

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

April 7, 2015

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

Motion by Fruit, second by Machotka to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the last meeting (March 17th) in lieu of printed copies and to approve the same. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Larry Hallett reported on the addition to the Richland Electric building since he was not able to stay for the full meeting. The addition is on the existing service center, the siding will be matched to existing, the addition will not be heated but will have a dry sprinkler system, minor electrical service, a concrete floor and used for storage of material. He stated there would be very little ground disturbance.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dalberg recently assisted on a Lions Club mission trip to Nicaragua where they fit and handed out 4000 pair of eye glasses in 5 days to the residents. They pay for their own trip, go there one time per year, and were part of a group of 31 people that helped. There are drop boxes throughout the community for depositing cell phones, eye glasses and hearing aids.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORT FROM DALE BENDER, ELECTRIC SUPERINTENDENT: Mr. Bender reported that electric lines have been extended to the new waste water treatment facility. They will continue placing service underground in the areas of Sunset Lane and Collins Drive and it is planned to do so in the areas of Sheldon to Burnham Streets between Haseltine and Seminary Streets as well as sections of James Street between Ward and Gage Streets for 2015.

INTRODUCTION TO PINE RIVER TRAILS GRANT APPLICATION BY DALE BENDER AND MELINDA JONES: Dale Bender said he was representing the Friends of the Pine group for this project and has been working with Shane Stibbe, Terry Nelson, and Melinda Jones. The plan is to take advantage of our natural resources and enhance economic development and tourism by improving handicap access for canoe and kayak landings and installing signage along the river, improving the access to the river by making steps and handrails, marking the bike routes within the City, allowing camping in 3 areas of the City and creating hiking, show shoeing, cross country skiing and mountain/fat bike trails on City property on the hill across from Bohmann Drive with access from the Armory. He reported the final project would be blacktopping the existing bike trail from Bohmann Drive to the City limits and lighting it for safer pedestrian traffic to Wal-Mart. He said Orion, Buena Vista, and the County Parks Commission have supported the projects. Donations can be made to the Friends of the Pine which will be tax deductible. The Grant application would be submitted with the total projects being about \$188,000, the grant would cover 50% with the City responsible for 25% and community support for the remaining 25%. More than 25% in donations could be accepted.

TREASURER’S REPORT: City Clerk/Treasurer Melinda D. Jones presented the report for March 2015. The month end balance is as follows:

General Fund	125,455.36
State Pool - Account # 1	1,784,262.55
Money Market Tax Acct.	13,359.19
State Pool – Account #2 Long Term Care	543,255.42

Restricted Funds:

CDBG - Housing RLF	56,892.37
Revolving Loan Fund- Savings	421,780.34
Revolving Loan Fund – Checking	3,076.95
Landfill Care – CD	281,464.33
Landfill Care - CD	276,809.40
Library Checking	174,353.72
Room Tax	37,003.49
State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5	2,208,617.10

Committed Funds:

State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover	1,316,426.26
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Assigned Funds:

Cemetery	4,672.68
Park / Community Center	48,664.11
Park and Rec Checking	9,158.36
RDA Checking	112,818.40

CITY UTILITIES:

Electric Utility Fund	299,991.07
Electric Unrestricted Funds	48,711.52
Water Utility Fund	186,647.00
Water Utility Unrestricted Funds	54,821.47
Waste Water Utility Fund	226,001.63
Waste Water Unrestricted Funds	34,515.45

RESTRICTED FOR PROJECTS:

Electric	1,177,333.37
Water	1,724,316.96
WWTP	2,895,911.40

PUBLIC SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS: CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR TOBACCO LICENSE FROM GORDY’S MARKET: Alderperson Shireman stated Gordy’s Market has purchased Burnstad’s and the recommendation is to approve. Motion by Shireman, second by Machotka to approve the tobacco license. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FROM ST. MARY’S OF THE

ASSUMPTION FOR A TEMPORARY CLASS “B”/”CLASS B” RETAILERS LICENSE FOR APRIL 11, 2015 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER: Motion by Machotka, second by Elliott to approve the application. Motion carried 6-0 with Alderperson Shireman abstaining.

PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS: CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR RICHLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE FOR A WAREHOUSE ADDITION AT 30 E. ROBB ROAD ON TAX PARCEL #276-0920-1200: Motion by Fruit to approve the application and site plan, second was made by Shireman. Motion carried 7-0.

FAIR HOUSEING PROCLMATION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2015: Alderperson Parker read the following proclamation.

FAIR HOUSING PROCLAMATION

WHERE AS, The City of Richland Center recognizes the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act; Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended; and
WHERE AS, this law guarantees that housing throughout the United States should be made available to all citizens without regard to race, color, religion, sex, family status, disability or national origin; and
WHERE AS, equality of opportunity for all is a fundamental policy of this nation, state and city, and
WHERE AS, barriers which diminish the rights and limit the options of any citizen will ultimately diminish the right of all citizens;
WHERE AS, the cooperation, commitment and support of all the residents of the City of Richland Center is necessary to removing barriers to the enjoyment of living where one choose within one's means.

NOW THERE FORE, I Paul Corcoran, Mayor of the City of Richland Center do hereby Proclaim the month of April, 2015 as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

And request and encourage every citizen and business of our community to support and endorse Fair Housing; to reaffirm their commitment to Fair Housing for all, and wholeheartedly recognize these rights and responsibilities throughout the year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Richland Center to be affixed on the 7th day of April, Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Paul Corcoran, Mayor

Motion by Rakow, second by Machotka to approve the proclamation. Motion carried 7-0.

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

ADJOURN: Motion by Parker, second by Rakow to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:47 p.m.
Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor, Paul F. Corcoran

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones