



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 20, 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 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: Kassie Paider, Finance Director; Dave Murack, Fire Chief; Matt Heckenlaible, Public Works Director; Brian Dellemann, Electric Utility Director; Ben Meinnert, Police Chief; Sean Griffin, City Attorney (via phone); Dave Dassey, IT Manager; and Kyle Kordell, City Manager.

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

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by Derby, seconded by Bittner to allow Councilmember B. LeClair and Councilmember D. LeClair to participate in this meeting from a remote location.
Voting Yea: Bittner, Brandt, Dahlke, Derby, Petri, Stechmesser, Wachowski

5. INTRODUCTION OF INVITED GUESTS

1. Introduction of Community Service Officer Jordan Freund
Police Chief Meinnert introduced Jordan to the Council.

2. Citizen Commendation Awards

- Ross and Toni Blaha
- Cody DeWitt

Police Chief Meinnert presented the citizen commendation awards.

Clerk Note: Item 12-A was moved to this spot in the agenda. After the presentation, Council resumed the order of the agenda

6. PUBLIC HEARING

A. 26-131 Public Hearing on Special Assessments for Asphalt Resurfacing: Emmet street, from 17th Street to 22nd Street, 18th Street, from Jackson Street to Emmet Street, and 19th Street, from Jackson Street to Emmet Street

Summary: The City Council will conduct a public hearing on proposed special assessments for the 2026 asphalt resurfacing project on Emmet Street (17th Street to 22nd Street), 18th Street (Emmet Street to Jackson Street), and 19th Street (Emmet Street to Jackson Street). The project

includes pavement removal, excavation, grading, asphalt paving, storm service laterals, driveway approaches, sidewalk improvements, and other related work, while the City will cover the costs of water main services, sanitary sewer laterals within the right-of-way, and other non-assessable improvements.

The estimated assessable project cost is \$277,371.40, and affected property owners may pay their assessment in full or over ten annual installments with interest. Following the public hearing, the Council may consider adopting the final assessment resolution under Formal Action Items.

Council President Stechmesser opened the first call for public input for the public hearing. Keralee Miedaner expressed her concerns about this project not increasing market value of property and it is routine maintenance not a special project. Council President Stechmesser closed the first call for public input 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 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.

Clerk Note: Council acted on item 11-C after the public hearing, then resumed the order of the agenda

7. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

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

Jim Bob Scoot – A lot of people have been using Maritime Metro Transit

David – The music was very loud over the weekend when only 6 people were in the tent. There was no need to raise the decibel limit for the event.

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Letters and other communications from residents

Councilmember Wachowski – BID member is frustrated and has questions regarding BID map and taxes supporting BID

Councilmember Dahlke – It is cost effective to not groom beach everyday

Council President Stechmesser – Letter from Mr. Heller about concerns

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. 26-132 Presentation of Minutes

1. City Council Special Meeting, July, 13, 2026

B. 26-133 Minutes of Meetings

1. Public Works Committee, June 3, 2026
2. Library Board, June 9, 2026
3. Environmental Advisory Board, June 16, 2026
4. Public Utilities Committee, July 6, 2026

5. Explore Two Rivers Board of Directors, July 9, 2026

6. Plan Commission, July 13, 2026

C. 26-134 Finance Reports, May 2026

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

D. 26-135 Summary of Verified Bills for June 2026 of \$1,587,724.89

E. 26-136 Applications and Petitions

1. Temporary Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Wine License for Woodland Dunes Nature Center and Preserve for heiknbrew 2026 event at 3000 Hawthorne Avenue on Friday, September 11, 2026

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented

Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion made by Dahlke, seconded by Derby

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

11. CITY COUNCIL - FORMAL ITEMS

A. 26-137 Waiver of Noise Ordinance Request for The Spruce Lodge

Summary: The Spruce Lodge (1110 30th Street) – Live music event on Friday, August 7, 2026. The applicant requests a waiver of the noise ordinance from 6:00 PM - 10:30 PM. The property is located in a Business-to-Residential transition area.

Recommended Action:

Motion to approve request at 75 decibels until 10:30 PM per recommendation of City staff

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by Petri, seconded by Brandt to raise the decibel level to 75dB until 10:30 PM

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

B. 26-138 Consider Appeal of Denial of Food Truck License Application for Flawless Jerk Cuisine

Summary: Applicant Ilam Clarke, owner of Flawless Jerk Cuisine food truck met all requirements for a food truck vendor license except the required background check. Based on criminal history, including recent offenses that the Police Department determined raise concerns related to public safety and the responsibilities of a licensed vendor, the application was denied. The applicant appealed the decision, but the Police Department recommends that the denial be upheld.

Recommended Action:

Motion to deny the appeal, consistent with the recommendation of the Chief of Police

No action taken, application was withdrawn by applicant

C. 26-139 Final Resolution Authorizing Special Assessments for Asphalt Resurfacing: Emmet street, from 17th Street to 22nd Street, 18th Street, from Jackson Street to Emmet Street, and 19th Street, from Jackson Street to Emmet Street

Summary: Following the public hearing, the City Council will consider adopting the final resolution authorizing special assessments for the 2026 asphalt resurfacing project on sections of Emmet Street, 18th Street, and 19th Street. The resolution confirms the special assessment roll, establishes the estimated project cost of \$277,371.40, and authorizes affected property owners to either pay their assessment in full or over 10 annual installments with interest, in accordance with Wisconsin law and the City's special assessment policy. Approval of the resolution allows the City to finalize the assessment process and proceed with collection following completion of the project.

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the resolution

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by Brandt, seconded by Bittner

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

D. 26-140 Contract 4-2026 for Community Investment Project for Asphalt Paving on Emmet, 18th, and 19th Streets to MCC, Inc. in the Amount Not-to-Exceed \$304,540.14

Summary: On June 29, 2026, the City opened competitive bids for the 2026 asphalt resurfacing project covering Emmet, 18th, and 19th Streets. The recommended award reflects the City's commitment to investing in safe, reliable infrastructure while ensuring taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly through a competitive bidding process. The selected bid came in below the engineering estimate, allowing the City to maximize the value of this important community investment. By continuing to reinvest in neighborhood infrastructure, the City can protect existing assets, improve quality of life for residents, and strengthen the community for the future.

Recommended Action:

Motion to award the contract to MCC, Inc., of Appleton, based on its lowest qualified bid, for an amount not to exceed \$304,540.14

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by B. LeClair, seconded by Dahlke

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

E. 26-141 Resolution Approving Amendment No. 3 to WPPI Long-Term Power Supply 18-Year Contract Extension to 2073

Summary: The City Council will consider approval of an amendment extending the Two Rivers Electric Utility's long-term wholesale power supply contract from 2055 to 2073 with the member-owned municipal power cooperative "WPPI Energy". Two Rivers was one of the original founding member communities that created WPPI back in 1980.

One argument in favor of the extension is that electric infrastructure is becoming increasingly expensive, and participating in WPPI's cooperative joint-action model provides economies of scale, shared resources, and purchasing power that Two Rivers could not realistically achieve on its own.

One argument against the extension is that no one knows what electricity generation and storage will look like 18 years from now, and extending the contract by 18 years reduces the City's flexibility to pursue alternative power supply options.

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the resolution

Motion carried with a roll call vote.

Motion made by Dahlke, seconded by Wachowski to table item to September 28th Work Session

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

Voting Nay: Bittner

12. CITY COUNCIL - DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Two Rivers School District Discussion on School Voucher Program

Summary: Presentation and discussion regarding the impact of Wisconsin's private school voucher program on the Two Rivers Public School District.

Recommended Action:

No Council action is requested; this is for discussion only.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

14. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

- **City Council Work Session**, Monday, July 27, 2026, 6:00 PM
- **City Council Regular Meeting**, Monday, August 3, 2026, 6:00 PM

– **Hamilton Concepts Listening Sessions:**

- Tuesday, July 21, 2026, 6:00 PM, J.E. Hamilton Community House, Koska Room
- Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 5:30 PM, Lester Public Library, Fireplace area

Upcoming Events:

- **SnowFest**, Friday-Sunday, July 24-26, 2026, at Neshotah Park (parade on Saturday, July 25, 11:00AM)
- **Optimist Club Great Bike Give-Away**, Wednesday, July 29, 6:00 PM, Walsh Field
- **T'rivers Trap Out Regatta**, Friday-Sunday, July 31-August 2, 2026, Neshotah Beach
- **National Night Out**, Tuesday, August 4, 2026, 5:00 PM, Walsh Field

Visit exploretworivers.com for more information and events.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of this meeting and adjourn this meeting at 7:32 PM

Motion carried with a voice vote.

Motion made by Wachowski, seconded by Derby

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Baryenbruch
City Clerk