



**TWO
RIVERS**
WISCONSIN

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Monday, August 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Council Chambers - City Hall, 3rd Floor
1717 E. Park Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Stechmesser called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

Councilmembers: Doug Brandt, Shannon Derby, Bill LeClair, Darla LeClair, Tim Petri, Bonnie Shimulunas, Scott Stechmesser, Adam Wachowski

Absent: Mark Bittner

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Sewer Utility Rate Increase for FY26

Greg Droessler, P.E. from Town & Country Engineering, Inc., spoke to the Council about the financial outlook of the Sewer Utility. He explained that an increase in the Sewer Utility Rates will be required beginning in 2026 to ensure the continued operation and maintenance of the system. Mr. Droessler further discussed how the rate changes could affect commercial properties within the City and answered questions from the Council regarding the anticipated impact.

B. Beach Pavilion Reimagined--Potential Funding Sources

Parks and Recreation Director Mike Mathis presented the Council with an architectural drawing of the proposed Beach Pavilion/Concession Stand and provided an overview of the proposed design. Council discussed the long-term vision for the facility, including potential community benefits and programming opportunities. Discussion also included whether this is a direction the City wishes to pursue, as the current pavilion and concession stand will need to be either replaced or upgraded in the near future.

C. Licensing of Dogs and Regulation of Animals

Police Chief Ben Meinnert addressed the Council regarding the City's ordinance on livestock. He explained that while residents in certain districts are permitted to raise chickens, the current ordinance does not allow for slaughtering them. Chief Meinnert recommended amending the ordinance to provide consistency for residents by permitting slaughtering in specific districts, provided it is carried out in a humane manner and does not create a disturbance to surrounding properties. He noted that this change would address enforcement challenges and align the ordinance with practical needs of residents raising chickens.

5. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council reserves the right to enter into a Closed Session, per Wisc. Stats 19.85(1)(e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business.

--Discuss sale of property

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by B. LeClair seconded by Brandt to convene in closed session at 8:06 PM

Voting Yea: Brandt, Derby, B. LeClair, D. LeClair, Petri, Shimulunas, Stechmesser

Abstain: Wachowski

Clerk Note: Councilmember Wachowski left the meeting after the vote but prior to the Council convening in closed session

6. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

To consider possible actions in follow-up to closed session discussions

Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion made by Derby seconded by Shimulunas to reconvene in open session at 8:34 PM

Voting Yea: Brandt, Derby, B. LeClair, D. LeClair, Petri, Shimulunas, Stechmesser

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of this meeting and adjourn this meeting at 8:34 PM

Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion made by B. LeClair seconded by Derby

Voting Yea: Brandt, Derby, B. LeClair, D. LeClair, Petri, Shimulunas, Stechmesser

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Baryenbruch
City Clerk