

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
September 20, 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, September 20, 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 Kloehn, second by Dilley to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting (September 6) in lieu of printed copies and to approve the same. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION ABOUT CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AT LIBRARY:

Ellen Tarver, the Brewer Library Children's Librarian thanked Bill Muth for the free movie, the Phoenix Center for donating a room for the Grand Finale, Glen Dunn for his program for the kids and all of the volunteers who helped. She said the summer program was successful with total attendance for all events at 703. Ms. Tarver said the preschool story hour begins October 7th and will be held on Fridays. She also mentioned that last week the 5 counties in the Southwest Library System Board met at the Brewer Library and loved it. She handed out a summary of the statistics of the summer programs.

PERSONNEL / INSURANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A GRIEVANCE SYSTEM FOR CITY EMPLOYEES TO COMPLY WITH THE MANDATE OF SEC. 66.059(1m) WISCONSIN STATUTES:

Mayor Fowler said that when the State passed Act 10, one of the requirements is that the City establish a grievance system for employees to follow. He said Attorney Zach worked on it and it needs to be in place by October 1st. Motion by Deets to approve Resolution 2011-10 establishing a grievance system for City Employees to comply with the Mandate of Sec. 66.059(1m) WI Stats. Alderperson Parker made the second and the motion carried 8-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 101 ADDING AND DELETING STOP SIGNS AND YIELD SIGNS AT INTERSECTIONS:

Alderperson Deets said that Public Safety was concerned that Public Works may not have enough money in the budget to install all of the signs listed in the ordinance. He said Public Safety is recommending that Public Works review the ordinance and make a recommendation.

CONSIDER ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 101.09 REGULATING PARKING IN THE BREWER LIBRARY PARKING LOT:

Aldersperson Deets said there has been discussion about not allowing employees to park in the lot but he asked Attorney Robb if a handicap employee parks in the lot and can by state law, would it be discrimination to other employees if they were not allowed to park there? Attorney Robb said off the top of his head there should not be a problem but he would have to review the law. Ellen Tarver from the Library said employees have to park on Church Street and leaving when the Library closes at 8:00 p.m. it is dark. She said there are other City buildings that have parking lots and employees are allowed to park there so she felt it was only proper to allow library employees to park in the lot. She also mentioned there should not be a 2 hour limit because we want people to come to the library and stay as long as needed. Attorney Robb said the 2 hour limit has been removed. He then asked what is the maximum number of employees that work at one time and Ms. Tarver said she thought 5-6 and noted there are 23 parking spots in the lot. No action was taken.

CONSIDER TEMPORARY CLASS B PICNIC LICENSE FOR RICHLAND COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS COUNCIL, INC. – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2011:

Aldersperson Deets said that Richland County Performing Arts Council did something similar last year. He said the request is from 6:00-10:00 p.m. on Friday, from 1:30-11:00 p.m. on Saturday and on Sunday from 12:45 – 4:00 p.m. He said there would be a bartender on the premises and Public Safety recommended approval. Motion by Parker to approve the temporary Class B Picnic License for Richland County Performing Arts Council, Inc. from Friday, October 7th through Sunday, October 9th. Aldersperson Fruit seconded the motion. Aldersperson Rakow asked if it was inside only and Aldersperson Deets said yes. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AMENDING CHAPTER 339 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE NUMBER OF “CLASS B” INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSES IN THE CITY.

Clerk Elliott said there is an application from the new Mexican restaurant in the square for a Class B Beer & Liquor license. He said the first step is to amend the Ordinance to allow it. He said there are 3 available and that number is set by the State Statutes. Mr. Elliott stated that they have paid the \$10,000.00 fee and will be asking for a rebate per the Ordinance. Attorney Robb reviewed the intoxicating liquor and beer Ordinance amendment allowing one additional Class B intoxicating liquor license. Motion by Shireman, second by Fruit to suspend the rules. Motion carried 7-1 with Aldersperson Rakow voting against. Motion by Shireman, second by Fruit to waive the reading and enact Ordinance 2011-14 amending Chapter 339 relating to the number of Class B intoxicating liquor licenses in the City. Motion carried 6-2 with Alderspersons Rakow and Dilley voting against.

CONSIDER EXTENSION OF PREMISES FOR PRESS BOX ON OCTOBER 1ST, FROM 1:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. IN THE 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH COURT STREET.

Aldersperson Deets said this was done last year without any incidents. He said there would be beer only outside with no glass containers, tables and a band as part of the Center Fest on Saturday from 1 – 7 p.m. He said Public Safety recommended approval and he would make the motion to approve the extension of premises for the Press Box on October 1st from 1:00-7:00 p.m. Aldersperson Kloehn seconded and the motion carried by voice vote with Alderspersons Rakow and Dilley opposed.

BUILDING / DEMO PERMITS: Clerk Elliott said the City obtained a permit for the new community / senior center and demo of the existing buildings that needed to be removed. He said the permits were approved for the diversion systems that consist of two 45' tanks at Schreiber Foods west and Foremost Farms. He said there would be a permit coming soon for the new Richland Vet Clinic.

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS:

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

ALDERPERSON BILL KLOEHN: He said the Airport Committee needs to meet soon.

ALDERPERSON STEVE DEETS: He said there will be a busy fall with the 2012 budget process and that the Personnel / Insurance Committee will be meeting with the Police Union for negotiations and the revised Personnel Ordinance.

ALDERPERSON MARIE RAKOW: She said it was great to break ground on the new senior / community center.

PARKS & GROUNDS SUPERVISOR K. TERRY SIME: He said there are exciting changes happening in Krouskop Park with the new building.

CITY CLERK / TREASURER JUDE ELLIOTT: He said on September 22nd and October 3rd there will be Zoning Board of Appeals meetings. On September 28th there will be a joint Planning and ETZ meeting at 7:00 p.m. regarding the conditional use permit for Richland Center Renewable Energy. He said on October 14th there will be a meeting with the Auditors and Ehlers to finalize TIF numbers and on October 18th Vig & Associates will be at Council to review the 2010 audit.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE: Fred Clary said the County passed the redistricting Ordinance today with minor changes but no changes to the City. He also mentioned that the County is in the final stages of the 2012 budget.

Lisa Miller asked when the Public Works Committee will be meeting. Aldersperson Mueller said probably not for 2 weeks on what will be a Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Parker, second by Kloehn to go into closed session per WI Statute 19.81 (1) (e) to consider sale of land – Silverstone Partners. Motion carried 8-0.

Closed session.

Motion by Mueller, second by Parker to reconvene into open session to vote on matters pertaining to WI Statute 19.85 (1) (e). Motion carried.

Motion by Deets to approve the offer to purchase contract with Silverstone Partners. Alderperson Mueller made the second and the motion carried 8-0.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Mueller, second by Fruit to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, Deputy Clerk /Treasurer

Mayor, Larry D. Fowler

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Jude Elliott