



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 18, 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 6:05pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL BY DEPUTY CITY CLERK

Councilmembers: Mark Bittner, Doug Brandt, Katherine Dahlke, Shannon Derby, Bill LeClair, Darla LeClair, Tim Petri, Scott Stechmesser

Absent: Adam Wachowski

Also Present: Police Chief Ben Meinnert, Fire Chief Dave Murack, Tech Manager Dave Dassey, City Manager Kyle Kordell, City Attorney Sean Griffin (via telephone)

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 Dahlke to allow Councilmember D. LeClair, B. Leclair & Bittner to participate in this meeting from a remote location.

Voting Yea: Derby, Brandt, Petri, Dahlke, Stechmesser

5. INTRODUCTION OF INVITED GUESTS

A. Oath of Office for Police Officer Jessica Rogers

Deputy City Clerk administered the Oath of Office followed by Badge Pinning

6. INPUT FROM THE PUBLIC

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

City resident, name not given, spoke about how great it is to see the community coming together taking care of the aftermath of the storms

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Letters and other communications from residents

Councilmember Derby spoke about the thanks to the city and community for stepping up during the time of need with the storm clean up. President Stechmesser spoke about the community taking care of extended municipalities coming in to aid with the storms.

8. COUNCIL REPORTS FROM BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES

Councilmember Derby reported Stanley Palmer & Sharon Sleger have completed their terms on the library board. Two new members have joined the board.

9. 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. 26-090 Presentation of Minutes

1. City Council Regular Meeting, April 20, 2026
2. City Council Reorganizational Meeting, April 21, 2026
3. City Council Regular Meeting, May 4, 2026

B. 26-091 Minutes of Meetings

1. Room Tax Commission, April 13, 2026
2. Library Board, April 14, 2026
3. Environmental Advisory Board, April 21, 2026
4. Architectural Control Committee, May 1 and May 14, 2026
5. Committee On Aging, May 4, 2026
6. Public Utilities Committee, May 4, 2026
7. Police and Fire Commission, May 11, 2026
8. Plan Commission, May 11, 2026

C. 26-092 Applications and Petitions

1. 2026-2027 License Renewals for a License Period of July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027:
Class "A" - Qty: 1
"Class A" - Qty: 8
Class "B" - Qty: 1
"Class B" - Qty: 20
Tobacco - Qty: 8
Landscape/Tree - Qty: 11
2. Temporary Class "B" Beer License for Rotary Club of Two Rivers for Downtown Friday Night Live Concert series, June 5, 12, 19, July 10, 17, 31, August 14, 21, 28, 2026, at 1700 Washington Street
3. Authorization to Waive Ordinance, Section 9-2-5 C. "Noise Limits" and Section 7-1-6 "Park closing hours," for Beach Bash concerts ending at 11:30 PM and clean-up until midnight on June 26 and 27, 2026

D. 26-093 Summary of Verified Bills for April 2026 of \$5,778,413.67

E. 26-094 Proclamation Naming the Week of May 17-23, 2026 as National Public Works Week

RECOMMENDED ACTION FOR CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented

Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion made by Derby, seconded by Petri to approve the consent agenda as presented.

All in favor.

10. CITY COUNCIL - FORMAL ITEMS

A. 26-095 Resolution Authorizing Application for DNR Stewardship Recreational Boating Grant to Replace Docks at Veterans Park in the Amount Not-to-Exceed \$100,000 Total Project Cost

Summary: The proposed Resolution authorizes the City to apply for Wisconsin DNR recreational boating grant funding to replace docks at Veterans Park, with a total project cost not to exceed \$100,000 and a required City match of \$25,000, which would come from multiple financing sources, including boat launch fees, project sponsorships, and FY2027 capital borrowing. A final decision by the City Council on funding this project will not be made until a later date.

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and authorize the resolution

Motion made by Dahlke to table, no second motion.

Motion carried with roll call vote.

Motion made by Derby, seconded by B. LeClair.

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

Voting Nay: Dahlke

B. 26-096 Ordinance Amending Section 6-5-9 of the Municipal Code of the City of Two Rivers Regarding Animals Prohibited During Downtown Special Events

Summary: At the request of the Rotary Club, the proposed Resolution amends the Municipal Code to prohibit animals within designated downtown special event areas during Applefest, consistent with existing restrictions for other major community events.

Recommended Action:

Motion to waive reading and adopt the ordinance

Motion carried with roll call vote.

Motion made by Dahlke seconded by Petri

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

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- Storm cleanup will continue, City is sending out trucks this week to pick up debris from curb.
- Most storm-incurred costs will impact the Electric Utility, with a smaller impact to the General Fund.
- Harbor Dredging 2027
- Uncorked Book Lounge Ribbon Cutting, Friday May 22, 2026 @ 12:00pm

12. FOR INFORMATION ONLY

– **City Council Regular Meeting, Monday, June 1, 2026** which will include a public hearing for a proposed amendment to the City of Two Rivers zoning ordinance to regulate setbacks for properties within the main street and waterfront corridor overlay district.

– **Upcoming Events**

- **Senior Center Rummage Sale**, May 21 & 22, 2026, starting at 8:00 AM in the Behringer Room
- **Memorial Day Parade & Ceremony**, May 25, 2026, starting at 8:30 AM in Central Park East
- **Concerts in the Park**, kicks off June 4, 2026 with Dorf Kapelle at 6:00 PM
- **Friday Night Live**, kicks off June 5, 2026 with Open Tab at 6:00 PM

- **City-Wide Shore & River Clean-Up**, June 6, 2026, 10:00 AM - 2:00PM at three locations:
Veterans Park, Paddlers Park, Washington Park

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of this meeting and adjourn this meeting at 6:38pm

Motion carried with a voice vote

Motion made by Derby seconded by Dahlke. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marla Krizek
Deputy City Clerk