

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

September 2, 2014

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 commencing at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Paul F. Corcoran presiding. Alderpersons Marie Rakow, Susan Fruit, Jay Buchanan Mueller, Marsha Machotka, Judy Shireman, and Dawn Elliott were present. Alderperson Lester Parker and Lorna Dilley were absent. Mayor Corcoran ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Rakow, second by Fruit to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting (August 19, 2014) in lieu of printed copies and to approve the same. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Gordon Palmer spoke on his opinion of the ambulance situation. He felt the County is willing to work with everyone and asked the Council to reconsider the County's proposal and that the ambulance district by-laws not be voted on tonight.

REPORT FROM SHANE STIBBE AND CHERYL HEFFNER ON THE SENIOR CENTER: Mr. Stibbe reported the meal site and the senior center are both very successful and good for the community. Cheryl Heffner reported the Park Board has approved a lease for \$1.00 per year of a bus from Health and Human Services. The bus will be used for senior related trips and a few trips for youth or family activities. The cost for maintaining the bus and expense of the trips will be paid for by the fees charged.

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

General Fund	316,099.39
Money Market Tax Acct.	13,311.79
State Pool - Account # 1	648,251.59
State Pool – Account #2 Long Term Care	542,977.82
State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover	503,560.38
State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5	1,763,708.78

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS:

CDBG - Housing RLF	38,074.48
Cemetery	4,660.26
Revolving Loan Fund- Savings	403,723.84
Revolving Loan Fund – Checking	5,702.44
Park / Community Center	44,647.38
Park and Rec Checking	5,457.91
Landfill Care – CD	281,110.06
Landfill Care - CD	276,809.40
Room Tax	40,988.13
Library Checking	173,727.99
RDA Checking	112,293.40

CITY UTILITIES:

Electric Utility Fund	44,652.75
Electric Unrestricted Funds	308,354.23
Water Utility Fund	126,143.75
Water Utility Unrestricted Funds	54,821.47
Waste Water Utility Fund	46,677.74
Waste Water Unrestricted Funds	34,515.45

RESTRICTED FOR PROJECTS:

Electric	1,180,067.15
Water	1,779,877.38
WWTP	6,420,827.30

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FINANCING OPTION RELATED TO RESOLUTION 2014-17 APPROVED ON 8/19/2014 FOR THE SALE OF APPROXIMATELY \$750,000.00 GENERAL OBLIGATION PROMISSORY NOTES:

Mr. James Mann reviewed a handout showing payments and the cost to taxpayers and interest charged at 5 years and 10 years. There were two different options for the 10 year payment schedule with one of equal payments for the full term or the other option of a larger payment for the first two years with a gradual payment reductions after that. This third option allows for steady impact to taxpayers if there is further borrowing for capital projects beginning in 2-3 years. Motion by Parker to choose option 1c Bank Solicitation (10 year amortization – alternative 2). Alderperson Rakow seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Mayor Corcoran reviewed a section of the League of WI Municipalities “Handbook for WI Municipal Officials” section on conflict of interest. He explained the all elected officials are elected officials for the City 24 hours per day and 7 days per week. He encouraged every Council Member to read through it carefully. Attorney Robb stated there are also Statutes on Ethics and Criminal Code as well as the City’s Ethics Code. No action was taken.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND PARK BORAD RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CREATING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 271 REGULATING BOW AND CROSSBOW HUNTING WITHIN THE CITY: Attorney Robb reviewed the proposed ordinance. Motion by Shireman, second by Machotka to suspend the rules, waive the reading and enact Ordinance 2014-5. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CREATING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 272 PROHIBITING HUNTING ON CITY-OWNED LANDS WITHIN THE CITY: Attorney Robb reviewed the proposed ordinance. Motion by Shireman, second by Machotka to suspend the rules, waive the reading and enact Ordinance 2014-6. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR MUNICIPAL LICENSE RENEWAL FROM O’FINLEY’S PUB AND GRILL FOR A CIGARETTE LICENSE: Motion by Machotka, second by Elliott to approve the cigarette license. Motion carried 5-1 with Alderperson Shireman dissenting.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR MUNICIPAL LICENSE RENEWAL FROM STEVE MATHIAS AND ASTON'S AFFORDABLE TREE SERVICE LLC FOR TREE CUTTING: Motion by Rakow, second by Elliott to approve the tree cutting license. Motion carried 6-0.

PLAN COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FROM JOHN AND KATHY ALLBAUGH TO ALLOW FOR A GARAGE THAT EXCEEDS ALLOWABLE SIZE OF THE CITY ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 400.04 (5)(C): Mayor Corcoran reviewed the recommendation to deny the request that was approved unanimously at the Plan Commission. Mr. Allen Halink who owns property next to the proposed garage read a letter stating 20 families renting next to Mr. Allbaugh are opposed. Motion by Shireman to deny the application for an oversized garage. Alderperson Parker seconded and the motion carried 5-1 with Mueller opposed.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WAVING TERMS OF ORDINANCE CHAPTER 620.05(2) FOR THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF DEFECTIVE SIDEWALKS TO A LONGER TERM THAN THE SPECIFIED 20 DAYS: Motion by Machotka, second by Rakow to approve an extension to July 31, 2015 for residents who receive letters to repair their marked sidewalks. Motion carried 5-1 with Elliott opposed.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TITLE VI PLAN RELATED TO THE SHARED RIDE TAXI SYSTEM: Clerk Jones reported that Title VI Plan relates to not discriminating against riders etc, provides for language assistance and has a complaint process. Motion by Mueller, second by Rakow to approve the Title VI as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE CREATION OF AN AMBULANCE DISTRICT: Mayor Corcoran stated there was a Towns Association meeting last week and the County presented other options or possibilities. No votes were taken nor discussion held at that meeting. He suggested waiting to see what the County, Townships and Villages want to do. No action was taken.

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS: Motion by Mueller, second by Rakow to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURN: Motion by Machotka, second by Rakow to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:05 p.m.
Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor, Paul F. Corcoran

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones