



Ripon

100 Jackson St, Ripon, Wisconsin

Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2023 - Common Council - 07:00 PM

Common Council Meeting
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Council Present: Gallops, Iverson, Sorensen, Splitt, Grunert, Gatzke; Schatzinger
Staff Present: City Administrator Sonntag; Attorney Wurtz; Police Chief Wallner; Public Works Director Dannhoff; Mayor Grant and Clerk Miller

1. Call to order/roll call

Mayor Grant called meeting to order at 7:00pm

2. Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation given by Heather Brewer

3. Approval of agenda

Moved By: Terry Grunert
Seconded By: Doug Iverson

Motion to approve agenda as presented.

Carried Unanimously

4. Public communications and comment

Sue O'Brien of 957 Watson Street (corner of Watson and Griswold) came before council speaking in regards to the truck traffic on Griswold Street. O'Brien stated there is a lot of truck traffic with a park and children in the neighborhood. This is a residential area.

Jessica Wood of 118 E. Griswold Street is present to state her disapproval of the truck traffic on Griswold. Wood has children and is outside with them a lot seeing the large trucks passing through the area. For the safety of the children in the neighborhood the council is requested to reroute the truck traffic.

5. Agenda Items

5.1 Class B Fermented Malt Beverage License Application

Moved By: Jonathan Gatzke
Seconded By: John Splitt

Rippin Blades of 1200 West Fond du Lac St., Suite 2, Ripon, WI 54971. The agent listed is Kate Bell-Boede of W12538 Olden Rd., Ripon, WI 54971, requesting a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License. Bell-Boede would like to encourage families to come to the axe throwing facility.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
David Gallops	✓			
Jonathan Gatzke	✓			
Terry Grunert	✓			
Doug Iverson	✓			
Jolene Schatzinger	✓			

Ellen Sorensen

✓

John Splitt

✓

Carried

5.2 Right of First Refusal - School District Property

Moved By: David Gallops

Seconded By: Jolene Schatzinger

City Administration approached the Ripon Area School District about entering a first right of refusal for a vacant parcel, T17-16-14-16-08-001-00, a 35.3440 acre parcel. RASD approved the agreement on September 18, 2023.

Motion made to approve the Right of First Refusal with the RASD for Parcel T17-16-14-16-08-001-00.

Carried Unanimously

5.3 Removal of Truck Route on Griswold Street

Moved By: Ellen Sorensen

Seconded By: Doug Iverson

Aldersperson Grunert requested this item be placed on the agenda. Staff prepared a report and plan for removing the truck route on Griswold Street. Public Works Director Dannhoff was in attendance to address the council on the truck route on Griswold Street, including impact of implements of husbandry (agriculture equipment).

Motion to close Griswold to truck traffic with the exception of those permitted under state law, once all signage is in place.

Carried Unanimously

5.4 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$1,195,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2023A

Resolution No: 2023-44

Moved By: Doug Iverson

Seconded By: Ellen Sorensen

The Resolution authorizes financing for public purposes, including paying the cost of a street improvements and current refunding certain outstanding obligations of the City, specifically the Promissory Note dated January 26, 2017, and the 2025 maturity of the Promissory Note dated December 21, 2017. Total sale of approximately \$1,195,000.00.

Motion to accept the Resolution with a bid of 3.9632% with Northland Securities, Inc.

Carried Unanimously

5.5 Ordinance to Amend Section 22.20.050 Applicability, exemptions and waivers of the Municipal Code for Erosion Control and Stormwater Management

Moved By: John Splitt

Seconded By: Doug Iverson

The Plan Commission recommended amending Section 22.20.050 at the September 20th meeting. The amendment proposed is regarding the impervious surface square footage threshold triggering the applicability of the post construction stormwater management regulation. The draft ordinance change is to section 22.20.050 B.3 from 7500 square feet to 20,000 square feet. Schatzinger asked how this will affect the watershed. There will still be flood plane regulations and wetland regulations and others to help regulate the watershed.

Motion made to approve and amend section 22.20.050.

Name	Yes	No	Abstained	Absent
David Gallops	✓			
Jonathan Gatzke	✓			
Terry Grunert	✓			
Doug Iverson	✓			
Jolene Schatzinger				✓

Ellen Sorensen ✓
John Splitt ✓

Carried

5.6 Ordinance to Amend Section 18.32.030 Construction - Requirements of the Municipal Code for Private Swimming Pools

Moved By: Ellen Sorensen

Seconded By: David Gallops

The Zoning Board of Appeals recommended amending Section 18.32.030 after authorizing a variance for an ASTM F1346-91 compliant pool cover. A draft ordinance is presented for consideration. The Zoning Board issued a variance to a resident to put a specific pool cover ASTM F1346-91 instead of a fence. The amendment to the ordinance is subsection D adding the lockable, powered safety cover that complies with the ASTM F1346-91 specifications. Gatzke made a recommendation to have cover on when not in the pool. Gatzke made a motion and amended with addition in subsection D add wording when pool is not in use to be closed and locked. Seconded by Grunert. Gallops stated it is easier to keep a gate closed than to cover a pool.

Motion to postpone further discussion till next meeting allowing council and city staff to look further into the ordinance and the pool cover.

Carried Unanimously

6. Project Updates & Staff Reports

City Administrator

- The resignation Utility Manager was received earlier this week. Sonntag will be taking on the role in the interim as the city evaluates how to proceed.
- The budget meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2023 starting at 5:30pm.
- The District 3 Common Council Vacancy has been posted and applications are being accepted. The public was encouraged if interested please contact Sonntag.
- State highway project - State did select Mead & Hunt as the project consultant. The bid date is September 11, 2029
- Business outreach program - First conversation started today between Walsworth, Mandy Kimes (Chamber of Commerce), Mayor Grant and Sonntag. Let the city know if a business would like to participate.

Public Works

- Dannhoff stated the replacement sidewalks start tomorrow.
- Watco will begin repairs to the crossing at Oshkosh Street the week of October 9th.
- Working with the county on the patches due to cost limitations. May only get the two large patches on Scott Street accomplished.

7. Mayor's communications and appointments

Nothing at this time.

8. Agenda items for future Council meetings

Contact Sonntag or Grant

9. Adjourn

Moved By: Doug Iverson

Seconded By: David Gallops

With no further business, Grant declared meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Naomi Miller, City Clerk