

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

November 4, 2014

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 commencing at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Paul F. Corcoran presiding. Alderpersons Marie Rakow, Susan Fruit, Jay Buchanan Mueller, Marsha Machotka, Judy Shireman, Lester Parker, and Dawn Elliott were present. Alderperson Lorna Dilley was absent. Mayor Corcoran ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Machotka, second by Rakow to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the last meeting in lieu of printed copies and to approve the same. Motion carried 7-0.

City events and Citizen's concerns: Mayor Corcoran announced that the Tourism Committee is now offering business listings on the Tourism web site and it is open for all Richland County professionals at no cost, however, there is an opportunity for a business to purchase extra space for additional information about their business. If anyone is interested they can contact him or the City Clerk's office.

TREASURER'S REPORT: City Clerk/Treasurer Melinda D. Jones presented the report for October 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

PRESENTATION, CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS PLAN: Mr. James Winters from Southwest Regional Planning Commission gave a presentation about the program, also the studies and policies that were reviewed and incorporated in the plan to provide routes to the schools that are safe for students. He explained engineering, enforcement, education and encouragement to implement the plan. The first phase would be to create a berm for an off road trail of approximately one mile from the Highway 80 and Hwy 14 intersection to the Middle School. The second phase was to link the Middle School trail to Doudna with a strait trail. Mr. Troy Maggied from SWRPC requested the Council formally adopt the plan that recognizes the challenging constraints, problems that need to be addressed and announced that there are no budget obligations. He offered the services of SWRPC to work with the City and School District to implement the segments of the plan and spoke of possible funding sources to complete the work. Motion by Mueller, second by Shireman to approve the plan as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND ESTABLISHING PARAMETERS FOR THE SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,225,000 ELECTRIC SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2014C: Clerk Jones said that in the resolution approved, it listed Piper Jaffray & Co. as the purchasing agent and they are only the placement agent. It also has definitions for better clarification and protection for the Utilities and City. Motion by Rakow to approve Resolution 2014-24 Amendment to Resolution for Electric System Revenue Bonds. Alderperson Machotka seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PURCHASE OF SALT FOR THE UPCOMING WINTER: Motion by Shireman, second by Machotka to approve the purchase of 300 ton of salt to be paid from the Roadways Contracted Work account. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AWARD OF BID FOR DEMOLITION AT 319 S. STEWART STREET: Three bids were received and the low one being from Manning Excavation at \$2950.00 plus any additional costs to acquire permits necessary. The other bids were from Holtz Lime, Gravel & Excavating, Inc in for \$7400 and from Robinson Brothers for \$13,520.00. Motion by Rakow, second by Fruit to approve the bid from Manning Excavation. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION APPROVING NON-UNION EMPLOYEE WAGE INCREASE FOR 2015: Mayor Corcoran stated the increase for non-union employees is included in the budget and recommended at 1%. Motion by Machotka, second by Rakow to approve the resolution. Motion carried 7-0.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POLICE LIEUTENANT WAGES FOR 2015: Mayor Corcoran stated the Lieutenant is the second in command at the Police Department and is currently a union position. The recommendation from Personnel is to remove the position from the union that would not receive any overtime and strictly a salaried position with a beginning 2015 annual salary of \$62,000.00. Motion by Shireman, second by Elliott to approve the \$62,000.00 annual salary plus benefits, with no overtime pay and to compensate for extra duties, effective 1/1/2015 for the Police Lieutenant. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POLICE UNION CONTRACT: Mayor Corcoran stated there is not much for wording changes, but the salary increases agreed upon were 1.5% for 2015 and 2% for 2016 and 2017. He said Viroqua recently settled at 2%, 3% and 3%. Motion by Shireman, second by Elliott to approve the 2015-2017 contract. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION OF FUNDING SOURCE FOR AND AMENDMENT TO AMBULANCE AGREEMENT WITH RICHLAND COUNTY: Mayor Corcoran stated there is an EMS meeting in the County Board Room on the 7th at 9:00 AM and he requested waiting to make a decision until after that meeting. Motion by Mueller, second by Rakow to postpone discussion to the next Council meeting. Motion carried 6-0 with Alderperson Shireman abstaining.

PRESENTATION OF AMBULANCE CONTRACT BY RICHLAND COUNTY: Motion by Rakow, second by Fruit to postpone to the next meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS Mayor Corcoran appointed Nancy Kropp to cover Lorna Dilley's absence at the Housing Authority and asked for ratification. Motion by Mueller, second by Fruit to approve the appointment. Motion carried 7-0

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS: Motion by Mueller, second by Rakow to approve the bills as presented with the addition of a transfer in the amount of \$28,274.00 to the Library account for the purchase of the Fire Protection System. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURN: Motion by Shireman, second by Fruit to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:35 p.m.
Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor, Paul F. Corcoran

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones