

RESOLUTION NO. 4990
ADOPTING WATER USE PROCLAMATIONS

(WATER UTILITY)

WHEREAS, the City of River Falls has four wells to meet municipal water consumption and fire protection needs, and

WHEREAS, one well was taken out of service on Friday August 10, 2007 due to a significant drop in water level and another well was showing signs of reduced water levels, and

WHEREAS, staff met on Friday August 10, 2007 and a proclamation was ordered banning non-essential water use including irrigation of lawns, recreational use, washing vehicles and other outdoor use, and

WHEREAS, staff met again Monday August 13, 2007 and learned well water levels remain lower than normal but have returned to an adequate level to resume pumping, and

WHEREAS, dry weather continues to threaten the water levels in cases of excessive consumer demand, and

WHEREAS, a proclamation was issued which repealed the August 10, 2007 Watering Ban Proclamation and replaced it with Watering Restrictions, and

WHEREAS, both the August 10, 2007 Proclamation and the August 13, 2007 Proclamation are attached.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of River Falls that it ratifies the Proclamations issued by the Hon. Don Richards, Mayor, on August 10, 2007, issuing an Emergency Order for a Watering Ban in the City of River Falls and his August 13, 2007 Proclamation, issuing an Emergency Order for Watering Restrictions in the City of River Falls and that by the means of this Resolution, it places the said Proclamations into full force and effect as a legislative determination of this Common Council and, as such, incorporates each Proclamation herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that until September 30, 2007, unless ordered to be further extended upon proclamation of the Mayor when the Common Council is not in session, or by this Common Council, the following restrictions on water usage are hereby placed into effect:

- Residents and other customers of the Utility with odd numbered addresses may use sprinklers and other outside water sources on odd numbered days before 9:00 AM and after 7:00 PM.

- Residents and other customers of the Utility with even numbered addresses may use sprinklers and other outside water sources on even numbered days before 9:00 AM and after 7:00 PM.
- As an exception to the general rule, a watering container or hose may be used outside at any time to water gardens, trees or shrubs of the watering device is used by hand and is not left running while unattended.
- Other exceptions to these restrictions may be considered on a case by case basis upon written request directed to the Utility. All decisions of the Utility shall be final.
- Under no circumstances shall sprinklers and other outside sources of water be used between the hours of 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM except for hand held watering containers or hoses.
- In the event that future emergency conditions are declared by the Utility, additional outdoor watering restrictions or bans may be imposed by Proclamation of the Mayor or Resolution of the Common Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is adopted under the authority vested in the Common Council pursuant to § 166.23 (2), Wis. Stats., to ace in the face of an emergency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council hereby declares a water emergency in the City of River Falls through September 30, 2007.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in accord with § 166.23 (2), Wis. Stats., as a penalty for violation of this Resolution, each offender shall be subjected to a forfeiture not to exceed \$100.00 per offense with each day an offense continues constituting a separate offense and in lieu of payment of such forfeiture, each offender shall be subject to 6 months imprisonment.

Dated this 14th day of August, 2007.

Don Richards, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Bergstrom, City Clerk