



**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

Notice is hereby given of a special meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council to be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, and via remote videoconferencing on Tuesday, November 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. **The public may listen to the meeting by calling 1-312-626-6799, Access code: 815 4640 1648.** 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).

**Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Consider the Recommendations for Budget Revisions as Made at Committee of the Whole Meetings on October 10, October 17, October 20, and October 24.**
  - a. October 10 meeting:**  
No action taken
  - b. October 17 meeting:**
    1. Remove the West Riverview Expressway from Chase Street to West Grand Avenue project from the Public Works Capital Improvements projects for 2023.
    2. Add \$200,000 into the concrete maintenance line item.
  - c. October 20 meeting:**
    1. Approve the Water Works and Lighting Commission Budget
    2. Approve the Parks and Recreation Budget, with the removal of \$10,000 from Contract Payments in the Tree Care Maintenance Account.
  - d. October 27 meeting:**
    1. Reduce the McMillan Memorial Library appropriation by \$350,000
    2. Use ARPA funds to replace the roof at the Centralia Center and the 6 rooftop units and 5 controllers at the Centralia Center
    3. Use \$250,000 from the Centralia Replacement Account for the roof and rooftop units and controllers
    4. Use the balance of ARPA funds for road projects
  - e. November 1 meeting:**  
Discussion on 2023 Budget
- 4. Continued discussion regarding 2023 budget.**
- 5. Confirm a tentative 2023 budget to be considered at the Public Hearing and Common Council meeting on November 10, 2022. Final adoption of the budget is anticipated on November 15, 2022.**
- 6. Adjournment**

Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk



**MINUTES**  
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022  
5:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, and via remote videoconferencing on Tuesday, October 10, 2022, at 5:00 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.

All Alderpersons were present. Also present were Mayor Blaser, Tim Desorcy, Tyler Mickelson, Todd Eckes, and Mike Potocki.

1. Call to Order

Council President Veneman called the meeting to order.

2. Discussion Regarding the 2023 Budget

Interim Police Chief Mike Potocki presented the 2023 Police Department Budget.

Fire Chief Todd Eckes presented the 2023 Fire Department Budget.

The 2023 Budget was discussed. No action was taken on this item.

3. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Shane E. Blaser, Mayor



**MINUTES**  
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022  
5:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, and via remote videoconferencing on Tuesday, October 17, 2022, at 5:00 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.

All Alderpersons were present, except Rayome who was excused. Also present were Mayor Blaser, Tim Desorcy, Kelly Warrington, Joe Eichsteadt, and Paul Vollert.

1. Call to Order

Council President Veneman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Discussion Regarding the 2023 Budget

The 2023 Budget was discussed.

Public Works Superintendent Paul Vollert presented the 2023 Street Department Budget.

City Engineer Joe Eichsteadt presented the 2023 Engineering Budget

It was moved by Delaney, seconded by Zacher, to remove \$92,802.00 from the engineering budget, with half from sidewalk repair and the other half from the curb and gutter contract. Motion failed 3 ayes and 4 nays. Austin, Evanson, Polach, and Bemke voted in the negative.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman, to remove from the Public Works Capital Improvements projects for 2023 the West Riverview Expressway from Chase Street to West Grand Avenue. Motion carried 5 ayes and 2 nays. Evanson and Polach voted in the negative.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Austin, to add \$200,000.00 into the concrete maintenance line item. Motion carried 4 ayes and 3 nays. Veneman, Zacher, and Delaney voted in the negative.

3. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shane E. Blaser, Mayor



**MINUTES**  
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022  
5:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, and via remote videoconferencing on Tuesday, October 20, 2022, at 5:00 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.

All Alderpersons were present, except Rayome who was excused. Also present were Mayor Blaser, Tim Desorcy, Tyler Mickelson, Jake Klingforth, Jem Brown, and Jeff Kuhn.

1. Call to Order

Council President Veneman called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Discussion Regarding the 2023 Budget

Water Works and Lighting presented their 2023 Budget.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Austin, to approve the 2023 Water Works and Lighting Budget as presented. Motion carried 6 ayes and 1 nay. Delaney voted in the negative.

Jake Klingforth presented the 2023 Park and Recreation Budget.

It was moved by Delaney, seconded by Veneman, to remove \$10,000.00 from Contract Payments in the Tree Care Maintenance Account and otherwise approve the Park and Recreation budget as presented. Motion carried 7 ayes and 0 nays.

3. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shane E. Blaser, Mayor



**MINUTES**  
MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022  
5:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, and via remote videoconferencing on Tuesday, October 24, 2022, at 5:00 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.

All Alderpersons were present, except Rayome who was excused. Also present were Mayor Blaser, Tim Desorcy, Tyler Mickelson, Katherine Elchert, and Elizabeth Whelan.

1. Call to Order

Council President Veneman called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. Discussion Regarding the 2023 Budget

The 2023 Budget was discussed.

It was moved by Delaney, seconded by Zacher, to reduce the library appropriation by \$755,244.25. Motion failed 3 ayes and 4 nays. Zacher, Polach, and Delaney voted in the affirmative.

It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Delaney, to reduce the library appropriation by \$350,000.00. Motion carried 4 ayes and 3 nays. Austin, Evanson, and Bemke voted in the negative.

Alderperson Evanson left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Austin, to use ARPA funds to replace the roof of the Centralia Center and the 6 rooftop units while additionally utilizing the 250,000.00 in the Centralia replacement account. The balance of the ARPA funds would be used for road projects. Motion carried 6 ayes and 0 nays.

3. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shane E. Blaser, Mayor