

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
August 16, 2011**

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building at 450 S. Main Street on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Larry D. Fowler presiding. Alderpersons Marie Rakow, Susan Fruit, Lester Parker, Jay Buchanan Mueller, Steve Deets, Judy Shireman, Bill Kloehn and Lorna Dilley present. Mayor Fowler ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Rakow, second by Parker to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting (August 2) both open and closed sessions, in lieu of printed copies and to approve the same. Motion carried.

**UPDATE ON PROPOSED NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY –  
FOREMOST AND SCHREIBER FOODS:**

Mr. Jim Wittenberger of FFUSA, Mr Jim Turk and Mr. Andrew Tobish of Schreiber Foods and Mr. David Ewing from Foremost Farms were present. Mr. Ewing informed the Council that there was a good turnout at their recent open house and they received a lot of good questions and feedback. He said they are working with the DNR to meet all their regulations. He said they currently have about 20 truck loads per day of high strength waste that is land spread and with the new facility it should be reduced to about 6 per day. Mr. Ewing said both Foremost Farms and Schreiber Foods will be socially and environmentally responsible, they plan to have odor control and traffic reductions with their new treatment facility. He said expect growth of their businesses with Schreiber Foods hiring as many as 50 more employees in the next few years, they want to protect their customers and the 550 current jobs they have. He reported the facility will be clean renewable energy that will power over 1000 homes. He reviewed their planned schedule and informed the Council they would like to begin work in September. Mr. Ewing said he would like to publicly announce that the negotiations between the industries and the City remained very professional. Discussion continued between the Council and members from Schreiber Foods, Mr. Ewing, and Mr. Wittenberger on diversion systems, the planned route of the new sewer mains to their new facility, and planned silos at each plant location. Mayor Fowler thanked them for coming.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**CONSIDER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION OF RICHLAND  
VETERINARY SERVICE LLC TO ALLOW FOR A VET CLINIC AND DOGGY  
DAYCARE FACILITY AT 1131 SEXTONVILLE ROAD:**

Mayor Fowler said Richland Vet plans to relocate to the site of the former Hiltbrand's Flooring that is next to the Subway building. He said the plan is for a 1 story 6121 square foot building that is very attractive. Issues that were discussed at Planning were storm water runoff and since he will be disturbing less than one acre, it can be directed to the current storm sewer.

He said there are be 2 driveways now but 1 will be reduced in size. The proposed sign will meet the sign ordinance. There will be 19 parking spaces which will be adequate for a kennel building. A 2 ½ foot retaining wall will be placed to the north of the building and if a railing is required by code, one will be installed. Very few trees will be removed. Mayor Fowler reported that Mrs. Brewer, who is a neighbor, attended the meeting and was concerned about barking. Mr. Friedenlund said there will not be any dogs outside for exercise without supervision and all dogs would be kept inside overnight in the kennel. He said there may be as many as 16 animals in the kennel area with the possibility of adding 10 more at busy times. Mayor Fowler said Planning Commission recommended approval with no conditions. Motion by Parker, second by Shireman to approve the conditional use permit of Richland Veterinary Service LLC to allow for a vet clinic and doggy daycare facility at 1131 Sextonville Road. Motion carried 8-0.

**CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT FOR NEW SENIOR / COMMUNITY CENTER:**

Mr. Ray Bolton from ADCI thanked Mayor Fowler for having the foresight to apply for grant funds to construct a new building for the community. He thanked Dale Bender, Shane Stibbe and Terry Sime as well for all the work they have been putting into the project. He said there has been concern about the budget and the bids were very close. He reported on July 26<sup>th</sup> there were 6 bids received with the lowest being from Olympic Builders of Holmen, WI. Mr. Bolton stated they had a list of questions that they went through with the two lowest bidders and recommend Olympic Builders. He gave a brief background on Olympic Builders and noted they constructed the Armory in Richland Center. Mayor Fowler said the base bid is \$1,707,400.00 and would take 195 days to construct the building. The rest of the bids were reviewed. He said the Ad/hoc Committee recommended alternates 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 11 and 13 for a total of \$18,350.00 which would leave a shortfall of \$223,990.00. He said that Dale Bender is working with Focus on Energy and WPPI for possible rebates and some funding could come from the Woodman Foundation but we would still need to find some additional funds. Mayor Fowler reviewed the alternatives with #2 changing from special toilet partitions to a metal partition reduced the cost by \$15,800. #3 added projection screens and electrical for them in each meeting room for \$2,200. #6 expanded the storage room by an additional 140 square feet for \$8,500. #9 extended the water pipe to a future patio for \$450. #10 adds energy recovery units for better efficiency at a cost of \$15,500. #11 installs a thermostat in each room for better heating control at \$14,500. Lastly #13 changes light fixtures to ones that are similar to that in the City Hall for a reduction of \$7,000. Mayor Fowler said that the Electric Utility has exit lights and LED fixtures for inside, and we could take out the appliances but need to confirm that there are variable speed furnaces because WPPI may have a reimbursement then. He mentioned the demolition of 4 park buildings would be about \$40,000. Motion by Rakow, second by Fruit to award the bid to Olympic Builders in the amount of \$1,707,400.00 less appliances, exit lights, and LED fixtures, and confirm the furnaces are variable speed, but add alternates #2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 11, and 13 for \$18,350.00. Motion carried 8-0.

**CONSIDER SALE OF LAND ON BOHMANN DRIVE:**

Mayor Fowler said 3 bids were received for the purchase of the land on Bohmann Drive. Schreiber Foods bid \$3,000.00, \$13,800 from Robert & Sharon Schmitz, and the high bid was \$20,100 from NHS. He said the Utility Commission and Finance recommended the bid from NHS. Motion by Mueller, second by Rakow to recommend to Council to sell the land on Bohmann Drive to NHS of Richland County for \$20,100.00.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 101 ADDING AND DELETING STOP SIGNS AND YIELD SIGNS AT INTERSECTIONS:**

Alderson Shireman said the ordinance is for introduction only and resulted from citizen concerns about speed in the intersections. Attorney Robb said section 1 takes out the yield signs because there is a stop sign at the locations. He said in section 3 the stop signs are taken out of the ordinance because there is a stop light there now. No action was taken.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 101.09 REGULATING PARKING IN THE BREWER LIBRARY PARKING LOT:**

Alderson Shireman said the parking lot at the Library has been turned over to the City and there are parking regulations that the Library Board suggested. She said this is for introduction only. No action was taken.

**CONSIDER PURCHASE OF TWO SQUAD CARS:**

Alderson Shireman said bids were received from Jones Chevrolet and Fillback and more than enough funds were budgeted to cover the cost. She said Public Safety recommended the purchase of one car from each business. Alderson Deets said Finance made no recommendation as there were questions about warranties, what the overall police budget looks like and if an extended warranty should be purchased so the vehicles can be kept longer. Motion by Rakow, second by Fruit to wait for Chief Anear to answer questions before any purchase is made. Motion carried with Alderson Shireman voting against.

**CONSIDER REPEAL OF ORDINANCE 2009-8 RELATING TO CHANGES IN BOARD OF REVIEW PROCEDURES:**

Attorney Robb said there were statutory changes made so the City changed the Ordinance relating to Board of Review. He said a couple months ago those changes were found unconstitutional and the League of WI Municipalities recommends repealing our Ordinance. He read the proposed Ordinance and stated that under Section 1 the words "were based" should be deleted and under the section for the Effective Date it should say Section 3. Motion by Mueller to approve Ordinance 2011-10 to repeal paragraphs 53.02, 53.03, 53.04, 53.05, 53.06 and 53.07 of Chapter 53 of the Code of Ordinances as created by Ordinance 2009-8 relating to opting out of

certain statutory procedures for review of property tax assessments, with the changes presented by Attorney Robb. Motion carried 8-0.

**PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS:**

Motion by Mueller, second by Kloehn to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

**MAYOR LARRY D. FOWLER:** He said received an email from the WI DOT stating Governor Walker approves \$315,790.00 project at the Richland Airport. The Federal Aviation Administration is providing \$300,000.00, the State is providing \$7895.00 and the City will contribute \$7895.00 for land acquisition adjacent to the airport to provide clear runway protection zones and allow the city to remove potential obstructions or hazards. Mayor Fowler congratulated GRACE on a great job. He said there were a lot of people there and it was a great event. He said Symon's Recreation Complex will have the 7<sup>th</sup> annual fun run/walk on August 20<sup>th</sup> and will sponsor the Ocooch Mountain fall bike tour on September 10<sup>th</sup>. He said there will be a ribbon cutting on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 at Oakwood Fruit Farm. Mayor Fowler thanked the industries for coming although he did not agree with everything that was said. He said he has been working with them for over 4 ½ years and urged everyone to think about the pros and cons, benefits, and their economic ideas. He said the Personnel and Insurance Committee has been rewriting the Personnel Ordinance to comply with the State's grievance policy requirement and it is almost finished. It should be ready for the 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting in September. He said after that has been approved, they will be talking with the remaining unions.

**ALDERPERSON MARIE RAKOW:** She asked if there was a Business Outreach meeting at the Foundry and Mayor Fowler said no.

**ALDERPERSON JUDY SHIREMAN:** She said Public Safety is working on Chapter 307 which is an ordinance relating to accumulating waste material on properties in the City and deteriorating buildings. She asked the other Alderpersons to let her know of any properties in their districts.

**ALDERPERSON BILL KLOEHN:** He said Mr. Jim Sanders at the FAA is writing the height limitation ordinance.

**PARKS, RECREATION & GROUNDS DIRECTOR SHANE STIBBE:** He said the Summer is winding down. He said the youth and adult programs were successful. He said the pool will be open until Labor Day unless the weather changes.

**CITY CLERK / TREASURER JUDE ELLIOTT:** He said there is a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on August 22, Board of Review is scheduled for August 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be another Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on August 30<sup>th</sup>, and there will be a joint Planning & ETZ meeting at 7:00 p.m. on August 31st.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Kloehn, second by Shireman to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:21 p.m.

Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, Deputy Clerk /Treasurer

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Mayor, Larry D. Fowler

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City Clerk / Treasurer Jude Elliott