

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

February 1, 2011

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 commencing 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 present. Alderperson Lorna Dilley was absent. Mayor Fowler ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Kloehn, second by Fruit to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting (January 17, 2011) in lieu of printed copies and to approve the same. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND:

Treasurer's balance at start of month	123,340.69
Receipts	854,579.47
Disbursements	801,494.68
Treasurer's balance end of month	176,425.48
Money Market Tax Acct.	2,860,078.37

INVESTMENTS:

State Pool - Account # 1	554,982.34
State Pool - Account #2 Long Term Care	526,219.87
State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover	501,271.03
State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5	681,263.56

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

CDBG - Housing RLF	137,604.50
Cemetery	3,853.57
Revolving Loan Fund- Savings	451,581.08
Revolving Loan Fund - Checking	9,334.71
Park / Community Center	22,925.13
Park and Rec Checking	3,921.55
Recycling	24,821.44
Landfill Care - CD	476,147.38
Landfill Closure	88,497.89
Room Tax	29,665.80
Library Checking	5,030.88
RDA Checking	107,141.40

ELECTRIC UTILITY FUND:

Treasurer's balance at start of month	59,111.72
Receipts	980,079.20
Garbage Receipts	18,250.30
Public Benefit	5,875.35
Telecom Utility	5,064.00
Disbursements	1,003,105.33
Treasurer's balance at end of month	65,275.24
Investments	1,374,631.78

WATER UTILITY FUND:

Treasurer's balance start of month	33,530.31
Receipts	151,872.94
Disbursements	74,813.83
Treasurer's balance end of month	110,589.42
Investments	1,402,753.85

SEWER UTILITY FUND:

Treasurer's balance start of month	92,856.90
Receipts	493,667.62
Disbursements	466,484.85
Treasurer's balance end of month	120,039.67
Investment	5,209,857.56

LOANS:

Telecom from Elect	67,720.08
Electric advance to TIF	0.00
Water advance to TIF	257,932.16
Water advance to TIF	0.00
WWTP advance to TIF	18,351.00
WWTP advance to TIF	32,311.58
WWTP advance to TIF	139,480.31
Total due TIF	448,075.05
City loan from WWTP	400,000.00

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 475 OF THE EXTRATERRITORIAL ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW CREMATORIES WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IN COMMERCIAL ZONING.

Mayor Fowler said this was introduced at the last meeting. He said last year the City allowed a crematory in the City. He said the Ordinance was approved at Planning and at the ETZ Board with Mr. Jelinek abstaining. Attorney Robb read the Ordinance. Motion by Shireman to adopt Ordinance 2011-1 to amend sections 475.03 and 475.09 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Richland Center, the Extraterritorial Zoning Ordinance, to provide that crematories are a conditional use in the commercial zoning district and authorize signatures. Alderperson Kloehn made the second and the motion passed 7-0.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 475 OF THE EXTRATERRITORIAL ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW DAY CARE CENTERS WITH UP TO 16 CHILDREN WITH A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IN R-A ZONING.

Mayor Fowler said this ordinance amendment was introduced at the last meeting. Attorney Robb read the proposed ordinance. He said the present ordinance has a limit of 8 children and this changes it to allow up to 16 children in a day care center. Clerk Elliott said the definition for a day care center are 4 or more children and the definition for a family day care home is up to 8 children. He said a day care center is permissible with a conditional use in the ETZ R-A, and currently allow up to 8 children and this change would allow up to 16 children. He said it is subject to state licensing. Alderperson Parker asked if a City permit would be required and Clerk Elliott said a family day care home does not require a permit but the day care center would. Clerk Elliott read the minutes from both Planning and the ETZ Board. Motion by Parker to approve Ordinance 2011-2 to amend section 475.08 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Richland Center, the Extraterritorial Zoning Ordinance, to provide that day care centers having a maximum capacity of 16 children are a conditional use in the agricultural-residential zoning district. Alderperson Mueller made the second and the motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDING PARAGRAPH 455.11 (3) DEALING WITH BURNING AND OUTDOOR COOKING WITHIN THE CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER.

Judy Shireman said this has been worked on for a long time and the ordinance is for introduction tonight. She said everyone should be sure to read it. She said the point is that we are not trying to restrict fire pits and outdoor cooking but the intention is to not allow burning other materials that should not be burned in the City. Attorney Robb said the ordinance we have now is not very specific and this would give better control over burning of other material.

CONSIDER ALLOWING REVISED SNOWMOBILE ROUTE TO RICHLAND COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS FOR FEBRUARY 19 AND 20 FOR THE SNOWMOBILE RACES.

Mr. Chris Carley was in the audience and said that on February 19th and 20th from 8AM to 8PM they would like to have the proposed snowmobile route through the City to access the snowmobile races at the fairgrounds. He said many people have called from out of the area and would like to use the trail to attend the event. He said there is a 10 mph speed limit. Motion by

Deets to approve the revised snowmobile trail to reflect the printed copy with a 10 miles per hour speed limit, on February 19th and 20th from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. Alderperson Shireman made the second and the motion carried 7-0.

**AD/HOC SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
SELECT SITE FOR NEW SENIOR / COMMUNITY CENTER.**

Mayor Fowler said that Bill Rand and Ray Bolton from ADCI were at the January 24th meeting and showed a power point to about 30-40 people. He reviewed the presentation that ADCI provided pointing out the pros and cons of each location. He said the schedule also has to be taken into consideration. He mentioned that the ad hoc Committee recommended the Krouskop Park site #3. Shane Stibbe said the Parks & Grounds Board unanimously recommended the Krouskop Parke site #3. Mayor Fowler said there is no perfect site and it is not his personal choice but the possibility of purchasing houses and using eminent domain would be expensive. Alderperson Shireman asked if the dike would be disturbed and how many parking spaces there would be. Alderperson Mueller said that ADCI assured the Committee that the dike would not be disturbed in any way. Alderperson Shireman said there would be no parking available during SSC and she has concerns about the safety at intersection of 6th Street and Orange Streets, as well as the kids by the swimming pool running in the way of a car driving by. Alderperson Kloehn said that he felt the Symons site was better but because of economics, this site will work out and has a lot to offer. Alderperson Rakow said the sites were studied in depth and the ideal site is just to the west of the existing community center parking lot, but you can't put people out of their homes, Krouskop Park site 3 has lower costs and the project can be completed much faster. Alderperson Deets asked where the ice skating rink could be moved to and Terry Sime said options are either on the grass towards the west of the buildings in Krouskop Park or in Stori field. Motion by Fruit, second by Rakow to approve the site concept #3 at Krouskop Park for the new Senior / Community Center. Motion carried 6-1 with Alderperson Shireman voting against.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO ADMINISTER A SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT BY SYMONS NATATORIUM.

Clerk Elliott said that Symons has had a bank account since 1992 at Community First Bank with Denise Hanold as the signer. He said the Bank is insisting they change to a commercial cash management plan with the County Board Chair, Vice Chair and County Clerk as additional signers. He said this is for their electronic fund transfers and credit card payments. He said the County already approved it and Finance recommended approval. Motion by Deets, second by Rakow to approve resolution 2011-4 and authorize signatures. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS:

The bills were reviewed. Motion by Mueller, second by Kloehn to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS: He said there is a public information meeting on February 22nd from 6-8:00 PM at the Community Center with the State and engineers on their proposals for the roundabouts on Hwy 14 East. He said there will be maps and the proposed locations would be at Peebles Drive, Highway O and options for the Richland Square entrances. He said on February 7th at 6:00 PM there will be a City/County ad/hoc meeting. He reviewed the recycling statistics from 2010 provided by Town & Country Sanitation.

ALDERPERSON LESTER PARKER: He said congratulations to the Richland Center Foundry on receiving the Quality Certification Award from Caterpillar.

ALDERPERSON JAY BUCHANAN MUELLER: He sent condolences to the family of Joe Koelsch noting that he will be sadly missed. He said the snow piles are getting high and streets are getting narrow and asked citizens to show consideration to others.

ALDERPERSON STEVE DEETS: He said thank you to all who worked hard on picking the new site for the senior/community center.

ALDERPERSON JUDY SHIREMAN: She mentioned that everyone should be careful because with the cold and snow it does not take long for frostbite and freezing to take place.

ALDERPERSON BILL KLOEHN: He said there was an airport committee meeting and issues will be on a Council agenda soon.

PARKS & GROUNDS SUPERVISOR TERRY SIME: He said the ice resurfacing machine is working well. He said there would be a day that Mr. Simpson and the press would be invited for a demonstration. He said the ice is more enjoyable and there are more skaters. He mentioned he has started skating lessons with over 20 showing up for them on Saturday mornings.

CITY CLERK / TREASURER JUDE ELLIOTT: He said the primary election is February 15th and absentee ballots are available. He said Go Packers!

ATTORNEY JAY ROBB: He said there have been problems at intersections recently and the person on the right has the right-of-way.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Kloehn, second by Rakow to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:00 P.M.
Minutes prepared by Melinda D. Jones, Deputy Clerk / Treasurer

Larry D. Fowler, Mayor

Attest:

Jude Elliott, City Clerk / Treasurer