



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 06, 2026 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: Mark Bittner, Doug Brandt, Katherine Dahlke, Shannon Derby, Bill LeClair, Darla LeClair, Tim Petri, Scott Stechmesser, Adam Wachowski

ALSO PRESENT:

4. CONSIDERATION OF ANY COUNCIL MEMBER REQUESTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING FROM A REMOTE LOCATION

5. INTRODUCTION OF INVITED GUESTS

- A. Oath of Office for Library Director Terry Ehle
City Manager Kordell administered a symbolic oath to Library Director Terry Ehle.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. 26-120 Public Hearing for an Ordinance to Amend the Official Zoning Map of the City of Two Rivers Regarding a Change in Zoning from (B-1) Business District to (R-3) Residence District for 2122 East River Street

Summary: This is a Public Hearing on a request from the property owner to rezone 2122 East River Street from B-1 Business District to R-3 Residential District. The property has long been used as a single-family residence and the proposed rezoning would align the zoning designation with its existing use. Following the public hearing, the Council will consider an ordinance to approve the zoning map amendment. The Plan Commission reviewed this request at its June 8, 2026 meeting and recommends approval of the zoning amendment.

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve the zoning change as recommended by the Plan Commission

Council President Stechmesser opened the first call for public input for the public hearing. No one spoke. Council President Stechmesser closed the first call and opened the second call for public input for the public hearing. No one spoke. Council President Stechmesser closed the second call for public input for the public hearing and opened the third and final call for public input for the public hearing. No one spoke. Council President Stechmesser closed the third and final call for public input for the public hearing.

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by Dahlke, seconded by Brandt.

Voting Yea: Bittner, Brandt, Dahlke, Derby, B. LeClair, D. LeClair, Petri, Stechmesser, Wachowski

7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

Limited to 3 minutes per person - Resident addresses are requested but are not required to be given

Bonnie – would like to learn more about TIF and TID and would like more transparency.

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Letters and other communications from residents

Councilmember Brandt – Bands on the Beach was very well attended and it is a great atmosphere.

Councilmember Dahlke – Spoke at Coffee with the Chiefs regarding Flock Cameras

Councilmember Wachowski – A business in the BID is looking for more information. Maybe a work session in the future regarding the BID.

Council President Stechmesser – Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Department for all their help with the opening of the time capsule and thank you to all the sponsors.

Councilmember Dahlke – Business owners love TR but they are not feeling the love and are hoping the brand ambassadors can get ahead of the toxicity.

9. COUNCIL REPORTS FROM BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

None.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

These titles will be read by the Council President and approved by a single Voice Vote. Any item may be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion and separate vote by any City Council member.

A. 26-121 Presentation of Minutes

1. City Council Special Meeting, June 8, 2026
2. City Council Regular Meeting, June 15, 2026
3. City Council Work Session, June 29, 2026

B. 26-122 Minutes of Meetings

1. Public Utilities Committee, June 1, 2026
2. Explore Two Rivers Board of Directors, June 11, 2026
3. Zoning Board of Appeals, June 22, 2026
4. Room Tax Commission, June 23, 2026
5. Business and Industrial Development Committee/
Community Development Authority, June 23, 2026

C. 26-123 Finance Reports, April 2026

1. Debt Service
2. General Fund
3. Lester Library
4. Utilities Report

D. 26-124 Applications and Petitions

1. 2026-2027 License Renewals for a License Period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027:
"Class B" - Qty: 2
2. Temporary Class "B" Beer License for Rotary Club of Two Rivers for 75th Anniversary Celebration event at 1700 Washington Street on July 18, 2026
3. Temporary Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Wine License for Friends of Two Rivers SnowFest for SnowFest event at Neshotah Park on July 24, 25, 26, 2026
4. Temporary Class "B" Beer License for Rogers Street Fishing Village for Rogers Street Days event at 2102 Jackson Street on August 7 and 8, 2026
5. Authorization to Waive Ordinance Section 7-1-6, "Park closing hours," and Section 9-2-5, "Noise Limits," for Two Rivers SnowFest ending at midnight on July 24 and 25, 2026

E. 26-125 Resolution Approving Changes from the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation Functional Classification Highway System Impacting the City of Two Rivers

Summary: The proposed resolution approves updates from WisDOT to the functional classification of certain City streets following the 2020 Census urban area boundary adjustments. These classifications categorize roadways based on their transportation role in the region and help determine eligibility for state and federal transportation funding. After local approval, the changes will be submitted by WisDOT to the Federal Highway Administration for final approval. Two roadway segments are proposed for reclassification within the City of Two Rivers. 0.31 miles of Madison Street from 14th Street to STH 42 (Memorial Drive) being upgraded from Minor Arterial to Principal Arterial, and a 1-mile stretch of STH 310 (Hawthorne Avenue) from Madison to Columbus Street being downgraded from Principal Arterial to Minor Arterial.

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CONSENT AGENDA
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented

Council President Stechmesser removed items 10-D-5 and 10-E from the Consent Agenda

Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion made by Derby, seconded Dahlke

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

Voting Nay: Wachowski

11. CITY COUNCIL - FORMAL ITEMS

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Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion made by Brant, seconded by Derby to approve the ordinance waiver.

Voting Yea: Bittner, Brandt, Dahlke, Derby, B. LeClair, D. LeClair, Petri, Stechmesser, Wachowski

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Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion made by Wachowski, seconded by Dahlke to table this item until more information is available from the Department of Transportation.

Voting Yea: Bittner, Brandt, Dahlke, Derby, B. LeClair, D. LeClair, Petri, Stechmesser, Wachowski

A. 26-126 Resolution Extending Tax Incremental District No 9 in the City of Two Rivers

Summary: In March 2026, the City of Two Rivers terminated Tax Incremental Districts #13 (Culvers) and #16 (Eggers East) and the equalized values within those districts returned to the regular property tax base, helping to improve the integrity of the City General Fund. The proposed extension of TID #9 (VT Industries) continues the City strategy of prudently managing its TIF portfolio by extending the district to support affordable housing development.

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the resolution

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by B. LeClair, seconded by Brandt

Voting Yea: Bittner, Brandt, Derby, D. LeClair, Petri, Stechmesser,

Voting Nay: Dahlke, B. LeClair, Wachowski

B. 26-127 Resolution Establishing Payment Terms for 2026 Sidewalk Replacements

Summary: The proposed resolution establishes the payment terms for property owners to replace or install sidewalks during 2026 under the City's sidewalk replacement program. Property owners will have until October 31, 2027 to pay the assessment in full, or, for assessments exceeding \$200, may request to pay in up to five annual installments with interest based on the City's 2026 borrowing rate plus two percentage points.

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the resolution

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by Wachowski, seconded by Derby to adopt the resolution minus the 2% administrative fee.

Voting Yea: Bittner, Dahlke, Derby, B. LeClair, Wachowski

Voting Nay: Brandt, Petri, Stechmesser, D. LeClair

12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

13. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

– **City Council Regular Meeting**, Monday, July, 20, 2026, 6:00 PM

– **City Council Work Session**, Monday, July 27, 2026, 6:00 PM

– **Hamilton Concepts Listening Sessions:**

- Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 5:30 PM, City Hall, Council Chambers

- Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 6:00 PM, Community House, Koska Room

Upcoming Events:

- **Cool River Classic Boat Show**, Saturday, July 11, 2026, 12:00PM-4:00PM, at Paddlers Park
- **Bryan Lee Memorial Blues Festival**, Saturday, July 11, 2026, 1:00PM-9:00PM, at Central Park West
- **47th Annual Two Rivers Fish Derby & Festival**, Friday-Sunday, July 17-19, 2026, at Walsh Field
- **Harmony Lives on the Schmitt Brothers Stage**, Saturday, July 18, 2026, 6:00PM-8:00PM, at Central Park West
- **SnowFest**, Friday-Sunday, July 24-26, 2026, at Neshotah Park (parade on Saturday, July 25, 11:00AM)

Visit exploretrworivers.com for more information and events.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of this meeting and adjourn this meeting at 7:19 PM.

Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion made by Wachowski, seconded by Dahlke

Voting Yea: Bittner, Brandt, Dahlke, Derby, B. LeClair, D. LeClair, Petri, Stechmesser, Wachowski

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Baryenbruch
City Clerk