

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

January 20, 2015

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 commencing at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Paul F. Corcoran presiding. Alderpersons Marie Rakow, Jay Buchanan Mueller, Marsha Machotka, Judy Shireman, Lester Parker, and Dawn Elliott were present. Susan Fruit was absent. Mayor Corcoran ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Rakow, second by Machotka to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the last meeting in lieu of printed copies and to approve the same. Motion carried 6-0.

POLICE CHIEF'S ANNUAL REPORT: Chief Annear reviewed the department's 2649 calls for service in 2014. They conducted 2055 investigations that resulted in 752 officer reports and 276 criminal arrests. These numbers were up from 2013. There were 134 traffic crashes within the city and it reflects a 30% reduction over the last high of 191 in 2008 which Annear attributes to the placement of stop or yield signs increased at previously uncontrolled intersections. Officer Kenneth Auz retired and Jared Wilson was hired. Officers Joseph Nusse and Shawn Deneen were awarded the Life-Saving Award for their efforts that saved a person. The department was involved in many events and special programs for the area residents throughout the year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PURCHASE LAPTOP COMPUTER FOR SQUAD CAR THROUGH STATE PROGRAM: Motion by Machotka, second by Rakow to approve the purchase in the amount of \$3410.00. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST FROM NHS FOR DISTRIBUTION OF 2015 APPROPRIATION IN FULL: Motion by Machotka, second by Rakow to distribute the appropriation in two payments as done previously with one paid this week and the other at the second meeting in August. Motion carried 5-0 with Elliott abstaining.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EHLERS CONTRACT REGARDING FULL DISCLOSURE: Clerk Jones stated as a result of the recent utility loans, the City is required to complete disclosure reports. The estimated cost would be \$2800.00 for 2015. Motion by Shireman to approve the contract with Ehlers. Machotka seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

UTILITY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PAY APPLICATION FROM 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 payment request in the amount of \$212,297.25. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PAY APPLICATION FROM STAAB CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WWTF & LIFT STATION UNDER CONTRACT A #RC-55: Motion by Machotka, second by Rakow to approve the payment request in the amount of \$674,962.82. Motion carried 6-0.

DISCUSSION ON 2015 TOURISM BUDGET: There were questions raised as to what kind of advertising would be done for \$40,000 also what training, who, and where is the training for \$3000. It was stated the advertising could be commercials to be played on television or radio out of the area. The training would be for the Governor's conference on tourism that will be held in La Crosse but no one was selected at this point. It was asked to have a comparison for review over the past couple years at the next meeting. No action was taken.

APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Corcoran appointed Denise Lederer to the Housing Authority. Motion by Mueller, second by Parker to confirm the appointment. Motion carried 6-0.

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

REPORTS: Alderperson Parker would like to see an education workshop between the City Utilities and UW Extension on how to save on utility bills.

Motion by Parker, second by Machotka to go into closed session pursuant to §19.85(1) (b) and (c), Stats., to consider dismissal, demotion, or discipline and performance evaluation data and information of an employee under its jurisdiction.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Machotka, second by Shireman to adjourn from closed session and reconvene into open session to vote on matters pertaining to closed session. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURN: Motion by Parker, second by Machotka to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor, Paul F. Corcoran

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones