CITY OF RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN
COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

April 21, 2020

Mayor Toland called the meeting to order at 5:27 p.m. in the Council Chambers in City Hall.

Members Present: Alderpersons Todd Bjerstedt, Sean Downing, Christopher Gagne, Scott Morrissette, Diane Odeen, Ben Plunkett, Hal Watson

Staff Present: Scot Simpson, City Administrator; City Attorney Chris Gierhart; others

Mayor Toland announced that Oaths of Office for the newly elected Council officials have been taken within the 10 days as required by Wisconsin Statutes for the Mayor; Alderpersons at Large Scott Morrissette and Ben Plunkett; and Todd Bjerstedt, District 4

ELECTION OF COMMON COUNCIL OFFICERS:
Council President
MS Odeen/Downing to nominate Scott Morrissette as Council President. The roll call vote was 7-0 with all voting in favor.

Comptroller
MS Morrissette/Downing to nominate Diane Odeen as Comptroller. The roll call vote was 7-0 with all voting in favor.

Deputy Comptroller
Comptroller Odeen appointed Hal Watson as Deputy Comptroller.

Parliamentarian
The Mayor appointed Diane Odeen as Parliamentarian.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER TO PLAN COMMISSION:
MS Morrissette/Gagne nominate Hal Watson to Plan Commission. The roll call vote was 7-0 with all voting in favor.

APPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR/CONFIRMATION BY COUNCIL:
Mayor Toland recommended the following appointments:

Emergency Medical Service Advisory Board      Scott Morrissette
Historic Preservation Commission              Ben Plunkett
Library Board                                  Diane Odeen
Parks and Recreation Board                     Sean Downing
Design Review Committee                        Chris Gagne
Utility Advisory Board                         Scott Morrissette
Housing Authority                              Todd Bjerstedt

MS Watson/Downing move to approve the Mayor’s appointments. The roll call vote was 7-0 with all voting in favor.

APPOINTMENTS OF OTHER CITY OFFICIALS
City Attorney - Weld Riley S.C.
City Forester – Nate Croes
Health Officer – Pierce and St. Croix County Health Departments
MS Watson/Downing move to approve the Mayor’s appointments of City officials. The roll call vote was 7-0 with all voting in favor.

Resolution No. 6465 – Designating Public Depositories for Public Monies Held by the City of River Falls
MS Odeen/Watson move to approve the resolution. Alderperson Morrissette said he would abstain because his employer was included in the resolution. The roll call vote was 6-0 with all voting in favor.

REPORT ON ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES
City Administrator Simpson provided Council with an organizational chart and details. He talked about work reassignments due to Covid 19.

Alderperson Downing asked Simpson to speak about the two new positions – wastewater operator and senior accountant. Simpson provided information about the positions.

Alderperson Gagne asked about filling a vacancy left by a Police Officer retirement. Simpson said there is a hiring freeze, and the City would not be filling it at this time.

BOARD OF REVIEW
The Board of Review meeting date was set for May 26 but will adjourn to Thursday, August 6, 2020, at 4 p.m. as when the assessment roll is completed.

MSC Bjerstedt/Watson moved to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi McKahan, Deputy City Clerk