

CITY OF RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN
COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

April 19, 2011

Mayor Richards called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Members Present: Alderpersons Tom Caflisch; David Cronk; Randy Kusilek, Scott Morrissette, Jim Nordgren, David Reese

Members Absent: Bob Hughes

Staff Present: Julie Bergstrom, Finance Director; Reid Wronski, City Engineer; Lu Ann Hecht, City Clerk; Bill Thiel, City Attorney; Scot Simpson, City Administrator

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 and Alderperson – District 1, Tom Caflisch; Alderperson – District 2 – Jim Nordgren; Alderperson – District 3 – David Reese.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MSC Morrissette/Nordgren to nominate Caflisch as Council President. Unanimous.

COMPTROLLER

MS Cronk/Morrissette to nominate Jim Nordgren as Comptroller.

MS Nordgren/Caflisch to nominate David Reese as Comptroller.

The motion to appoint David Reese as Comptroller passed unanimously.

DEPUTY COMPTROLLER

Comptroller Reese appointed Jim Nordgren as Deputy Comptroller.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Mayor Richards appointed Nordgren as Parliamentarian.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER TO PLAN COMMISSION AND UTILITY COMMISSION

MSC Cronk/Caflisch nominated Morrissette to Plan Commission. Unanimous.

MSC Reese/Nordgren nominated Caflisch to the Utility Commission. Unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR/CONFIRMATION BY COUNCIL

Mayor Richards recommended the following appointments:

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| Ambulance Commission | Randy Kusilek |
| Historic Preservation Commission | David Reese |
| Library Board | David Cronk |
| Parks and Recreation Board | Jim Nordgren |
| River Falls Sewer Service Area | Bob Hughes |
| Design Review Committee | David Cronk |
| Storm Water Appeal Review Committee | Bob Hughes |

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

APPOINTMENTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor Richards recommended the following appointments:

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

MSC Morrissette/Cronk to approve Mayor's appointment of City Officials. Unanimous.

DESIGNATION OF CITY ATTORNEY

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

CITY DEPOSITORIES

Resolution No. 5463 - Designating Public Depositories for the City of River Falls

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

MACHINE-SIGNED SIGNATURES

Resolution No. 5464 - Resolution Regarding Machine-Signed Signatures

MSC Cafilisch/Morrissette to approve resolution as submitted. Unanimous.

REVIEW OF OPEN MEETING LAWS

City Attorney Bill Thiel reviewed Parliamentary Procedure, the Open Meeting Laws and Public Records Laws. He discussed Open Meeting Case Law. There has been nothing new in the last two years regarding it. He talked about the greatest right of participation and that the courts will always default in favor of the public's right to know. He said Council must have a legitimate reason to go into Closed Session. He discussed the Consent Agenda. When finished, Attorney Thiel entertained questions from Council.

BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review was set for May 26, 2011, from 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

Cronk moved to adjourn at 5:37 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi McKahan, Deputy City Clerk