

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

August 4, 2015

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

Motion by Kaufman, 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 TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Mayor Corcoran asked residents to contact him, Clerk Jones or their Alderpersons with addresses where there is a mess of outside storage. He said people have looked at the pond and an assessment will be coming soon. He said the Police Department is considering body cameras for the next budget and he felt it is important to protect the officers with them.

ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Alderperson Kloehn asked for a budget report.

CITY AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Attorney Robb stated he has raze orders coming soon and sometimes the City needs to front the money with the charges placed on the tax roll. The City would receive the funds back at the end of the tax collection of the next year. He said there is an officer assigned to work with him on the outside storage of items or junk and the ordinance update will be coming to council soon. Clerk Jones said within the next week or so she will be driving through the city, placing stickers on large items at the curb for pickup. She stressed that the property owner is able to have an item removed or taken to the landfill, but if she has placed the sticker on an item, the fee is doubled and there will be a \$250 penalty assessed. Public Works Superintendent Terry Nelson said the annual scale inspection was completed at the landfill but there will need to be repairs done soon to be in compliance with the State.

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

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| General Fund | 133,049.67 |
| State Pool - Account # 1 | 911,349.68 |
| Money Market Tax Acct. | 12,597.64 |
| State Pool – Account #2 Long Term Care | 543,486.26 |

Restricted Funds:

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| CDBG - Housing RLF | 60,082.28 |
| Revolving Loan Fund- Savings | 443,945.12 |
| Revolving Loan Fund – Checking | 3,076.95 |
| Landfill Care – CD | 281,813.27 |

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| Landfill Care - CD | 276,809.40 |
| Library Checking | 151,741.68 |
| Room Tax | 53,693.76 |
| State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5 | 2,248,035.02 |

Committed Funds:

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| State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover | 1,316,984.36 |
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Assigned Funds:

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| Cemetery | 4,672.80 |
| Park / Community Center | 45,501.51 |
| Park and Rec Checking | 1,974.29 |
| RDA Checking | 112,818.40 |

CITY UTILITIES:

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| Electric Utility Fund | 135,181.88 |
| Electric Unrestricted Funds | 48,719.19 |
| Water Utility Fund | 286,977.76 |
| Water Utility Unrestricted Funds | 54,821.47 |
| Waste Water Utility Fund | 241,758.88 |
| Waste Water Unrestricted Funds | 34,515.45 |

RESTRICTED FOR PROJECTS:

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| Electric | 1,244,194.53 |
| Water | 1,665,135.72 |
| WWTP | 2,419,055.32 |

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SELECTION OF STREET PROJECTS FOR 2015-2016: There was discussion on a survey and general engineering of Westside Drive between Highway 14 and Grove Street. Several Council members expressed the desire to include Grove Street and Stewart Street to the list for a survey however, Mayor Corcoran pointed out a lot of money could be spent without the public seeing any improvements for several years. Other projects included Gage Street from Sheldon to James Streets, the intersection of South and Park Streets, the intersection of Gage and Park Streets, Union Street between park and Sheldon and also between main and Jefferson, Fifth Street between Congress and Orange Streets and lastly Congress Street between Union and First Streets. The funds would be taken from the general obligation borrowing that took place last fall. Motion by Mueller, second by Rakow to approve the list as presented. Motion carried 5-2 with Kaufman and Shireman dissenting.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PAY APPLICATION FROM BOB EWERS CONTACTING LLC RELATING TO 2015 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: Motion by Mueller, second by Kaufman to approve the payment to Bob Ewers in the amount of \$86,906.76. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY CLASS “B” / “CLASS B” RETAILER’S LICENSE FROM ST MARY’S OF THE

ASSUMPTION FOR A FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 22, 2015 AT 160 W. 4TH STREET: Motion by Shireman, second by Kaufman to approve the temporary license. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR MUNICIPAL LICENSE (VIDEO GAME) FROM STANSFIELD VENDING FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION AT 900 FLAG PARK DRIVE: Motion by Shireman to approve the license. Kloehn seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION ON CHANGES TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 307 RELATED TO OUTSIDE STORAGE OF ITEMS: Attorney Robb stated a draft ordinance will be presented soon.

DISCUSSION ON CHANGES TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 310 RELATED TO KEEPING CHICKENS WITHIN THE CITY: Alderperson Muller stated he has heard from people in favor and Alderperson Shireman said she has heard from people against amending the ordinance. No action was taken.

DISCUSSION ON RICHLAND COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE: Mayor Corcoran said the next year's budget is in the planning stages and the way the ambulance service is set up now is the least costly to taxpayers. No questions were asked and no action was taken.

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

Motion by Kaufman, second by Shireman to go into closed session per WI Statute 19.85 (1)(e) relating to investment of public funds, specifically regarding discussion of negotiations strategy as to terms of a possible developer's agreement relating to property in Industrial Park North. Motion carried 7-0.

Closed Session.

Motion by Shireman, second by Miller to reconvene into open session. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURN: Motion by Shireman, second by Kaufman to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:55 p.m.
Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor, Paul F. Corcoran

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones