

**CITY OF RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN
COMMON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**

December 8, 2009

Mayor Don Richards called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located in City Hall.

City Council Members Present: Tom Caflisch, David Cronk, Bob Ebert, Randy Kusilek, Joleen Larson, Jim Nordgren, David Reese

City Council Members Absent: none

Staff Present: Bill Thiel, City Attorney; Scot Simpson, City Administrator; Carl Gaulke, Utility General Manager; Julie Bergstrom, Finance Director; Tony Steiner, City Planner

Others Present:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

November 24, 2009, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

City – \$335,605.85

Utility - \$463,697.06

MSC Kusilek/Cronk approve the bills subject to comptroller. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT, PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Nordgren said a person from the Twin Cities told him that he didn't know there was a new Best Western recently built in the City because there wasn't a noticeable sign on the building. He felt something should be looked at as far as signage.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance 2009-16 -Creating Section 16.12.050 of the Municipal Code, Steep Slopes (20% or greater) – Second Reading and Disposition

Mayor Richards recessed Council at 6:33 p.m. and went into a public hearing. He asked if the Council wanted a presentation. They did not. At 6:34 p.m. with no one wishing to speak for or against this issue, Council reconvened into Open Session for disposition. MSC Cronk/Nordgren move to approve ordinance.

Resolution No. 5322 Approving Rate Change to Water Utility Impact Fee

Mayor Richards recessed Council at 6:35 p.m. and went into a public hearing. At 6:35 p.m. with no one wishing to speak for or against this issue, Council reconvened into Open Session for disposition. MS Caflisch/Larson move to approve resolution.

Caflisch asked about the size of a pipe and the cost. Gaulke said a 1" pipe is now required but there are still some vacant lots which have ¾" pipe. Gaulke said the cost is determined by the size of the water meter and not the pipe. He said this is a standard practice used throughout the state.

Mayor Richards asked about the amount of time which passed since rates were \$792 per REU to the current \$1721 per REU. Gaulke said the ordinance was driven by projects, but a law in 2006 affected the water impact fees. He said due to the law, they changed it to category fee collection. He explained that fees must be used within a certain time frame or the money must be refunded.

With no further discussion, the Mayor asked for a vote. The resolution was passed unanimously.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution No. 5323 Approving Agreement with Taxi Provider for Shared-Ride Services for the City of River Falls for the Year 2010

Resolution Appointing Election Inspectors for the 2010-2011 Term→→***Pulled by Nordgren***
Resolution No. 5324 Regarding Number of Election Workers for Each District and Combining Wards for Reporting Purposes for February 16, 2010; Spring Primary, and April 6, 2010; Spring Election, and September 14, 2010; Partisan Primary, and November 2, 2010; General Election

Resolution No. 5325 Approving Vehicle Lease Agreement - 2010

MSC Cafilisch/Cronk move to approve remainder of Consent Agenda. Unanimous.

Resolution No. 5326 Appointing Election Inspectors for the 2010-2011 Term
Nordgren wished to abstain from the vote as his wife was one of the election inspectors. **MSC Cronk/Larson move to approve resolution. Unanimous.**

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution No. 5327 Regarding 2009 Budget Adjustment

MS Cronk/Larson move to approve resolution. Cafilisch clarified that passing the resolution did not change the budget. Bergstrom said there were some variations in the budget, and this resolution was accounting for those.

Mayor asked about court costs listed in the Council packet. Bergstrom explained that the City expected more income than was obtained. **A roll call vote approving the resolution passed unanimously.**

REPORTS:

City Administrator's Report:

Simpson said the next regular Council meeting would be January 12. He also listed upcoming workshops.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor's Appointments:

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Reappointment of Jeanne Zirbel through January 2013

Reappointment of Kirby Symes through January 2013

MSC Nordgren/Larson move to approve reappointments. Unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION:

MS Cafilisch/Nordgren move to recess into Closed Session at 6:45 p.m. per Wisconsin State Statutes §

19.85 (1)(g): For the purpose of conferring with legal counsel who is rendering legal advice as to strategy to be adopted with respect to litigation in which the City is involved; to-wit: Linehan v. City of River Falls

The roll call vote to move into Closed Session was unanimous. Deputy Clerk not present for Closed Session.

Unanimous motion to move into Open Session. The Mayor adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi McKahan, Deputy City Clerk