

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

**September 8, 2009**

Mayor 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, Dave Cronk, Randy Kusilek, Joleen Larson, Jim Nordgren and David Reese

**City Council Members Absent:** Bob Ebert

**Staff Present:** Bill Thiel, City Attorney; Scot Simpson, City Administrator; Carl Gaulke, Utility General Manager; Roger Leque, Police Chief; Julie Bergstrom, Finance Director; Tony Steiner, City Planner; Jeff Rixmann, Ambulance Director; Dawn Wills, Cable Coordinator

**Others Present:** George LaFave, Mark Paschke

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

August 25, 2009, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

City – \$634,168.50

Utility - \$515,040.56

**MSC Kusilek/Caflisch approve the bills subject to comptroller. Unanimous.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT, PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Recognition of George LaFave – In recognition of 14 years of dedicated service to the Cable Communications Advisory Committee, the Mayor presented George with a plaque and thanked him for his service. George thanked the Mayor, Council and the committee members who served with him.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Resolution No. 5296 Approving Vacating a Portion of River Street

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 Larson/Nordgren move to approve resolution.**

Caflisch asked if the vacation affected the residents of the apartment building. Simpson said it would not affect the tenants' ability to access the property. Caflisch asked who became the owner of the street when it was vacated. Simpson said it would belong to the property owner. The City retained an easement for the utilities. There was further discussion by Council.

**The motion approving the resolution passed 5-1 with Caflisch voting against.**

Ordinance 2009-12 – Official Map Amendment – Adoption of Reformatted Extraterritorial Zoning Map – Second Reading and Disposition

Mayor Richards recessed Council at 6:40 p.m. and went into a public hearing. At 6:40 p.m. with no one wishing to speak for or against this issue, Council reconvened into Open Session for disposition. **MSC Larson/Nordgren move to approve ordinance. Unanimous.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Resolution No. 5297 Approving 2010 Agreement For Ambulance Service

Resolution No. 5298 Supporting the Healthy Foundations Wellness Clean-up Day (October 12, 2009)

Resolution No. 5299 Amending Commercial Revolving Loan Fund Policy

**MSC Larson/Nordgren move to approve Consent Agenda. Unanimous.**

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**REPORTS:**

City Administrator's Report:

Simpson noted his report was in the packet if the Council had any questions. The Mayor asked about updates on the Bartosh Canyon stormwater issue. Simpson said the source was identified and some short-term measures were taken. He said it was reported to the DNR. There was further discussion about the issue.

Nordgren asked about progress regarding the rental fee. Simpson said staff had a meeting with a group representing rental properties. He said the group was asked to bring suggestions back to the City. Simpson said he hasn't heard anything back from them.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

River Falls Reads Proclamation

The Mayor read the River Falls Reads Proclamation aloud. The event runs from September 12 through October 10, 2009.

Mayor's Appointments:

**MSC Cafilisch/Cronk move to approve appointment of Jeanne Zirbel to the Design Review Committee through July 2012. Unanimous.**

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**MS Cafilisch/Nordgren move to recess into Closed Session at 6:48 p.m., per Wisconsin Statutes:**

19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of considering employment of a public employee over which the Common Council has jurisdiction; to-wit: consideration of terms of an employee contract

**The roll call vote to move into Closed Session was unanimous.**

**MSC Cronk/Larson move to reconvene into Open Session. Unanimous.**

**Cronk motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:12 p.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi McKahan  
Deputy City Clerk