



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

**January 14, 2020**

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

**City Council Members Present:** Sean Downing, Christopher Gagne, Scott Morrissette, Diane Odeen, Hal Watson

**Members Absent:** Todd Bjerstedt, Michael Page

**Staff Present:** City Administrator Scot Simpson; City Attorney Dan Gustafson; Police Chief Gordon Young; Assistant City Administrator Jason Stroud; Operations Director Mike Stifter; City Engineer Crystal Raleigh; Development Director Amy Peterson; City Forester Nate Croes; Finance Director Sarah Karlsson; Utility Director Kevin Westhuis

**Others Present:** William Hanson, Aaron Taylor, others

**The Pledge of Allegiance was said.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

December 12, 2019, Regular Session Meeting Minutes

**MSC Morrissette/Odeen approve minutes. Unanimous.**

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Bills \$1,497,456.25 December 31 and \$849,303.30 January 14

**MSC Downing/Watson move to approve bills subject to the comptroller. Unanimous.**

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

There were no public comments. Alderperson Downing recognized Assistant City Administrator Stroud for facilitating a community discussion regarding the City's EMS Service.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

Ordinance 2019-15 – Amending Section 10.12.030, Official Parking Control Maps – No Parking Zone –S. Wasson Lane – Second Reading and Disposition

**At 6:32 p.m., Mayor Toland recessed into a Public Hearing for comments. There were none. At 6:33 p.m., the Mayor moved into Open Session. MS Gagne/Downing move to approve the ordinance.**

Alderperson Gagne drives by this location 3-4 times per week. There are usually 3-4 vehicles parked in the north bound lane just before Wildcat Court. He talked about a vehicle having a rear quarter panel sitting out in the driveway which is unsafe especially when plows drive by. Gagne is in favor of the ordinance.

**The Mayor asked for other comments. There were none. All voted in favor of the ordinance.**

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Resolution No. 6435 Approving Lease Between City of River Falls and UW-River Falls (Mann Valley Property)

Resolution No. 6436 Approving Leases Between City of River Falls and Joe O'Malley and City of River Falls and Gary Moelter (Mann Valley Land)

Resolution Approving Tree Services Contract with SavATree→→*pulled by Downing*

Resolution No. 6437 Approving State Municipal Maintenance Agreement – Jug Handle  
**MSC Morrissette/Odeen move to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda. Unanimous.**

Resolution No. 6438 Approving Tree Services Contract with SavATree

Aldersperson Downing was curious about the competitive bidding process for this item. City Forester Nate Croes said the last contract had a clause allowing the City to go through another process to renew for three years. Staff discussed with SavATree the possibility of renewing the contract for another three years but with a different rate allowing for market adjustments. SavATree agreed. Croes said the City receives a discount from SavATree so staff decided to move forward. Croes said the last time the contract was bid, two bids were received and one was not competitive. Croes said there are no other businesses in town that would provide a discount to the City.

**MSC Downing/Odeen move to approve the resolution. Unanimous.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Ordinance 2020-01 - Amending the Official Zoning Map and Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan of the City of River Falls for Land Generally Located Between W. Division Street, Clark Street and the Kinnickinnic River – First Reading

There were no questions.

Ordinance 2020-02 – Amending Section 10.12.030, Official Parking Control Maps – East Walnut Street - No Parking 2:30-6 a.m. – First Reading

There were no questions.

Ordinance 2020-03 – Amending Section 10.12.030, Official Parking Control Maps – 1415 Bartosh Lane - No Parking 7 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, Except Holidays and School Vacations – First Reading

Aldersperson Gagne appreciated the Police Officers who did traffic studies at the school. Gagne asked about the no parking zone near the area near where parents pick up kids. Would officers still have discretion in that situation? Chief Young said yes. Gagne is in favor of the ordinance. He thinks it provides a good safety measure. There were no other comments.

**REPORTS:**

Administrator's Report

City Administrator Simpson provided information and updates. Aldersperson Downing announced an upcoming event.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor's Appointments

Historic Preservation Commission

Reappointment of Heidi Heinze through January 2023

**MSC Watson/Morrissette move to approve Mayor's appointment.**

**MSC Gagne/Morrissette move to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi McKahan, Deputy Clerk