

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

October 7, 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., Council President Jay Buchanan Mueller presiding. Alderpersons Marie Rakow, Susan Fruit, Jay Buchanan Mueller, Marsha Machotka, Lester Parker, and Dawn Elliott were present. Alderperson Judy Shireman and Lorna Dilley were absent. President Mueller ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AND UPDATE OF THE STATUS OF THE NEW RICHLAND CENTER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO PROVIDE INPUT: President Mueller opened the public hearing. Mr. Kurt Muchow from Vierbicher Associates informed the Council that the construction is about 20% complete and all aspects of the project is on schedule with no surprise changes. It is scheduled to be finished near the end of 2015. The CDBG Loan portion of the project is \$500,000.00 for the purchase of equipment. President Mueller asked if anyone wanted to speak and no one responded so the public hearing was closed. No action was taken.

Motion by Rakow, second by Parker to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting (September 16, 2014) in lieu of printed copies and to approve the same. Motion carried.

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

General Fund	104,021.31
State Pool - Account # 1	653,138.99
Money Market Tax Acct.	15,266.64
State Pool – Account #2 Long Term Care	543,013.91

Restricted Funds:

CDBG - Housing RLF	38,811.81
Revolving Loan Fund- Savings	406,685.51
Revolving Loan Fund – Checking	5,702.44
Landfill Care – CD	281,110.06
Landfill Care - CD	276,809.40
Library Checking	169,035.90
Room Tax	37,388.13
State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5	1,764,367.01

Committed Funds:

State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover	498,752.33
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Assigned Funds:

Cemetery	4,662.52
Park / Community Center	42,493.38

Park and Rec Checking	6,786.08
RDA Checking	112,493.40

CITY UTILITIES:

Electric Utility Fund	144,596.51
Electric Unrestricted Funds	233,663.17
Water Utility Fund	79,642.46
Water Utility Unrestricted Funds	54,821.47
Waste Water Utility Fund	66,132.20
Waste Water Unrestricted Funds	34,515.45

RESTRICTED FOR PROJECTS:

Electric	1,070,956.94
Water	1,788,623.39
WWTP	5,077,272.95

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF BID FOR LIBRARY FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM: Ms. Lisa Rewald said the Foundation hired Woodland Consultants to draft plans, they requested bids and recommend the low bid from KVA in the amount of \$39,503. She stated the Foundation would cover the cost over what the City has set aside for the project. Motion by Fruit to approve the low bid. Alderperson Machotka seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 399 CHANGING THE NUMBER OF “CLASS A” INTOXICATING LIQUOR LICENSES AUTHORIZED TO BE ISSUED FROM FIVE TO SIX: An application has been received in the clerk’s office. Motion by Machotka, second by Elliott to suspend the rules, waive the reading and approve the Ordinance amendment as presented. Motion carried 5-1 with Alderperson Rakow dissenting.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FROM JACOBAN ENTERPRIZES TO ALLOW FOR A FENCE IN THE FRONT AT THE ALL AMERICAN DO IT CENTER THAT EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM 30” HEIGHT. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 2419 US HWY 14 EAST: Clerk Jones said the Planning Commission recommended approval. Motion by Rakow, second by Elliott to approve the 6’ high fence with the additional barbed wire placed on top of the fence. Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION, CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO CROPLAND LEASE WITH TROXEL FARMS FOR LAND IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK NORTH OR REQUESTING BIDS FOR NEW CONTRACT: Motion by Parker, second by Rakow to put the cropland out to bid for a new contract. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AWARD OF BID FOR SQUAD CAR PURCHASE: Chief Annear said two bids were received that are identical and about \$20.00 difference. He said the low bid is from Fillback ford. Motion by Machotka, second by Parker to approve the low bid from Fillback ford in the amount of \$26,007,01. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR 2015 SHARD RIDE TAXI GRANT: Clerk Jones reported that the application is applied for each year in order to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the taxi service. Motion by Machotka to approve the application for the shared ride taxi grant. Alderperson Parker seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS Alderperson Mueller said Mayor Corcoran has appointed Dick Beggs to the Utility Commission and asked for ratification. Motion by Mueller, second by Rakow to approve the appointment. Motion carried 5-1 with Elliott against.

PRESENTATION OF AMBULANCE CONTRACT BY RICHLAND COUNTY: Jeanetta Kirkpatrick presented an updated draft agreement between the City and County for ambulance service reviewing the segregated account and the oversight committee. She stated the ambulances were purchased by the users and not by tax dollars. Attorney Robb stated that if uses of the ambulance paid for it then there should be no reason to transfer those ambulances to a district serving the same users. Ms. Kirkpatrick also stated the ambulance has been making money and going into the general fund for other items such as the 911 system since its inception and now they need to hire 4 full time EMTs and the revenue generated does not cover the costs. Gordon Palmer spoke in favor of approving the agreement. Mr. Bob Frank suggested the council consider the cost of changing the maps and medical director in the event the boundaries of a district are different than the current system. Darin Gudgeon said the issue is staffing and providing a stabilized service. He stated a solution could continue to be looked at but there is a need right now for staff and that only 70% of students pass the training. Rita McCarthy stated the Sheriff's department provides instructions prior to the arrival of an ambulance service that is approved by the medical director. She hoped that in the event of a district, the medical director covers the same area in the future and approves of the EMD cards instead of creating several districts. She stated their services add value to the County and has saved lives. Sharon Schmitz felt a solution needs to come forward and that it would be good to inform the public and find out where they stand. Alderperson Machotka stated there is no one on the Council that is less concerned as anyone else to find a solution to the ambulance and that those she has spoken to are willing to pay a fee for it.

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

ADJOURN: Motion by Machotka, second by Rakow to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:40 p.m.
Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor, Paul F. Corcoran

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones