



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024
6:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, and on Thursday, November 14, 2024, at 6:00 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.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Zacher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call indicated that all alderpersons were present:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justin Pluess	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Penzkover	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Madalyn Palmquist	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. Public Hearing on the 2025 City of Wisconsin Rapids Proposed Budget

Mayor Zacher opened the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m.

Speaking on the 2025 Budget:

1. Tim Kriz, President of the SWCHS Board, 2720 Boles Cir
2. Elizabeth Whelan, 211 1st Ave N
3. Kelly Anhalt
4. Jessica Wiseman, 1710 24th Ave S
5. Bill Gerrettie, 3121 13th St S
6. Megan (No last name give), 740 18th St S
7. Rhonda Carrell, 2320 Evergreen Ave
8. Leland Albrecht, 443 Mead Cir
9. Nora Lee Davis, 3560 Perry Dr
10. Tammy Paul, 210 19th St N

Mayor Zacher closed the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.

4. Continued discussion regarding the 2025 City of Wisconsin Rapids budget

The 2025 budget was discussed. No action was taken on this item.

5. Consider for Adoption the Actions of the Committee of the Whole, as follows:

- a. Committee of the Whole meeting held on October 24, 2024

It was moved by Palmquist, seconded by Veneman to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Motion carried, 7 ayes, 0 nay and 1 abstention:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justing Pluess	3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Penzkover	4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	5		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Madalyn Palmquist	8	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

b. Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 7, 2024

Aldersperson Veneman requested that item #3 be held out. It was moved by Austin, seconded by Palmquist to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee on the balance of the report. Motion carried 8 ayes, 0 nays:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justin Pluess	3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Penzkover	4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	5		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Madalyn Palmquist	8	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Regarding item #3, it was moved by Cattanach to reduce budgeted property tax levy for the McMillan Library from \$1,169,263 to \$1,019,263. Motion died due to the lack of a second.

Further regarding item #3, it was moved by Pluess, seconded by Polach to set the appropriation for the Humane Society (animal control services) to \$76,000. Motion carried 4 ayes, 4 nays with Mayor Zacher breaking the tie in favor of the motion:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justin Pluess	3	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Penzkover	4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	5		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Madalyn Palmquist	8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mayor Zacher			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. Adjournment.

It was moved by Austin, seconded by Penzkover to adjourn. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays, and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Motion/Second</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1	Motion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Justin Pluess	3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jeff Penzkover	4	Second	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	5		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dennis Polach	6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Madalyn Palmquist	8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy Desorcy, Finance Director