

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

February 17, 2015

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 commencing at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Paul F. Corcoran presiding. Alderpersons Susan Fruit, Marie Rakow, Jay Buchanan Mueller, Marsha Machotka, Judy Shireman, Lester Parker, and Dawn Elliott were present. 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.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROCLAMATION HONORING STATE SENATOR DALE SCHULTZ: Mayor Corcoran read the proclamation and everyone thanked Senator Schultz for his service. Motion by Machotka, second by Rakow to approve the proclamation. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. David Scribbins and Mr. Steven Boomfield were present to raise public awareness on pedestrian safety in crosswalks. They felt the solution will need to be a group effort. They felt the four worst intersections in the City are the Seminary and Main Street intersection, the Main and Court Street intersection, the Court Street and Central Avenue intersection, as well as the Seminary and Orange Street intersection.

Mr. Alan Greeley thanked the Council for the recent rezoning that gave him the opportunity to move his business. He stated his business owns electronic message board that is on the City's industrial park sign and offered the City the chance to purchase it before they would move it. This could be taken to a future Finance Committee meeting.

CITY EVENTS AND CITIZEN'S CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Mayor Corcoran announced that Officers Joe Nusse and Shawn Deneen were recently presented the life saving award, and the following received service stripes for their service to the Police Department – Officer Mary Killooy for 24 years, Detective Jason Pilla for 12 years, Officers Joseph Nusse and Lauren Moe for 4 years.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION TO ALLOW CITY AND UTILITY EMPLOYEES TO LEAVE THEIR JOBS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY PAGE, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR: Discussion took place on allowing employees to respond to backup calls, the 3rd page or an all page if the immediate supervisor allows and it does not become a problem for the City if the employee leaves. Most employees do not sign up for on call time when they have to work their primary job. Fire Chief Bindl was present and stated the duty crew on call schedule is from 6PM to 6AM and there is no coverage for the daytime so people respond as they can during that time. Attorney Robb was directed to proceed with writing a resolution for the next meeting.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR RAPID ENTRY SYSTEM PLACEMENT ON CITY OWNED BUILDINGS AND OTHER PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCESS IN EMERGENCIES: Chief Bindl stated that many City and Utility buildings have lock boxes on them already but several do not and requested them on all buildings. He also requested the City establish a policy for the lock boxes to be placed on new industrial or commercial buildings. He stated it is for quicker access in the event of an emergency without having to break down a door or cause other damage. No action was taken but requested to be on the next agenda.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPERTY TRANSFER WITH FOREMOST FARMS USA RELATING TO THE NEW UTILITY SUBSTATION: Dale Bender reviewed a map that showed a layout of the property that would be traded. He stated that Foremost Farms would pay for a certified survey map. Motion by Machotka, second by Rakow to allow the draft a CSM as presented and the City would exchange lot 3 for lot 2, to amend the Developer Agreement to reflect the changes and it would be at the expense of Foremost Farms USA. Motion carried 7-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HIRING BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR INSPECTIONS OF UP TO 5 DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS: Motion by Shireman, second by Fruit to approve hiring a building inspector to work on up to 5 dilapidated properties at a cost not to exceed \$1200 to be paid from contingency. Motion carried 7-0.

UTILITY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

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 Rakow, second by Fruit to approve the payment request in the amount of \$797,037.65. Motion carried 7-0.

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

REPORTS: Mayor Corcoran reported the ambulance had 63 calls in January, answered 62 of them and 48 were billable. They hired 2 full time EMTs and there is one not filled yet. The employees work two 24-hour shifts per week. The contract with Baraboo has not been signed by both parties yet. An ambulance district is still being worked on.

ADJOURN: Motion by Parker, second by Fruit to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor, Paul F. Corcoran

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones