



## Common Council Meeting Minutes November 11, 2021

A special meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council was held at the City Hall Council Chambers and via remote videoconferencing on Monday, November 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

### Agenda

#### 1. Call to Order

Mayor Blaser called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

#### 2. Roll Call.

All Alderpersons were present: Austin, Zacher, Rayome, Evanson, Cattanach, and Bemke in person; Delaney and Veneman appearing via videoconference.

#### 3. Public Hearing on the 2022 City of Wisconsin Rapids Budget

Mayor Blaser opened the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

No member of the public spoke regarding the budget.

- a. Motion by Evanson, second by Cattanach, to transfer the salary/benefits of the Director of Public Works position (\$135,326) from the contingency account to the Public Works Department budget.

Motion carried, 5-3, with Austin, Veneman, Rayome, Evanson, and Cattanach voting in the affirmative.

Mayor Blaser closed the public hearing at 6:11 p.m.

- b. Motion by Bemke, second by Cattanach, to transfer \$32,208 from the Police and Fire Commission budget to the contingency account.

Motion resulted in a 4-4 tie vote, with Veneman, Cattanach, Delaney, and Bemke voting in the affirmative. Mayor Blaser voted in the affirmative to break the tie. Motion carried, 5-4.

- c. Motion by Zacher, second by Delaney, to reduce the McMillan Memorial Library appropriation by \$809,509, leaving an appropriation of \$481,236, and to reduce other department budgets by 2.5%, with the intent of not affecting the levy, but to not borrow money for street construction in 2022.

Zacher requested that the motion be withdrawn. Mayor Blaser asked for unanimous consent that the motion be withdrawn. Delaney objected.

Vote was taken on the withdrawal of the motion.

Motion carried, 7-1, with Delaney voting in the negative. Motion was withdrawn.

- d. Motion by Cattnach, second by Veneman, to reduce the library appropriation by \$150,000, and transfer the \$150,000 to reduce the amount which will be borrowed for 2022.

Motion failed, 2-6, with Zacher and Cattnach voting in the affirmative.

- e. Motion by Delaney to reduce the McMillan Memorial Library appropriation by \$809,509. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Austin, seconded by Zacher, to adjourn.

Motion carried, 8-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.