



**MINUTES**  
 MEETING OF THE WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL  
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021  
 6:00 P.M.

A meeting 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, November 16, 2021, 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. 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.

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Blaser called the meeting to order at 6:15 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"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheri Evanson	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**3. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer in Lieu of Invocation**

Mayor Blaser requested that all present stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

**4. Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department recognition for First Responder of the Year award for Dustin Lease**  
 Interim Fire Chief Eckes recognized Dustin Lease for First Responder of the Year award.

**5. Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings held on October 19, 2021 and November 11, 2021**

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Cattanach to dispense with a reading and accept the minutes of the previous meetings, with the change made to the Human Resources Committee minutes of October 11, Item #9, that the second to the motion was made by Bemke, not Evanson. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheri Evanson	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**6. a. Consider a Resolution Extending the Emergency Declaration Proclamation Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic**

It was moved by Evanson, seconded by Zacher to approve a Resolution Extending the Emergency Declaration Proclamation Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic. Motion failed, 0 ayes and 8 nays: The Emergency Declaration was not renewed.

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheri Evanson	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

b. Consider for Adoption a Resolution Adopting the Tax Levy and 2022 City of Wisconsin Rapids Budget  
It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Veneman to reduce the budget by \$500,000 to cover special assessments. Motion failed, 2 ayes and 6 nays.

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheri Evanson	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

It was moved by Austin, seconded by Bemke to approve a Resolution Adopting the Tax Levy and 2022 City of Wisconsin Rapids Budget. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 3 nays. Resolution No. 33 (2021)

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheri Evanson	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

c. Consider for Adoption a Resolution Setting the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) Charge for the Storm Water Management Utility Improvement Fund

It was moved by Evanson, seconded by Rayome to approve a Resolution Setting the Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) Charge for the Storm Water Management Utility Improvement Fund. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 1 nay. Resolution No. 34 (2021)

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheri Evanson	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. Public Hearing on the Discontinuance of a portion of Avon Street  
Mayor Blaser opened the Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m.

No members of the public spoke

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:33 p.m.

8. Consider a Resolution to Discontinue a Portion of Avon Street

It was moved by Evanson, seconded by Austin to approve a Resolution to Discontinue a Portion of Avon Street. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays. Resolution No. 35 (2021)

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheri Evanson	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattnach	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Second Reading of an Ordinance Creating Sections 6.22(2)(d), (e), and (f) of the Municipal Code Regarding Driveway Approaches

It was moved by Evanson, seconded by Cattnach to adopt an Ordinance Creating Sections 6.22(2)(d), and (e) of the Municipal Code [not (f)] Regarding Driveway Approaches, taking out “and stamped” in (d). Motion failed, 5 ayes and 3 nays.

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheri Evanson	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattnach	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

It was moved by Veneman, seconded by Austin to adopt an Ordinance Creating Sections 6.22(2)(d), (e), and (f) of the Municipal Code Regarding Driveway Approaches, taking out “and stamped” in (d). Motion carried, 5 ayes and 3 nays. Ordinance No. MC 1296

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheri Evanson	5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattnach	6	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. Consider for Adoption the Actions of the Planning Commission at its meeting held on November 1, 2021:

Date of Meeting: November 1, 2021

Reported to Council: November 16, 2021

The Planning Commission met at 4:00 p.m. on November 1, 2021, in the City of Wisconsin Rapids Council Chambers, 444 West Grand Avenue, and via remote audioconferencing. Members present included Chairperson Shane Blaser, Susan Feith, Eric Daven; via Zoom were Ryan Austin and Ben Goodreau. Commissioners Lee Thao and Shane Burkart were absent. Also attending remotely were Community Development Director Kyle Kearns and Danita Carlson representing Love INC of South Wood County. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Approval of the reports from the October 4 and October 19, 2021, Plan Commission meetings  
Motion by Daven to approve the reports from the October 4 and October 19, 2021 Plan Commission meetings; second by Feith. Motion carried (5 – 0)
2. **County of Wood** – request to discontinue (vacate) a portion of Avon Street, north of Market Street and South of 5th Street North.

Motion by Feith to approve the County of Wood request to discontinue (vacate) a portion of Avon Street, north of Market Street and South of 5th Street North; second by Daven. Motion carried (5 – 0)

3. **PLAN-21-1028; Love INC of South Wood County** – request for a site plan review to perform site improvements at 710 20th Avenue South (Parcel ID 3403987)

Motion by Blaser to approve PLAN-21-1028, request for a site plan review to perform site improvements at 710 20th Avenue South (Parcel ID 3403987), subject to the following conditions:

- a. An updated site plan showing all required dimensions, shall be submitted, to be reviewed and approved by the Community Development Department
- b. Proper signage shall be installed identifying vehicle directions
- c. A landscaping plan shall be submitted, to be reviewed and approved by the Community Development Department
- d. Light from the parking area shall not exceed 0.2 foot-candles at a neighboring commercial property line and 0.1 foot-candles at the neighboring residential property line
- e. Applicable permits through the City shall be obtained
- f. Community development staff shall have the authority to approve minor modifications to the plans

Second by Austin. Motion carried (5 – 0)

4. **PLAN-21-1082; David Reynolds, representing Charter Communications** – request for a site plan review to construct an accessory building at 2140 8th Street South (Parcel ID 3412138)

Commissioners discussed electrical safety standards as well as fencing and landscaping for the accessory building, to which Staff replied.

Motion by Daven to approve PLAN-21-1082, request for a site plan review to construct an accessory building at 2140 8th Street South (Parcel ID 3412138) subject to the following conditions:

- a. The impervious surface ratio shall not be increase on site
- b. The exterior materials of the building shall match the design and color of the principal building. Light from the business shall not exceed 0.2 foot-candles at neighboring commercial property lines or 0.1 foot-candles at neighboring residential property lines
- c. Applicable permits through the City shall be obtained, including those applicable for fences and asphalt
- d. Community Development staff shall have the authority to approve minor modifications to the plans.

Second by Goodreau. Motion carried (5 – 0)

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Blaser; second by Daven. Motion carried (5 – 0). Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

**It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Austin to approve and adopt the actions of the Commission. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays:**

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheri Evanson	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattnach	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**11. Consider for Adoption the Actions of the Standing Committees of the Common Council, as Follows:**

A. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2021:

Tom Rayome, Chairperson                      Jake Cattnach, Secretary                      Jay Bemke

Date of Meeting: October 26, 2021

Reported to Council: November 16, 2021

The Finance and Property Committee met at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was LIVE on Wisconsin Rapids Community Media (WRCM) Spectrum Channel 985 and Solarus Channel 3, online at [www.wr-cm.org](http://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. Also in attendance were Aldersperson Veneman, Aldersperson Zacher, Mayor Blaser, Police Chief Blevins, Interim Fire Chief Eckes and Tim Desorcy.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Rayome called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

2. Review and discuss the 2022 budget with emphasis on Public Safety

Police Chief Blevins presented and reviewed the 2022 Police Department budget and Interim Fire Chief Eckes presented and review the 2022 Fire Department budget with the Committee.

No action was taken.

3. The committee may vote to go into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which reads: "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session".

In closed session the Committee will:

a. Discuss negotiations and strategy regarding intergovernmental agreements with municipalities for the provision of ambulance services to those municipalities

b. Discuss emergency medical service billings service contracts

The Committee will adjourn in closed session.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Cattanach to go into closed session. Roll call vote resulted in the affirmative.

The Committee discussed the above referenced items and no action was taken. The Committee adjourned in closed session.

B. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 28, 2021:

Tom Rayome, Chairperson

Jake Cattanach, Secretary

Jay Bemke

Date of Meeting: October 28, 2021

Reported to Council: November 16, 2021

The Finance and Property Committee met at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 28, 2021 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was LIVE on Wisconsin Rapids Community Media (WRCM) Spectrum Channel 985 and Solarus Channel 3, online at [www.wr-cm.org](http://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. Also in attendance were Alderperson Veneman, Alderperson Zacher, Alderperson Delaney, Mayor Blaser, Joe Terry, Joe Eichsteadt, Paul Vollert, Jake Klingforth and Tim Desorcy.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Rayome called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

2. Review and discuss the 2022 budget with emphasis on Public Works.

Public Works staff presented and reviewed applicable sections of the 2022 Public Works budget.

No action was taken.

3. Adjourn

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Cattanach to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

C. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2021:

Tom Rayome, Chairperson

Jake Cattanach, Secretary

Jay Bemke

Date of Meeting: November 2, 2021

Reported to Council: November 16, 2021

The Finance and Property Committee met at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was LIVE on Wisconsin Rapids Community Media (WRCM) Spectrum Channel 985 and Solarus Channel 3, online at [www.wr-cm.org](http://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. Also in attendance were Alderperson Zacher, Alderperson Delaney, Kyle Kearns, and Tim Desorcy. A list of others in attendance is on file in the Clerk's office.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Rayome called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

2. Consider for approval a renewal application from ecoATM, Hunter E. Bjorkman, for a Secondhand Article Dealer license for the premise located at 4331 8<sup>th</sup> Street South.

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Bemke to approve the renewal application from ecoATM, Hunter E. Bjorkman, for a Secondhand Article Dealer license for the premise located at 4331 8<sup>th</sup> Street South.

Motion carried.

3. 2022 Water Works & Lighting Commission Budget Review

Jeff Kuhn and Gem Brown presented the 2022 Water Works & Lighting budget.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Rayome to approve the 2022 Water Works & Lighting Commission budget. Motion carried.

4. Audit of the Bills

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Bemke to approve check no. 9972 to 10098. Motion carried.

5. Set next meeting date

The next regularly schedule Finance and Property Committee will be Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

6. Review and approve the Commercial Listing Contract for the vacant City-owned building located at 161 & 163 3rd Street North, Parcel IDs: 34-08156 & 34-08157.

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Bemke to approve the Commercial Listing Contract with Coldwell Banker-Siewert Realtors for the vacant City-owned building located at 161 & 163 3rd Street North, Parcel IDs: 34-08156 & 34-08157 for a 12-month term and a 30-day exclusion for the previously interested party that addressed the Committee at the September 7, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

7. Consider the sale of vacant City-owned land located at an unaddressed parcel south of Alton Street between 12th Avenue South and 11th Avenue South, Parcel ID: 34-02809.

In open session, the committee may vote to go into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which reads: "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session".

In closed session, the committee may discuss negotiations and strategy regarding the sale of the above property.

The Committee may adjourn in closed session or may return to open session.

If returning to open session, the Committee may continue to consider the sale of the vacant land referenced above and may take action thereon.

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Bemke to go into closed session. Roll call vote resulted in the affirmative.

In closed session, the Committee discussed a proposed offer from an interested party to purchase the property.

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Bemke to return to open session. Roll call vote resulted in the affirmative.

In open session, it was moved by Cattanach, seconded Rayome to sell Parcel ID: 34-02809 to Bauer's Floor Mart, Inc. for \$11,500.00 with a perpetual easements for City owned utilities on the property and an ingress and egress for the adjacent property located at 211 12th Avenue South, Parcel ID: 34-02804. Motion carried.

8. Adjourn.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Cattanach to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

**It was moved by Rayome, seconded by Bemke to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 1 nay:**

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheri Evanson	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

D. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 16, 2021:

Tom Rayome, Chairperson

Jake Cattanach, Secretary

Jay Bemke

Date of Meeting: November 16, 2021

Reported to Council: November 16, 2021

The Finance and Property Committee met at 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was LIVE on Wisconsin Rapids Community Media (WRCM) Spectrum Channel 985 and Solarus Channel 3, online at [www.wr-cm.org](http://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. Also in attendance were Mayor Blaser, Alderperson Veneman, Alderperson Zacher, Sue Schill, Kyle Kearns and Tim Desorcy. A list of others in attendance is on file in the Clerk's office.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Rayome called the meeting to order at 4:48 p.m.

2. The Committee may vote to go into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which reads: "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session".

In closed session, the Committee may discuss negotiations and strategy regarding Emergency Medical Service/Ambulance Service intergovernmental agreements with area municipalities, including the Town of Port Edwards and the City of Nekoosa.

The Committee will return to open session and may take action on EMS/Ambulance intergovernmental agreements with the Town of Port Edwards, the City of Nekoosa, and other municipalities

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Rayome to go into closed session. Roll call vote resulted in the affirmative.

The Committee discussed the EMS /Ambulance intergovernmental agreements with the Town of Port Edwards and the City of Nekoosa.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Rayome to go back into open session. Roll call vote resulted in the affirmative.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Cattanach to approve the agreements with the Town of Port Edwards and the City of Nekoosa as presented, and to propose and approve agreements with the Town of Cranmoor, Ho-Chunk Casino, and Village of Biron at the same per capita as the Town of Port Edwards and City of Nekoosa agreements. In addition, City staff is directed to review the current ambulance rates.

Motion carried.

3. Consider the lease of Wisconsin Rapids Community Theatre, INC. within the Centralia Center at 220 Third Avenue South, Parcel ID: 3402596.

In open session, the committee may vote to go into closed session under Section 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which reads: "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session".

In closed session, the committee may discuss negotiations and strategy regarding the lease of a portion of the above property.

The Committee may adjourn in closed session or may return to open session.

If returning to open session, the Committee may continue to consider the lease of a portion of the building referenced above and may take action thereon.

It was moved by Rayome, seconded by Bemke to go into closed session. Roll call vote resulted in the affirmative.

The Committee discussed the lease options for the Wisconsin Rapids Community Theatre, Inc. and Timothy Young, Executive Director for the Wisconsin Rapids Community Theatre, Inc., addressed the Committee.

4. Adjourn

In closed session it was moved by Bemke, seconded by Cattanach to adjourn. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

**It was moved by Rayome, seconded by Cattanach to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays and 1 abstention:**

<u>Alderperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheri Evanson	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>





4. Motion by Veneman, seconded by Evanson, to return to open session. Motion carried 3-0.
5. Motion by Veneman, seconded by Evanson, to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which reads: "Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility."  
Roll call vote taken. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion carried 3-0.
  - a. In closed session, the Committee discussed compensation for a public employee.
6. The Committee will adjourn in closed session.

The meeting adjourned in closed session at 7:51 p.m.

**It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee, holding out item #5.. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays and 1 abstention:**

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheri Evanson	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanach	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee, holding out item #5 for a closed session at the end of the Council meeting. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays and 1 abstention:**

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Jake Cattanach	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**G. REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 2021:**

Tom Rayome, Chairperson                      Jay Bemke, Vice-Chairperson                      Ryan Austin  
Date of Meeting: November 8, 2021  
Reported to Council: November 16, 2021

A meeting of the Legislative Committee was held via remote videoconferencing originating from the City Hall Council Chambers on Monday, November 8, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. All members were present. Also present were Alderspersons Veneman, Delaney and Zacher; and Jem Brown, Eric Daven, Erm Blevins, Ryan Hartman, Sue Schill, Mayor Blaser, Tyler Mickelson, and Jennifer Gossick.

Agenda

1. Call to Order  
Chairperson Rayome called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.
2. Review and consider for approval an amendment to Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code which would eliminate term limits for Water Works and Lighting Commissioners  
Motion by Bemke, seconded by Austin, to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried, 3-0.  
**Ordinance No. MC 1297**
3. Review and consider an ordinance revising the secondhand article dealer and pawnbroker ordinance  
Motion by Bemke, seconded by Austin, to approve the ordinance as presented. Motion carried, 3-0.  
**Ordinance No. MC 1298**
4. Discuss emergency declarations and COVID-19 protocols and policies  
The Committee referred this matter for continued discussion at the Council meeting.
5. Discuss vaccination mandates

The Committee referred this matter for continued discussion at the Council meeting.  
 Motion by Austin, seconded by Bemke, to adjourn. Motion carried, 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:32 p.m.

It was moved by Rayome, seconded by Bemke to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee, correcting the minutes to reflect that for item #3, the motion was made by Austin and seconded by Bemke, and holding out item #5.. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheri Evanson	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanaach	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

It was moved by Rayome, seconded by Cattanaach dispose of item #5 without further discussion or action. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 3 nays:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Rayome	4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheri Evanson	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Cattanaach	6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jay Bemke	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

- A. Wisconsin Rapids Police Department Monthly Summaries for August and September
- B. Wisconsin Rapids Housing Authority held August 25
- C. Ethics Board held September 21
- D. Zoning Board of Appeals held September 27
- E. Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department Monthly Summary for October
- F. South Wood County Airport Commission held October 7
- G. McMillan Memorial Library Services Committee held October 12, Building and Grounds Committee held October 13, and Board of Trustees held October 20
- H. Water Works and Lighting Commission held October 13 and October 18
- I. Park and Recreation Commission held November 8

It was moved by Cattanaach, seconded by Bemke, to place the reports on file. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 0 nays and one abstention:

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Patrick J. Delaney	7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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**13. Referrals to Committee**

Aldersperson Cattanaach made a referral to the Finance and Property Committee to consider a budget amendment to remove \$150,000 from the McMillan Memorial Library’s budget appropriation.  
 Aldersperson Zacher made a referral to the Legislative Committee to discuss vaccine mandates

14. Regarding Finance and Property Committee item #2 from the meeting held on November 16:  
This item was disposed of earlier, and a closed session was not needed.

15. Regarding Finance and Property Committee item #3 from the meeting held on November 16:  
This item was disposed of earlier, and a closed session was not needed.

16. Regarding Human Resources Committee item #5 from the meeting held on November 15, in open session, the Council may vote to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which reads: "Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility."

In closed session, the Council may discuss compensation for a public employee.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Veneman to go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, which reads: "Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility."

Roll call vote taken to go into closed session. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 3 nays, and the Council went into closed session.

<u>Aldersperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Ryan Austin	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dean Veneman	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt Zacher	3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Jay Bemke	8	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

In closed session, the Council discussed compensation for a public employee.

17. Motion by Cattanach, second by Delaney, to adjourn in closed session. Motion carried, 8 ayes and 0 nays.  
Meeting adjourned in closed session at 10:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Schill, City Attorney