

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

July 26, 2011

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, David Cronk, Bob Hughes (came at 6:32), Randy Kusilek, Scott Morrissette, Jim Nordgren, and David Reese

Staff Present: Bill Thiel, City Attorney; Scot Simpson, City Administrator; Roger Leque, Police Chief; Carrie Fisher, Utility Office Manager; Angel Smith, Management Analyst; Jeff Rixmann, Ambulance Director; Reid Wronski, Public Works Director/City Engineer; Chris Browning, Intern

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

July 12, 2011, Regular Meeting Minutes

MSC Cronk/Morrissette move to approve minutes as submitted. Unanimous.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

City – \$357,465.10

Utility – \$3,161,644.57

MSC Reese/Nordgren move to approve the bills subject to the comptroller. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT, PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Wronski announced an upcoming meeting for the Cascade Avenue project.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Acknowledgement of the following minutes:

River Falls Housing Authority – 5/10/11

River Falls Utility Commission Regular Meeting – 3/21/11; 4/18/11; 5/16/11 →→***Pulled by Hughes***

River Falls Utility Commission Workshop – 4/11/11; 5/23/11

River Falls Utility Commission Special Meeting – 6/6/11; 6/14/11

Historic Preservation Commission – 6/8/11; Plan Commission – 6/7/11

Joint Council and Utility Commission Workshop – 6/28/11; Park and Recreation Board – 6/15/11

Resolution No. 5488 - Approving Request for City Assistance for Art on the Kinni

Resolution Awarding Bid for Purchase of Replacement Ambulance Vehicle →→***Pulled by Reese***

Resolution No.5489 - Approving Casualty Insurance Renewal for the City of River Falls

Resolution No. 5490 - Awarding Bid for 2011 Sidewalk Curb and Gutter

Resolution No. 5491 - Awarding Bid for STH 29/35 Connecting Highway Signage Change Project

MSC Caflisch/Kusilek move to approve remainder of Consent Agenda. Unanimous.

River Falls Utility Commission Regular Meeting Minutes - 5/16/11

Hughes asked for clarification about the 99 year lease. Upon clarification, **Hughes moved to acknowledge the minutes. Cronk seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Resolution No. 5492 - Awarding Bid for Purchase of Replacement Ambulance Vehicle

Reese asked about the timing of the purchase and which year it is included in the budget. Simpson said it was an enterprise budget fund, and there are adequate funds to pay for the ambulance. Rixmann said it was in 2012 but the ambulance is ordered the year before. Hughes asked the benefit of ordering the ambulance the year before. Rixmann said it takes 6-8 months to make an ambulance.

With no further discussion, Reese moved to approve the resolution. Hughes seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS:

Trends Report

Intern Chris Browning gave a presentation on the Trends Report. There was discussion and questions by Council. The Mayor thanked Chris for his work on the report.

2009-2011 Work Plan Report

Simpson gave a brief presentation to Council on the report. He discussed some of the items listed on the report and the status. He said the City was able to deliver on its pledge to deliver quality services. The Mayor asked questions about boundary agreements with towns. Hughes asked about online Council packets. Morrissette asked about signage.

City Administrator's Report

No comment.

Comptroller's Report

Reese read the June Comptroller's Report which said: general fund revenues for the first six months of the year were \$3,785,960 and include \$27,297 from the State of Wisconsin for two percent fire dues and \$8,251 in recreation fees. Expenditures for the same period were \$3,461,710, or 42 percent of budgeted, for a net of revenues over expenditures of \$324,250.

MSC Cafilisch/Nordgren move to approve Comptroller's Report. Unanimous.

CLOSED SESSION:

MS Cronk/Morrissette move to recess into Closed Session at 7:02 p.m. per Wisconsin State Statutes §19.85 (1)(e) for the following purposes:

“Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public businesses, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; to-wit: consider tentative agreement with Wisconsin Professional Police Association for 2011-2012.”

The roll call vote to move into Closed Session passed unanimously. Discussion was had on topic of Closed Session.

MSC Cafilisch/Morrissette move to reconvene into Open Session. Unanimous.

MSC Cafilisch/Cronk move to ratify Police Department collective bargaining agreement. Unanimous.

Motion by Cronk to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi McKahan, Deputy City Clerk