

CITY OF RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN

COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

April 21, 2009

Mayor Richards called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Members Present: Alderpersons Tom Caflisch; David Cronk; Bob Ebert; Randy Kusilek, Joleen Larson, Jim Nordgren, and David Reese

Staff Present: Julie Bergstrom, Interim City Administrator; Lu Ann Hecht, City Clerk; Reid Wronski, City Engineer; Brian Nodolf, City Attorney

Mayor Richards announced that Oaths of Office for the newly elected Council officials have been taken within the 10 days as required by *Wisconsin Statutes* for: Alderpersons at Large – Randy Kusilek; Alderperson District 1, Tom Caflisch; Alderperson District 2, Jim Nordgren; Alderperson District 3, David Reese.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MS Nordgren/Larson to nominate Caflisch as Council President.

MS Cronk/Ebert to nominate Larson as Council President. Nominations closed.

By a show of hands, the motion carried to appoint Caflisch as Council President as Caflisch, Nordgren, Kusilek, Larson and Reese all voted in favor of the appointment.

COMPTROLLER

MS Cronk/Nordgren to nominate Reese as Comptroller. MSC Caflisch/Cronk to cast unanimous ballot for Reese as Comptroller. Unanimous.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Mayor Richards appointed Nordgren as Parliamentarian.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER TO PLAN COMMISSION AND UTILITY COMMISSION

MS Larson/Caflisch nominated Nordgren to Plan Commission.

MS Ebert/Reese nominated Cronk to Plan Commission. Nominations closed.

By a show of hands, the motion carried 4-3 to appoint Cronk to Plan Commission as Caflisch, Cronk, Ebert, and Reese voted for Cronk; and Larson, Kusilek and Nordgren all voted for Nordgren.

MS Nordgren/Ebert nominated Larson to the Utility Commission.

MS Cronk/Larson nominated Ebert to Utility Commission. Nominations closed.

By a show of hands, Larson was appointed to the Utility Commission with Caflisch, Larson, Kusilek, Ebert and Reese all voting for Larson as Utility Commission representative.

MSC Larson/Kusilek to cast unanimous ballot for Caflisch for Storm Water Utility Commission.

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR/CONFIRMATION BY COUNCIL

Mayor Richards recommended the following appointments:

Ambulance Committee	Jim Nordgren
Historic Preservation Commission	Bob Ebert
Library Board	David Reese
Parks and Recreation Board	Randy Kusilek
Cooperative Boundary Commission:	
Plan Commission Member	Ellen Smith
Council Member	Joleen Larson
Design Review Committee	David Cronk

MSC Caflisch/Larson to approve Mayor's appointments. Unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR OF COUNCIL LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE (ex-officio)

Mayor Richards recommended the following appointments:

Cable Communications Advisory Committee Tom Caflisch

APPOINTMENTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor Richards recommended the following appointments:

City Health Officer Dr. David Wilhelm
City Forester Leo "Tony" Steiner

MSC Cronk/Nordgren to approve Mayor's appointment of Council Liaison Representative and City Officials. Unanimous.

DESIGNATION OF CITY ATTORNEY

Mayor Richards designated Weld, Riley, Prenz & Ricci as City Attorney.

MSC Larson/Cronk to approve the designation of Weld, Riley, Prenz & Ricci as the official law firm representing the City. Unanimous.

CITY DEPOSITORIES

Resolution No. 5260 - Designating Public Depositories for the City of River Falls

MSC Caflisch/Cronk to approve resolution as submitted. Unanimous.

MACHINE-SIGNED SIGNATURES

Resolution No. 5261 - Resolution Regarding Machine-Signed Signatures

MSC Cronk/Larson to approve resolution as submitted. Unanimous.

REVIEW OF OPEN MEETING LAWS

City Attorney Brian Nodolf reviewed the Open Meeting Laws and Public Records Laws. He spoke about quorum and walking quorum. He discussed email and how it is subject to open records and how it could become a walking quorum. He talked about not acting on items brought up during "Public Comment" at the Council meetings. He discussed staff reports.

BOARD OF REVIEW

MSC Cronk/Nordgren to set Board of Review for adjourning to such a time that the assessment roll is complete for May 12, 2009, at 6:15 p.m. Unanimous

MSC Cronk/Caflisch to adjourn the meeting at 5:27 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi McKahan, Deputy City Clerk