayor Blaser's Appointments to various Committees, Commissions and Boards (See Attachment #2)
6. Consider a Resolution that the city of Wisconsin Rapids be exempted from the payment of any county library tax as provided in Section 43.64(2)(b) (See Attachment #3)
7. Consider a Resolution Extending the Emergency Declaration Proclamation Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic (See Attachment #4)
8. Consider for Adoption the Actions of the Standing Committees of the Common Council, as Follows:
  - A. Finance and Property Committee meeting held on September 1, 2020
    1. Call to Order
    2. Presentation from Five Bugles Design for renovations to accommodate the needs of the Fire Department
    3. Consider for approval a contract for assessment services with Forward Appraisal, LLC (Steve Shepro) for assessment years 2021, 2022, and 2023
    4. Consider a WI DOT Signals and ITS Standalone Program grant application for signal improvements along Riverview Expressway at Chase St, W Grand Ave and High St
    5. Beverage Operators' Licenses
    6. Audit of the Bills
    7. Preliminary budget discussion
    8. Set next meeting date
    9. Adjourn
  - B. Public Works Committee meeting held on September 1, 2020
    1. Call to order
    2. At 6:00 pm open and conduct an Assessment Hearing for the installation of municipal improvements on E Grand Ave (Bridge to 3<sup>rd</sup> St) including 2<sup>nd</sup> St from Birch St to E Grand Ave
    3. Consider the Final Resolution accepting the assessment report and corresponding assessments for municipal improvements on E Grand Ave (Bridge to 3<sup>rd</sup> St) including 2<sup>nd</sup> St from Birch St to E Grand Ave
    4. At 6:15 pm open and conduct an Assessment Hearing for the installation of municipal improvements on 7<sup>th</sup> St (E Grand Ave to Oak St)

5. Consider the Final Resolution accepting the assessment report and corresponding assessments for municipal improvements on 7<sup>th</sup> St (E Grand Ave to Oak St)
6. Consider reducing the speed limit on 48<sup>th</sup> St between 1013 feet south of Commerce Dr to 1231 feet north of Commerce Dr from 45 mph to 35 mph for rail crossing safety and in coordination with the Town of Grand Rapids. Proposed ordinance attached.
7. Consider permanent limited easements with Parcel 07-00173E and Parcel 07-00187B in the Town of Grand Rapids for vision triangles along 48<sup>th</sup> St in preparation for the grade crossing in Rapids East Commerce Center
8. Discuss and consider a Signals and ITS Standalone (SISP) grant application for signal improvements along Riverview Expressway
9. Discuss the Special Assessment Study
10. Discuss and consider long term goals of the street program (maintenance and reconstruction) based on the review of the Special Assessment Study
11. Review DPW Report
12. Review referral list
13. Adjourn

C. Human Resources Committee meeting held on September 3, 2020

1. Call to order
2. Discuss and consider approval of updating the pay scale for seasonal recreational department positions: scorer/timer, t-ball, soccer, volleyball, basketball, soccer aides, and officials
3. Discuss and consider approval of updating pay scale for crossing guards
4. Discuss and consider approval of a change in the firefighter's work schedule from a schedule that consist of 24 hours on duty followed by 48 hours off duty, to a new schedule of 48 hours on duty and 96 hours off duty. The change would be a one-year trial and would require both parties revisit the work schedule in October of 2021 and mutually agree to continue the new schedule beyond the year 2021
5. Discuss and consider approval of a contract renewal with Pagel HR Consulting, for human resources consulting
6. Discuss and consider approval of a revision to the emergency sick leave policy, to address employee leave if a dependent is required to quarantine
7. Adjournment

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

- A. Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department Monthly Summary for August
- B. Wisconsin Rapids Police Department Monthly Summary for August
- C. Wisconsin Rapids Housing Authority held December 19, 2019 and April 1, April 29, and May 27, 2020
- D. Wastewater Treatment Commission held May 6 and August 12
- E. Parks and Recreation Commission held June 22 and August 17
- F. South Wood County Airport Commission held August 7
- G. Police and Fire Commission held August 12
- H. Water Works and Lighting Commission held August 12

**10. Adjournment**

Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk

The City of Wisconsin Rapids encourages participation from all its citizens. If participation at this meeting via audioconference is not possible due to a disability or other reasons, notification to the city clerk's office at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting is encouraged to make the necessary accommodations. Call the clerk at (715) 421-8200 to request accommodations.