

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

**Tuesday, November 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, Jay Buchanan Mueller, Marsha Machotka, Judy Shireman, Dawn Elliott and Lester Parker. Alderpersons Susan Fruit and Lorna Dilley were absent.

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

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

ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS FOR FUTURE MEETING: Alderperson Machotka requested discussion on the old warming house in Krouskop Park that is in poor condition.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLOSING THE 100 BLOCK OF EAST AND WEST COURT STREET AND THE 100 BLOCK OF NORTH AND SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE IN THE DOWNTOWN ON JUNE 6, 2015 FOR THE OCOOCHAPALOOZA EVENT: Mr. Al Rekward from Pine River Food Coop spoke in support of the event and that the 2014 event gave the store the second best Saturday in the history of the coop. Mr. Brett Iverson read a letter from Amber Burch who is coordinator of the event. He also spoke in support of the street closure as a safety issue for pedestrians. Mr. Dale Bender supported the street closure and stated the area has opportunities that we need to create ways to attract people and think how we want to do business in Richland Center. Linda Post of Harlan's Furniture and Mattress Gallery requested the decision to close the street be reversed. She loses business when the streets are closed and it affects many tenants that live on the second floors of downtown. She is in support of the event and asked that it be located someplace other than Court Street. Mr. Robert Johnson stated the purpose of the event is not to harm local business and attract people to the scenic downtown. He reviewed some of the attractions planned and mentioned they had hoped to have 200 people show for the 2014 event, however, more than 1000 attended. Attorney Robb stated there is no ordinance or written procedure on street closures. After discussion, motion by Parker, second by Mueller to uphold the Public Safety approval to close the streets. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE SHARED RIDE TAXI SERVICE AND AWARD OF CONTRACT: Clerk Jones reported on the one bid received from Running Inc to provide shared ride taxi service in 2015-2019. The bid is \$27.22 per hour, the hours were reviewed, and the scoring they received was 236 out of a possible 240 points. The resolution and contract were presented that is the same as the previous with dates and dollar amounts. Motion by Machotka, second by Rakow to approve the resolution and contract with Running Inc for shared ride taxi service. Motion carried 7-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWING CONTRACT WITH JOHNSON BLOCK FOR AUDITING SERVICES IN 2015: Motion by Rakow, second by Fruit to renew the contract with Johnson Block for 2015 audit. Clerk Jones reported the base fee is \$100 more in 2015 and it is included in the 2015 budget. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AWARD OF BID AND CONTRACT FOR CROPLAND LEASE IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK NORTH AREA OF THE CITY: Clerk Jones stated the ad was placed in the Observer with two bids received. Troy Clary bid \$9375 for a two year contract to farm the land and Troxel Farms LLC bid \$7691.65 for a five year contract. Motion by Parker, second by Rakow to approve the bid from Troy Clary. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PLANNING OF 2014-2016 STREET PROJECTS: Mayor Corcoran announced the Finance Committee is still reviewing the street projects however, part of the borrowing included dike repairs and that was recommended to proceed with the bidding process. Motion by Shireman, second by Machotka to place the dike project out for bids. Motion carried 7-0.

UTILITY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PAY APPLICATION TO JAMES PETERSON SONS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE FORCE MAIN TO THE WWTF UNDER CONTRACT B: Motion by Rakow, second by Machotka to approve the pay request. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PAY APPLICATION TO STAAB CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WWTF & LIFT STATION UNDER CONTRACT (A) #RC-55: Motion by Rakow, second by Fruit to approve the pay request from Staab. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHANGE ORDER J#2 WITH JAMES PETERSON SONS INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,863.45 RELATING TO FORCE MAIN TO NEW WASTE WATER FACILITY: Motion by Fruit, second by Rakow to approved the change order. Mr. Gene Laschinger from Town & Country Engineering explained the need to relocate the sewer behind Jones Chevrolet to the bike trail, another issue dealing with corrosion so adding material to the piping is necessary and they had to change the installation of the force main by Hwy 14 and the bike trail due to the location of the gas main. Motion carried 7-0.

PARK BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH KRUEGER PYROTECHNICS & FIREWORK DISPLAYS, LLC FOR 2015: Alderperson Mueller stated the Park Board cut back on the amount of funds spent on fireworks and is trying to enhance them with sponsorship donations. The amount of the contract the City would be responsible for is \$12,000.00. Motion by Mueller, second by Parker to approve the contract. Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION OF FUNDING SOURCE FOR AND AMENDMENT TO AMBULANCE AGREEMENT WITH RICHLAND COUNTY OR OTHER DISTRICT OPTION: Mrs. Sharon Schmitz recommended the Baraboo Ambulance option that was discussed at the County meeting on November 7th and that it could be a solution to keep coverage while forming a district. Fred Clary spoke on the agreement and that they would agree to the City making monthly payments. He praised the dedicated volunteers that have kept the ambulance operating for 42 years and that keeping them is very important. He said the County is leaning towards adding 4 AEMTs but no decision is made. He said the agreements are due back by December 3rd. The County Board will approve the positions and the joint ambulance committee would be official at the December 9th meeting. Hiring would be done by the committee. Mayor Corcoran said \$84,900 has been added to the levy and the 2015 budget. He stated there have been two missed 911 ambulance calls since the November 7th meeting and even if the agreement is approved there will be 3 more weeks not knowing if there will be coverage with a schedule. Alderperson Machotka stated that Mr. John

Poole suggested selling the ambulance units for \$1.00 each to the district because they were purchased by fees and she felt it needs to be addressed. Other discussion took place. A special meeting will be held on November 24th at 7:00 p.m. to take action on the agreement. No action was taken.

APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Corcoran appointed Larry Hallett and Kathryn Lewandowski who have expressed interest in renewing their terms on the Park Board. Motion by Mueller second by Machotka to approve the appointments. Motion carried 7-0.

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

Clerk Jones announced the Alderpersons whose terms would be up for election next April with a primary possible in February. Papers will be available December 1st.

Motion by Machotka, second by Rakow to go into closed session per WI Statutes 19.85 (1)(e) to consider investment of public funds regarding the sale of land in Orange Street redevelopment area to a developer and consider terms of a developers agreement related to the project, 19.85 (1)(c) to consider compensation or performance evaluation data of city employees, and 19.85 (1)(g) to consult with legal counsel on strategy to be adopted with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved in.

Closed Session.

Motion by Machotka, second by Fruit to reconvene into open session to vote on matters pertaining to matters discussed in closed session.

Motion by Machotka, second by Rakow to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk/Treasurer

Paul F. Corcoran, Mayor

Attest:

Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk