

MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

August 5, 2014

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 5, 2014 at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Paul F. Corcoran presiding. Alderpersons Marie Rakow, Susan Fruit, Lester Parker, Jay Buchanan Mueller, Marsha Machotka, Judy Shireman, and Dawn Elliott present. Alderperson Lorna Dilley was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. Mayor Corcoran ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

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

ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS: Alderperson Elliott reported she received concerns from business owners in the downtown about parking and temporary signs.

Alderperson Parker has concerns about the pollution coming from the diesel trucks with stacks going up the side of the cab.

Alderperson Mueller requested the possibility of enacting a sales tax on the next Finance agenda.

Alderperson Rakow reported the sign at the Baby Heaven in the cemetery is leaning.

Alderperson Shireman stated there have been many complaints regarding the condition of the pond.

TREASURER’S REPORT: City Clerk/Treasurer Melinda D. Jones presented the report for July 2014. The month end balance is as follows:

General Fund	192,579.17
Money Market Tax Acct.	13,310.32
State Pool - Account # 1	509,554.62
State Pool – Account #2 Long Term Care	542,936.18
State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover	503,521.67
State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5	1,416,106.36

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS:

CDBG - Housing RLF	37,336.08
Cemetery	4,660.23
Revolving Loan Fund- Savings	400,988.31
Revolving Loan Fund – Checking	5,702.44
Landfill Care – CD	281,110.06
Landfill Care - CD	276,809.40

Park / Community Center	49,203.38
Park and Rec Checking	4,694.24
Library Checking	30,159.67
RDA Checking	112,293.40
Room Tax	31,985.16

CITY UTILITIES:

Electric Utility Fund	71,532.14
Electric Unrestricted Funds	308,354.23
Water Utility Fund	106,334.44
Water Utility Unrestricted Funds	58,537.12
Waste Water Utility Fund	69,501.03
Waste Water Unrestricted Funds	34,515.45

RESTRICTED FOR PROJECTS:

Electric	1,238,887.13
Water	1,771,047.38
WWTP	6,877,719.82

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADVERTISING FOR BIDS ON FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR BREWER LIBRARY: Lisa Rewald said the project was approved some time ago, however, it required following bidding procedures. The Library Foundation hired and paid for Woodland Consultants to draw specifications for the bids. Motion by Mueller, second by Rakow to approve the bid specifications and to go through the bidding process. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR SOLAR GARDEN AND APPROVE OF PLACEMENT IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK NORTH ON CITY PROPERTY – DALE BENDER: Mr. Bender explained that the concept is new to Wisconsin and WPPI has created a pilot program where it will allow for grant funds to do 2 gardens. In the application process he is asking support of the Council and the community as well as 1-3 acres of land that is unusable for construction for the site of the gardens. The solar garden will be put up and maintained by City Utilities. City residents and businesses can purchase a panel for approximately \$500-\$600, can purchase more than one, and there would be about \$25 credit per year on their utility bill. Residents have ownership for 25 years with payback of about 15 years and it can be transferred if the owner moves within the City limits or the ownership can be sold with the home. GRACE could even make a purchase and assign a donation to a specific bill for 3 months. There would be a sign made and placed on the site showing those who purchased panels. Motion by Shireman to support the application and approve the use of Industrial Park North property for the solar gardens. Machotka seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FROM GALAXY SKATE CENTER FOR A MUNICIPAL LICENSE AT 1215 E HASELTINE STREET: Motion by Shireman, second by Rakow to approve the municipal license. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LIST OF CAPITAL PROJECTS AND FINANCING OPTIONS: Mayor Corcoran reviewed the listing. Discussion took place and in the near future it was asked to have parts of Schmitz Street, Union Street and Sheldon Streets added to the list. It was asked to try and have Mr. Mann from Ehlers at the next meeting.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON JOB DESCRIPTION, TITLE AND HOURS FOR UNPAID INTERN(S): Mayor Corcoran stated the Event Coordinator will probably be unable to complete all the work in the job description in 20 hours a week and this would be an opportunity for an intern looking for some experience to help. Motion by Rakow, second by Machotka to approve the job description, title and hours for unpaid intern(s). Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FACILITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER: Motion by Mueller, second by Fruit to accept and approve the agreement with the School District. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION ON AMBULANCE SERVICE CURRENTLY PROVIDED BY RICHLAND COUNTY: County Board Chair Jeanetta Kirkpatrick presented and reviewed the County's proposal to continue services for 3 years. There is additional cost that would be charged to the City, Villages, and Townships to add 4 full time EMTs. The contract is only for 911 service and the County agreed to cover the cost of the calls to Pine Valley. She said there needs to be a decision how the charges would be billed by a per call basis or per capita. She said if there is a desire to create a district, they would like to talk about it. The existing ambulances belong to the County should be sold to the district at a reasonable price. They have been purchased by user fees, however, Viola, Cazenovia and Lone Rock have their own ambulance service and would be entitled to a portion of the proceeds of the ambulances if they are sold. The cost of each EMT added is estimated at \$48,793 which includes salary, benefits, and overtime. Alderperson Parker questioned if there is a guarantee from the County of ambulance coverage. The County would like an answer by the end of September on what the county residents want. Mr. Fred Clary and Bob Bellman spoke about the current service and working together to solve the issues.

BUILDING / DEMO PERMITS: Clerk Jones said sign permits were issued to Culvers and to Studio Art Supplies.

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS: Motion by Rakow, second by Fruit to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayors Correspondence: Mayor Corcoran read a letter regarding the poor condition of the sidewalks. Terry Nelson was asked to proceed with the walk through to locate poor sidewalks and direct property owners to make the necessary repairs.

Aldersperson Shireman reminded residents to clean up garbage, weeds, clean up after their dogs, and to stop placing rummage sale signs on utility poles or other signs. She encouraged residents to have some City pride.

Aldersperson Rakow announced the groundbreaking at the new waste water site on Wednesday the 13th at 10:00 A.M.

Motion by Machotka, second by Fruit to go into closed session per WI Statute 19.85 (1)(e) investment of public funds, consider negotiations of developer agreement in Orange Street commons project area. Motion carried 7-0.

Closed Session.

Motion by Fruit, second by Parker to reconvene into open session. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURN: Motion by Machotka, second by Parker to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor, Paul F. Corcoran

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones