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MEETING OF THE WISCONSIN RAPIDS COMMON COUNCIL THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024 6:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Wisconsin Rapids Common Council was held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6:02 p.m. The public was invited to listen to the audio of the meeting. The meeting was also streamed LIVE on the City's Facebook page.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Blaser called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Roll call indicated that all alderpersons were present, except Alderperson Rayome; Alderperson Veneman attended via videoconference:

<u>Alderperson</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1	×	
Dean Veneman	2	×	
Matt Zacher	3	×	
Tom Rayome	4		\boxtimes
Jake Cattanach	5	×	
Dennis Polach	6	×	
Patrick J. Delaney	7	×	
Jay Bemke	8	\boxtimes	

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer in Lieu of Invocation

Mayor Blaser invited all present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer in lieu of an invocation.

4. Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on March 19, 2024

It was moved by Cattanach, seconded by Austin to dispense with a reading and accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried, 6 ayes and 1 nay:

<u>Alderperson</u>	<u>District</u>	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1	Second	\boxtimes		
Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes		
Matt Zacher	3		\boxtimes		
Tom Rayome	4				\boxtimes
Jake Cattanach	5	Motion	\boxtimes		
Dennis Polach	6		\boxtimes		
Patrick J. Delaney	7			\boxtimes	
Jay Bemke	8		\boxtimes		

5. Recognitions

Alderperson Rayome joined the meeting at this time.

Mayor Blaser recognized Alderpersons Jay Bemke, Matt Zacher and Tom Rayome for their years of service as Alderpersons for the City of Wisconsin Rapids.

City Clerk Gossick recognized Mayor Blaser for his years of service as mayor for the City of Wisconsin Rapids.

6. REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING HELD ON APRIL 1, 2024:

Date of Meeting: April 1, 2024 Reported to Council: April 11, 2024

The Planning Commission met at 4:00 p.m. on April 1, 2024 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. It was also streamed live on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page and broadcast live on Charter Cable Channel 985 and Solarus HD Cable Channel 3. Members present in the Chambers included Chairperson Shane Blaser, Eric Daven, Lee Thao, and Thad Kubisiak. Ben Goodreau attended via Zoom. Jeff Marutz and Ryan Austin were excused. Also attending were Community Development Director Kyle Kearns, Associate Planner Lizebeth Edwardsen, Alderperson Dennis Polach, those indicated on the meeting sign-in sheet, and representatives for Valvoline joined via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

- 1. Approval of the report from March 4, 2024, Planning Commission meeting. Motion by Kubisiak to approve the report from March 4, 2024, Planning Commission meeting. Second by Goodreau. Motion carried (5-0)
 - 24-000234; Valvoline LLC request for a Site Plan Review to construct a vehicle service shop at 1140 East Riverview Expressway (Parcel ID 3411798)

Kyle Kearns provided a review of the request. Approval was recommended with the conditions outlined in the staff report.

Member Kubisiak asked about the accessibility of sewer and water laterals as well as vision triangle issues, and Eric Daven inquired about traffic flow in the parking lot, to which Mr. Kearns replied. Motion by Daven to approve the request for a Site Plan Review to construct a vehicle service shop at 1140 East Riverview Expressway (Parcel ID 3411798) subject to the following conditions:

- 1. An exception shall be included for overhead doors facing 12th Street.
- 2. An updated lighting plan shall be submitted showing that light trespass does not exceed 0.2 foot candles on property lines to adjacent commercial uses.
- 3. Staff recommends a special exception to allow up to 50% of the parking stalls in front of the principal building
- 4. All required stormwater requirements and permits shall be met and obtained by the applicant.
- 5. An updated landscaping plan shall be provided after the existing vegetation is surveyed by a landscape architect to ensure street frontage plantings are me.
- 6. Applicable permits through the City shall be obtained.
- 7. Community development department shall have the authority to approve minor modifications to the plans.

Second by Kubisiak. Motion carried (5 - 0)

- 3. 24-000246; City of Wisconsin Rapids request for a Site Plan Review to construct park improvements at Mead Park, 311 17th Avenue South (Parcel ID 3402825)
 - Mr. Kearns explained that the Planning Commission is the acting body to approve all City owned parcel Improvements and park space improvements and provided a summary of the request. Approval was recommended with the conditions identified in the staff report.

Thad Kubisiak asked for clarification about parking spaces and overflow parking. Mr. Kearns provided feedback regarding the parking and also about storm water grading.

Motion by Blaser to approve the request for a Site Plan Review to construct park improvements at Mead Park, 311 17th Avenue South (Parcel ID 3402825) with the conditions outlined in the staff report:

- 1. All required stormwater requirements and permits shall be met and obtained by the applicant.
- 2. Applicable permits through the City shall be obtained.
- 3. Community Development Department shall have the authority to approve minor modifications to the plans.

Second by Thao. Motion carried (5 – 0)

4. Adjourn

Motion by Kubisiak to adjourn the meeting; second by Daven. Motion carried (5 - 0)

It was moved by Austin, seconded by Zacher to approve and adopt the actions of the Commission. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 1 nay:

<u>Alderperson</u>	District	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1	Motion	\boxtimes		
Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes		
Matt Zacher	3	Second	\boxtimes		
Tom Rayome	4		\boxtimes		
Jake Cattanach	5		\boxtimes		
Dennis Polach	6		\boxtimes		
Patrick J. Delaney	7			\boxtimes	
Jay Bemke	8		\boxtimes		

- 7. Consider for Adoption the Actions of the Standing Committees of the Common Council, as follows:
 - A. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 5, 2024:

Matt Zacher, Chairperson

Dean Veneman, Vice-Chairperson

Date of Meeting: April 2, 2024

Report to Council: April 11, 2024

The Finance and Property Committee met at 4:02 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. The meeting was LIVE on Wisconsin Rapids Community Media (WRCM) Spectrum Channel 985 and Solarus Channel 3, online at www.wr-cm.org or via WRCM's Roku app and was streamed LIVE on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page.

All members of the Finance and Property Committee were present except for Alderperson Veneman who was excused. Alderperson Polach sat in for Alderperson Veneman. Also in attendance were Alderperson Rayome, Mayor Blaser, Kyle Kearns, Joe Eichsteadt, Sue Schill, Stephany Hartman and Tim Desorcy.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Zacher called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. Consider for approval the appointment of David Alan Oestreich as successor agent for the Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages and Retail "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor licenses for SBG Apple North IX, LLC d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, for the premises located at 4311 8th Street South.

It was moved by Zacher, seconded by Bemke to approve the appointment of David Alan Oestreich as successor agent for the Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages and Retail "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor licenses for SBG Apple North IX, LLC d/b/a Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar, for the premises located at 4311 8th Street South. Motion carried.

3. Consider for approval a Temporary Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages License for Assumption Catholic Schools, 445 Chestnut Street, for a Barn Dance event to be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

It was moved by Benke, seconded by Polach to approve a Temporary Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages License for Assumption Catholic Schools, 445 Chestnut Street, for a Barn Dance event to be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Motion carried.

- 4. Consider for approval Temporary Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages Licenses for Central Wisconsin Cultural Center, Inc., 2651 Eighth Street South, for the following events:
 - a. Celebrate Red Exhibition Opening to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday April 18, 2024
 - b. June Music on the Patio to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2024
 - c. Authentic Native American Arts & Culture Exhibition Opening to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2024
 - d. July Music on the Patio to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2024
 - e. August Music on the Patio to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14, 2024
 - f. Unexpected: Art from Found Objects Exhibition Opening to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2024
 - g. September Music on the Patio to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2024

and Temporary Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages and Temporary Retail "Class B" Wine Licenses for the following events:

- h. 2024 Art on Tap to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 12, 2024
- Holiday Gifts and Art Fair Opening to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 7, 2024

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher to approve a Temporary Retail Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages Licenses for Central Wisconsin Cultural Center, Inc., 2651 Eighth Street South, for the following events:

- a. Celebrate Red Exhibition Opening to be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday April 18, 2024
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Motion carried.

5. Review bids for the Jackson St Bridge & Grand Ave Bridge Lighting Project and consider award to the low, qualified bidder

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Polach to award bid for the Jackson St Bridge and Grand Ave Bridge lighting project to Current Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$602,935.00. Motion carried.

6. Request from the Community Development Department to select a consultant for the Downtown Master Plan Project

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Polach to approve the proposal from Bolten & Menk in the amount of \$72,000 for the Downtown Master Plan project. Motion carried.

7. Consider for approval an application for a Class 3 Razing, Scrapping, Salvaging and Recycling Permit from Capital Recovery Group, LLC for the Wisconsin Rapids Paper Mill Property, which outlines various proposed actions regarding personal property, fixtures and structures located at properties which include 610 4th Ave. N. (Parcel ID 3402445), 300 W. Jackson St. (Parcel ID 3402526), 321 4th Ave. N. (Parcel ID 3401855), 510 High Street (Parcel ID 3401752), 541 4th Ave. N. (Parcel ID 3401767), 610 High Street (3401748), 550 Fremont Street (Parcel ID 3401774), 700 Dura Beauty Lane (Parcel ID 3401451), 950 4th Ave. N. (Parcel ID 3402435), and Parcels 3402440, 3401815, 3402435C, as well as adjacent undeveloped parcels under similar ownership.

It was moved by Polach, seconded by Zacher to approve the application for a Class 3 Razing, Scrapping, Salvaging and Recycling Permit from Capital Recovery Group, LLC for the Wisconsin Rapids Paper Mill Property subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The applicant shall communicate regularly with the Community Development Department prior to building demolition and asset removal or sale.
- 2. The City may require the applicant to post an irrevocable letter of credit during demolition and/or asset removal phases of the salvage and recovery permit plan.
- 3. The applicant shall not conduct any active sale, salvage, recovery, or demolition actions which result in increased noise, dust, light, traffic or other injurious activity to the public on the premise during the nighttime hours between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

8. 2024 Budget Amendment No. 1

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Polach to approve the 2024 Budget Amendment No. 1. Motion carried. Resolution No. 8 (2024)

9. Audit of the bills						
It was moved by Beml		ded by Zacher to	appro	ve check	no. 2046	69 to 21184. Motion carried.
10. Set next meeting of		and Proporty	v Com	mittoo u	oc not co	t and will be considered at the
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11. Adjournment	rinceang	01171pm ±0, 202				
	ke, secon	ded by Polach to	adjour	n. Motio	on carried	and the meeting adjourned at
•	seconde	d by Bemke to a	pprov	e and a	dopt the a	actions of the Committee. Bemke
		•			•	neld out. Mayor Blaser asked for
						r separate vote. No objection was
made, and the motion wa				-	-	
Alderperson		Motion/Second	-	<u>Nay</u>	Absent	
Ryan Austin	1		×			
Dean Veneman Matt Zacher	2 3	Motion	X X			
Tom Rayome	4	MOUOII	⊠			
Jake Cattanach	5		☒			
Dennis Polach	6					
Patrick J. Delaney	7			⊠		
Jay Bemke	8	Second	⊠			
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						ne bid for the Grand Ave Bridge 3.00. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 1
Alderperson	District	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
Ryan Austin	1	-	\boxtimes			
Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes			
Matt Zacher	3		\boxtimes			
Tom Rayome	4			\boxtimes		
Jake Cattanach	5		\boxtimes			
Dennis Polach	6	Second	\boxtimes			
Patrick J. Delaney	7		\boxtimes			
Jay Bemke	8	Motion	X			
Regarding item #7, it was moved by Austin, seconded by Zacher to approve the permit application as approved by the Committee, with an additional provision of the permit that in the discretion of the City Attorney and Community Development Director, the applicant may substitute for a letter of credit a policy of insurance naming the City as co-beneficiary insuring any City loss, in a form acceptable to the City Attorney. Motion carried, 6 ayes and 2 nays:						
<u>Alderperson</u>	<u>District</u>	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
Ryan Austin	1	Motion	\boxtimes			
Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes			
Matt Zacher	3	Second	\boxtimes			
Tom Rayome	4			\boxtimes		
Jake Cattanach	5		\boxtimes			
Dennis Polach	6		\boxtimes			
Patrick J. Delaney	7			\boxtimes		
Jay Bemke	8		X			
Regarding item #5, it was the bid for the Grand Ave \$326,573.00. Motion car	Bridge lig	hting project only				nd the previous action to award s, Inc. in the amount of
Alderperson		Motion/Second	<u>A</u> ve	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	
Ryan Austin	1			<u> </u>		
Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes			
Matt Zacher	3		\boxtimes			
Tom Rayome	4	Second	\boxtimes			
Jake Cattanach	5		\boxtimes			

Regarding item #5, it was moved by Delaney, seconded by Rayome to award the bid for the Jackson St Bridge and Grand Ave Bridge lighting project to Current Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$602,935.00. Motion carried, 5 ayes and 3 nays:

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Alderperson District Motion/Second Aye Nay Absent

Motion

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Dennis Polach

Jay Bemke

Patrick J. Delaney

Ryan Austin	1			\boxtimes	
Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes		
Matt Zacher	3		\boxtimes		
Tom Rayome	4	Second	\boxtimes		
Jake Cattanach	5		\boxtimes		
Dennis Polach	6			\boxtimes	
Patrick J. Delaney	7	Motion	\boxtimes		
Jav Bemke	8			\boxtimes	

B. REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 7, 2024:

Tom Rayome, Chairperson

Ryan Austin, Vice-Chairperson

Dennis Polach

Date of Meeting: April 4, 2024

Reported to Council: April 11, 2024

The Public Works Committee met on Thursday, April 4th, 2024 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. All members were present, except Mr. Austin was excused.

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

2. Review Engineering & Street Department Monthly Activity Report.

The reports were reviewed.

3. Review and consider approving the Engineering & Wastewater Department Policy regarding Use of the Emergency Lateral Fund for private sanitary laterals within the public right-of-way.

Motion by Rayome, second by Polach to approve the Right-of-Way Lateral Repair Fund Policy. Motion carried (2-0).

4. Review bid results and consider award of the West Riverview Expy & High St, Chase St Traffic Signal Improvements project.

Motion by Rayome, second by Polach to award the West Riverview Expy & High St, Chase St Traffic Signal Improvements project to the low, qualified bidder, Van Ert Electric in the amount of \$331,994.95. Motion carried (2-0).

5. Review the bridge lighting project.

The Bridge Lighting Project was reviewed.

6. Review and consider approving the TMDL Compliance Implementation Plan

Motion by Rayome, second by Polach to approve the TMDL Compliance Implementation Plan. Motion carried (2-0).

- 7. Review and consider approving the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Report Motion by Rayome, second by Polach to approve the MS4 Annual Report for 2023. Motion carried (2-0).
- 8. Review Referral List.

Referral List was reviewed with the addition of an on-street parking request on Oak St between 7th St S and 8th St S.

9. Set Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting will be determined at the April 16th Reorganizational Council Meeting.

Motion by Rayome, second by Polach to adjourn at 5:42 PM. Motion carried (2-0).

It was moved by Rayome, seconded by Polach to approve and adopt the actions of the Committee. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 1 nay:

<u>Alderperson</u>	<u>District</u>	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1		\boxtimes		
Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes		
Matt Zacher	3		\boxtimes		
Tom Rayome	4	Motion	\boxtimes		
Jake Cattanach	5		\boxtimes		
Dennis Polach	6	Second	\boxtimes		
Patrick J. Delaney	7			\boxtimes	
Jay Bemke	8		\boxtimes		

C. REPORT OF THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 12, 2024:

Jay Bemke, Chairperson Date of Meeting: April 8, 2024

Jake Cattanach, Vice-Chairperson

Patrick Delaney

Reported to Council: April 11, 2024

The Human Resources Committee held a meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. in the First Floor Conference room at City Hall, 444 W. Grand Ave. Alderperson Bemke was present. Also present were Mayor Blaser, Alderperson Polach and HR Manager Hartman.

Due to lack of a quorum on April 8, 2024, the meeting was called and then adjourned, with no action

Due to lack of a quorum on April 8, 2024, no action was taken on this item.

- Reports of Other Committees, Commissions, Boards, and Department Reports:
 - a. Historic Preservation Commission held October 30, 2023
 - b. McMillan Memorial Library Board of Trustees held January 17 and February 21, 2024; Personnel Committee held February 15, 2024
 - c. Zoning Board of Appeals held January 18 and March 25, 2024

- d. Wisconsin Rapids Housing Authority held January 31, 2024
- e. Wastewater Treatment Commission held February 14 and March 13, 2024
- f. Water Works and Lighting Commission held February 14 and March 13, 2024
- g. South Wood County Airport Commission held March 7, 2024h. Ethics Board held March 14, 2024

Department Reports for March 2024

- i. Engineering Department
- j. Public Works Department
- k. South Wood County Airport
- I. Wastewater Treatment Plant
- m. Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department
- n. Wisconsin Rapids Police Department

No action was taken on this item. The reports will be placed on file.

9. Referrals to Committees

No referrals were received.

10. Adjournment.

It was moved by Bemke, seconded by Zacher to adjourn. Motion carried, 7 ayes and 1 nay, and the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.:

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<u>Alderperson</u>	<u>District</u>	Motion/Second	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ryan Austin	1		\boxtimes		
Dean Veneman	2		\boxtimes		
Matt Zacher	3	Second	\boxtimes		
Tom Rayome	4		\boxtimes		
Jake Cattanach	5		\boxtimes		
Dennis Polach	6		\boxtimes		
Patrick J. Delaney	7			\boxtimes	
Jay Bemke	8	Motion	\boxtimes		

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk