

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

August 2, 2011

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, August 2nd, 2011 commencing at 7:00 P.M., Mayor Larry D. Fowler presiding. Alderpersons Marie Rakow, Lester Parker, Jay Buchanan Mueller, Steve Deets, Judy Shireman, Bill Kloehn, and Lorna Dilley present. Alderperson Susan Fruit was absent. Mayor Fowler ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Alderperson Parker said in reference to the Accents building, he thought the Gas Company should be billed for repairs of a 3' x 3' section. Motion by Kloehn, second by Rakow to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting (July 19th, 2011 both open and closed sessions) in lieu of printed copies and to approve the same with the correction as presented by Alderperson Parker. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Jude Elliott presented the General Fund Report for July, 2011. The complete Treasurer's report follows:

GENERAL FUND:

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| Treasurer's balance at start of month | 183,132.87 |
| Receipts | 344,032.44 |
| Disbursements | 390,274.53 |
| Treasurer's balance end of month | 136,890.78 |
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| Money Market Tax Acct. | 13,222.32 |

INVESTMENTS:

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| State Pool - Account # 1 | 407,696.24 |
| State Pool - Account #2 Long Term Care | 526,702.24 |
| State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover | 538,657.13 |
| State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5 | 922,148.59 |

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

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| CDBG - Housing RLF | 93,077.22 |
| Cemetery | 3,864.33 |
| Revolving Loan Fund- Savings | 179,096.53 |
| Revolving Loan Fund - Checking | 7,948.31 |
| Park / Community Center | 20,955.99 |
| Park and Rec Checking | 1,710.02 |
| Recycling | 36,654.38 |
| Landfill Care - CD | 476,477.93 |
| Landfill Closure | 88,633.95 |

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| Room Tax | 31,086.28 |
| Library Checking | 76,214.14 |
| RDA Checking | 108,993.40 |

ELECTRIC UTILITY FUND:

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| Treasurer's balance at start of month | 57,871.63 |
| Receipts | 911,211.94 |
| Garbage Receipts | 18,739.66 |
| Public Benefit | 3,957.61 |
| Telecom Utility | 5,064.00 |
| Disbursements | 989,273.58 |
| Treasurer's balance at end of month | 7,571.26 |
| Investments | 1,524,143.69 |

WATER UTILITY FUND:

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| Treasurer's balance start of month | 52,050.77 |
| Receipts | 87,454.78 |
| Disbursements | 93,518.59 |
| Treasurer's balance end of month | 45,986.96 |
| Investments | 2,082,355.20 |

SEWER UTILITY FUND:

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| Treasurer's balance start of month | 71,031.91 |
| Receipts | 428,223.44 |
| Disbursements | 390,847.40 |
| Treasurer's balance end of month | 108,407.95 |
| Investment | 5,607,433.86 |

LOANS:

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| Telecom from Elect | 67,720.08 |
| Water advance to TIF | 334,130.00 |
| WWTP advance to TIF | 190,827.00 |
| Total due from TIF | 524,957.00 |
| City (loan from WWTP) | 400,000.00 |

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CONSIDER AWARDDING CONTRACT FOR 2012 FIREWORKS:

Mayor Fowler said there was \$11,000.00 in the 2011 budget for fireworks and the Parks Department is anxious to get them scheduled for 2012 since they have done a great job for the past 2 years. Mayor Fowler said he has not heard any negative comments and that everyone has been very pleased with the fireworks. Motion by Deets, second by Dilley to approve the contract with Krueger Pyrotechnics in the amount of \$11,000.00 for 2012 fireworks. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER GOING OUT FOR BID ON CHURCH STREET PROJECT:

Mayor Fowler said the plans are done for new sanitary sewer and water mains and laterals, road reconstruction, curb, gutter and some sidewalks, driveway approaches, sod, and trees on Church Street between Haseltine and Burton Streets. Mayor Fowler said there was a public information meeting and only 4 people showed up that are involved in the project. He said Hamms Tree Service was hired as a consultant and they found only one tree that is on City property that could be saved and the consensus at the public information meeting was to replant all new trees. The consultant mentioned other trees that could be saved but they were all on private property. He said there are several ash trees that were already scheduled to be removed. Mayor Fowler mentioned that Mr. Sime will be meeting with property owners. He reported the road would be closed for 2 months and is scheduled to start September 21st. Bids could be out next week and awarded the first Council meeting in September. Motion by Shireman, second by Mueller to advertise for bids for the Church Street project, contingent on Utility Commission approval, and proceed with the project. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING EXPENSE TO REMEDIATE ASBESTOS FROM PARKS BUILDING:

Mayor Fowler said that asbestos has been found in 5 separate locations of the former shower and restroom building in Krouskop Park that needs to be demolished for the new senior/community center building. He said a firm was hired to do a report and they will work with 3 contractors to obtain proposals. He said the estimate is between \$5,000.00 and \$7,000.00 but he would like authorization for up to \$10,000.00 to complete the work. Mayor Fowler mentioned it could take two to three weeks to finish and it needs to be done quickly. He stated that bids for construction of the new facility have been opened and we are a little over budget but there will be an ad hoc meeting to look for other funding sources. Motion by Deets, second by Rakow to authorize the low bid up to \$10,000.00 to remove asbestos from the former shower/restroom building in Krouskop Park and to use grant funds or contingency funds. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

CONSIDER ACCEPTING OFFICE OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT RADIO EQUIPMENT:

Police Chief John Annear said he wrote a grant and it has been awarded to purchase and install radio equipment for \$8576.00 and there is no City match. Motion by Pakrer to accept the grant and proceed with the purchase. Alderperson Kloehn made the second and the motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 40 FIXING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WARDS AND ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS:

Deputy Clerk Melinda Jones said the proposed Ordinance was introduced at the last meeting showing 4 blocks that were transferred from ward 5 to ward 4 and 2 blocks that were

transferred from ward 4 to ward 5. She said the ward map that the City approved had 2 County Board Members in the wrong districts and by making these changes it keeps them in their correct districts. Motion by Deets, second by Kloehn to suspend the rules. Motion carried. Motion by Dilley to adopt Ordinance 2011-9. Alderperson Kloehn made the second and the motion carried 7-0.

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

Clerk Elliott said Ordinance 2009-8 set procedures to follow for property owners to object to their assessment. He said the court found the procedures unconstitutional. He said that Ordinance 2009-8 is no longer correct and needs to be repealed. No action was taken as it was for introduction only.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON NEW CONCEALED WEAPON LAW:

Chief Annear said the City can post signs prohibiting anyone from going inside City owned buildings but they cannot prohibit concealed carry in parks and open land. He said permits will not be available until November 1st. He said a business can prohibit customers or employees from bringing firearms into the building if they post signs but they cannot regulate in any parking lot. Chief Annear said Star Spangled Celebration can prohibit concealed carry for their special event. He said Southwest Wisconsin Technical College will hold training that meets the requirement for someone to obtain a permit. Mayor Fowler said the issue will be on the agenda again before November 1st to make a decision on any signage. No action was taken.

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS:

Motion by Mueller, second by Parker to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

MAYOR LARRY D. FOWLER: He said there is a Senior Center/Community Center Ad Hoc meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on August 9th. A Plan Commission meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Thursday. A Personnel and Insurance meeting needs to be scheduled soon. He said he attended the 40 year anniversary open house at Rockwell and it was very nice, very informative and he hopes they will spend many more years in Richland Center. He said congratulation to the American Legion Post 13 for the nice job they did on hosting the State baseball tournament. Mayor Fowler mentioned the Community Business Outreach Committee toured S & S Cycle that runs 24 hours per day and employs 210 people. He said they have trouble recruiting new employees because of insufficient housing and not adequate employment for their spouses. He said on either the 18th or 19th there will be a tour of the Richland Center Foundry. He said GRACE is next Friday and he hoped to see everyone there.

ALDERPERSON MARIE RAKOW: She said she attended the S & S Cycle tour and they have a very nice museum there and show a lot of honors and awards they have received as well as a motorcycle that went over 200 miles per hour. She said anyone can go see the museum.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN ANNEAR: He said he just returned from a trip to Israel and Jordan and is glad to be home.

CITY CLERK/TREASURER JUDE ELLIOTT: He said open book will be August 3rd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for anyone who wants to review their assessment. He said the height limitation ordinance will be coming up soon and that budget worksheets went out to Department Heads and are due back by August 26th.

DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER MELINDA JONES: She said she went to training on absentee ballots and learned a lot of new information. She said voters wanting an absentee ballot will have to send a copy of their photo id card along with their request. It is also required to show a photo id at the polls and voters will need to sign the poll book before they can vote. She said there were new procedures for registering to vote as well. Voters need to be at their residence for 28 days now instead of the 10 that was previously required. She said voters can change their address on election day but encouraged anyone to register as soon as possible after that 28 day requirement as it will take more time at the polls with the other new procedures.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Mueller, second by Parker to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor, Larry. D. Fowler

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Jude Elliott