

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

**Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council chambers
of the Municipal Building at 450 S. Main St.**

Members Present: Mayor Paul Corcoran, Alderpersons, Marie Rakow, Susan Fruit, Lester Parker, Jay Buchanan Mueller, Marsha Machotka, Judy Shireman, Dawn Elliott and Lorna Dilley.

Others Present were City Clerk Melinda Jones, Electric Superintendent Dale Bender.

It was noted that the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum is present.

Motion by Rakow, second by Fruit to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the last meeting in lieu of printed copies. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION FROM CRAIG WOODHOUSE REGARDING RICHLAND COUNTY'S WORKFORCE INITIATIVE AND PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOR THE AREA BUSINESS COMMUNITY: Mr. Woodhouse expressed the need for workers in the community. He reviewed services and programs available to both employers and job seekers that are free or at a very low cost through SWTC. He stated the workforce development group meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 a.m. in the Community Center. He encouraged others to attend the meetings to bring employers and job seekers together to meet the workforce demands in the county, job retention, elevation of existing workforce and attracting new talent.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAGGING SYSTEM FOR PICKUP AND DISPOSAL OF LARGE ITEMS AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH PICKUP: Motion by Parker to approve Resolution 2014-7 authorizing the tagging system for large items and fees associated with pickup effective May 1, 2014. Rakow seconded and the motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ROAD RESTORATION ON COLLINS DRIVE RELATING TO WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT: The Water Department will be replacing water mains on Collins Drive. They will repair by patching each section they dig. An option is to slurry seal over the entire road at an approximate cost of \$6000.00 when they are finished or to pulverize the entire road, reshape and overlay with new blacktop at a cost of approximately \$40,000.00. Motion by Mueller to approve the slurry seal of Collins Drive, seconded by Fruit. Discussion on procedures took place. Motion by Parker to postpone the City portion of Collins Drive to a May meeting. Shireman seconded and the motion carried 5-3 with Fruit, Mueller and Rakow voting against.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR WESTSIDE DRIVE: Alderperson Mueller stated that Westside Drive right-of-way issues as well as the options on how to proceed were discussed at the last Public Works meeting. The item will be discussed at a future date when more information is ready. No action was taken.

UTILITY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH GENUINE TELECOM FOR CAPITAL LEASE AND SALE OF FIBER LOOP: Electric Superintendent Dale Bender reviewed the highlights of the contract. Motion by Rakow, second by Machotka to approve the contract with Genuine Telecom with the description of the easement to be added at a later date. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PURCHASE OF EXCESS ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM STATE OF WISCONSIN AT THE WELL #8 LOCATION: Mr. Bender stated both the electric and water have utilities underground by the well and in the area is where the plans are to place the City entrance signs. The utilities will pay for the purchase the excess road right-of-way from the State but the City will own the property so it needs to be approved by the City Council. Motion by Rakow, second by Dilley to approve the purchase and authorize signatures. Motion carried 8-0.

CITY AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS: Dale Bender reported on the think tank group (Workforce Development and First Impressions) and that the workforce group will be on the morning show at WRCO on March 31st. The Electric Department will be burying electric service 4 miles to the new Waste Water site which will allow for growth of new customers. The department received and APPA Safety Award which is a national award.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SERVER AND BACKUP REPLACEMENT FOR CLERK'S OFFICE: Motion by Parker, second by Dilley to approve the purchase of the server, not to exceed \$3213 and labor not to exceed \$1500 with the funds covering the cost from State Pool #4. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF BID FOR PURCHASE OF SWIMMING POOL HEATER: The recommendation from the Park Board to approve the low bid from Badger in the amount of \$24,348. The recommendation from Finance was the bid from Wertz in the amount of \$25,700. Motion by Shireman, second by Dilley to approve the bid from Wertz in the amount of \$25,700 using previously designated funds in State Pool #4 for the 2011 budget. Motion denied 5-3 with Fruit, Mueller and Rakow voting against. Motion by Parker, second by Fruit to approve the bid from Badger in the amount of \$24,348 using previously designated 2011 budgeted funds in State Pool #4. Motion denied 5-3 with Shireman, Dilley and Elliott voting against. Motion by Fruit, second by Dilley to postpone to the next meeting to obtain answers to a few questions. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PAYMENT TO KRAUSE MONUMENT FOR CREMATION MEMORIAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5040.00: Motion by Shireman, second by Machotka to approve the payment in the amount of \$5040 using funds from State Pool #4 designated for the cemetery. Motion carried 8-0.

DISCUSSION ON AMBULANCE SERVICE CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY RICHLAND COUNTY: Mayor Corcoran stated there will be a smaller committee of 2 representatives from the City, County, EMT's, Townships and one from the Villages to work on a solution and recommendation.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND CONFIRM: Mayor Corcoran appointed Judy Shireman, Dawn Elliott, Violet O'Day, Mike Meadows, Patrick Hagen, Andy Ziehli, Becca Wanless, Linda Harlan Post, Lenny Schaub, Jane Kintz, and Judy Alvin to the Tourism Committee. Motion by Rakow, second by Parker to approve the appointments. Motion carried 8-0.

BUILDING / DEMO / STREET CUTTING PERMITS: A street cutting was on Cairns Ave for a water main break.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Shireman, second by Dilley to approve the payment of bills presented. Motion carried 8-0.

ADJOURN: Motion by Dilley, second by Fruit to adjourn. Motion carried.

Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk/Treasurer