

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

August 18, 2015

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 commencing at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Paul F. Corcoran presiding. Alderpersons Michael Kaufman, Susan Fruit, Judy Shireman, Jay Buchanan Mueller, Marsha Machotka (via telephone), Lisa Miller, Marie Rakow, and Bill Kloehn. Mayor Corcoran ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Kloehn, second by Fruit to approve the minutes of the last two meetings in lieu of printed copies. Motion carried 8-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sharon Schmitz expressed her concern on truck traffic using Bohmann Drive instead of Foundry Drive. She also expressed her concern on the ambulance situation and asked the Council which direction they were planning on moving or if they had plans on renewing the contract with the County or creating a district. She stated the Ambulance Committee will be meeting tomorrow night and asking for approval for the 2016 budget. Mayor Corcoran stated the ambulance continues to operate and at a cost less with the County than the cost of creating a district, the County has full time employees working over volunteers and the workers are receiving overtime, they have not missed a call in 4-5 months, and they have a signed contract with Baraboo Ambulance to cover in the event our ambulance has no coverage.

CITY EVENTS AND CITIZEN CONCERNS: Mayor Corcoran stated he would like to have Attorney Robb continue to do work regarding condemning properties in disrepair. He gave options of trying to purchase properties, leave them to deteriorate, put money away to prosecute and raze the properties. He felt that since it is budget time, the City should consider setting money aside. He said the pond has plant life and we have to change the culture in it. With effort it could be back to life but he encouraged the Council to think about what they would like for discussion at the next meeting. Mayor Corcoran stated that the night of the storm on July 13th, the Fire Department was call which generated a bill of \$1200.00 to the city and an emergency was not declared. He would like discussion at the next meeting on protocol and procedures.

ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Alderperson Kloehn would like to add sidewalks on Sheldon and James Street for 3 property owners in conjunction with the added street projects. Alderperson Kaufman suggested a Mayor's Breakfast to develop good will between the Council, Department Heads and invite citizens to bring up items at an informal get together. He also suggested the new foreign exchange students be invited for a group tour of the municipal building and attend a Council meeting.

DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Clerk Jones stated she has had concerns brought up about the sign ordinance and would like discussion at the next meeting.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH VIERBICHER TO ADD WESTSIDE DRIVE BETWEEN US HWY 14 AND GROVE STREET PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY SURVEY, AND

FUNDING STRATEGY: Mr. Kurt Muchow from Vierbicher reviewed the contract amendment stating it would be for the right-of-way surveys, base mapping, review with the City Utilities, drafting conceptual plans, cost estimate and a detailed budget; attending public meetings and planning for the project. Motion by Rakow to approve the contract amendment, second by Shireman. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH VIERBICHER TO ADD 2016 STREET PROJECTS: Mr. Kurt Muchow from Vierbicher reviewed the contract amendment that was requested by Street Superintendent Terry Nelson. Mr. Nelson felt he would be able to handle the rest of the projects that the City approved. Motion by Shireman, second by Fruit to approve the contract amendment and additional fees. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS TO RAZE DILAPIDATED BUILDING AND PLACEING SPECIAL CHARGE ON THE TAX ROLL FOR SIAD PROPERTY: City Attorney Robb stated after inspection of a building if repairs would be more than ½ of the value of the building, it is appropriate to raze the building. A raze order can be issued and it can be taken to court. In some cases we would have to advance the money to raze the building and the County could pay the City back with the tax settlement in August. He stated a building in the City is owned by two deceased and the estate has not been opened. The 2014 taxes have not been paid and he estimated the cost could be \$6500 to \$7000 to raze the building. Motion by Shireman, second by Kaufman to authorize up to \$7000 to raze the building and place on the tax roll with the funds coming from contingency. Motion carried 8-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 399 ADDING CIDER ONLY LICENSE: Attorney Robb reviewed the amendment stating the changes allowing cider only was recently approved within the State budget. Motion by Fruit, second by Shireman to suspend the rules and waive the reading. Motion carried 8-0. Motion by Shireman, second by Kloehn to adopt Ordinance 2015-6 amending Chapter 399. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FROM KWIK TRIP #788 (172 S. MAIN STREET) AND KWIK TRIP #363 (2393 US HWY 14 EAST) FOR A CLASS A LIQUOR (CIDER ONLY) LICENSES: Motion by Shireman, second by Kaufman to approve the licenses provided they are not issued until after publication of the ordinance. Motion carried 8-0.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 701 RELATED TO MANAGEMENT OF THE RICHLAND CENTER PARKS UNDER THE PARK BOARD:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RE-ESTABLISHING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 702 RELATED TO MANAGEMENT OF THE CEMETERIES OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ESTABLISHING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 704 RELATED TO MANAGEMENT OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY:

Aldersperson Jay Mueller stated the Property Committee has been meeting regarding so much responsibility has been given to the Park & Grounds Board and these three ordinance amendments distribute some of the management of city owned property being the responsibility of the Property Committee. Attorney Robb stated that when Rita Kidd was Mayor, the Cemetery and Parks Department were combined to jointly use personnel and equipment. These ordinances separate the management, however they will hold joint meetings and the same employees and equipment will do the work. Attorney Robb pointed out that the City has acquired additional property since the time of Mayor Kidd that is not listed in any ordinance. No action was taken.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2015-12 AMENDING RESOLUTION 2013-10 RELATED TO THE RICHLAND AIRPORT SIX YEAR PLAN:

Aldersperson Mueller reported that the Property Committee met with several members of the Buena Vista Flying Club and talked about the 6 year plan. The resolution changes the priority of items and eliminates the fencing around the airport at this time. A brief discussion took place on why the fuel system, sealing the runway and new terminal building were the highest priorities. Motion by Rakow, second by Kloehn to approve the resolution. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON UPGRADE OF WISCONSIN PILOT WEATHER BRIEFING SYSTEM AT THE RICHLAND AIRPORT:

Aldersperson Kaufman said the weather system currently in place is direct from the satellite. New equipment will be installed that would cost the City \$223.50 per year with the State covering the remaining costs. He stated the issue is not resolved because there needs to be high speed internet at 25 meg per second. Motion by Mueller to move forward and make a determination at the next Council meeting depending on the cost of internet service. Rakow and Kaufman seconded and the motion carried.

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 Kloehn to approve the payment. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHANGE ORDER #1 FROM STAAB CONSTRUCTION FOR AN INCREASE IN CONTRACT A OF \$2,766.00: Motion by Rakow, second by Fruit to approve the change order. Motion carried 8-0.

DISCUSSION ON NORTH PARK POND: Mayor Corcoran stated the Council should think about if they want to fill in the pond, drain it and dig it deeper as it would need all vegetation removed because the algae is a bad type. We need to decide if we want to spend some money on it to keep it or fill it in.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF NOWYI ROZDIL, LVIV REGION, UKRAINE. Mayor Corcoran stated the resolution itself is not ready; however, he hoped the

Council would be willing to establish the relationship with the Ukraine. Motion by Shireman, second by Kaufman to work with establishing a sister city relationship with Nowyi Rozdil, Lviv Region, Ukraine. Motion carried 8-0.

DISCUSSION ON POSSIBLE CHANGES TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 310 RELATED TO KEEPING CHICKENS WITHIN THE CITY: Alderperson Shireman stated she received word from 2 constituents against having chickens, Alderperson Mueller state he had several in favor approach him, Alderperson Rakow was opposed. Alderperson Kaufman stated there are farms all around the City since we are a rural community, he did not think it was necessary to allow chickens. Alderperson Mueller stated he thinks it will take some money to put up a chicken coop and the members of the community wanting a coop should approach the Council showing what they want and why. No action was taken.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHANGES TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 307 RELATED TO OUTSIDE STORAGE OF ITEMS: Attorney Robb prepared a draft ordinance he asked the Council to review for the next meeting. No action was taken.

DISCUSSION ON RICHLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE: Alderperson Rakow expressed her concern that if \$85,000 is the least expensive option for the residents it is alright as long as it is working and residents have the service they need. If the City votes in favor of continuing, she felt the Townships may follow. Alderperson Shireman urged the public to attend the ambulance meetings at the County and ask the right questions. There was discussion about the entire council attending the meeting and since it is tomorrow at 7:00 p.m., it was already past the 24 hours required advance public notice that a quorum of the council would be present at a meeting.

STREET CUTTING PERMITS: Clerk Jones stated a permit was issued to Michels Corp to transfer aerial cable lines from Charter to underground for People's Community Bank. Lines would be under Church Street between Court and Seminary, also cross under Seminary Street between Church and Park Streets.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Kloehn, second by Shireman to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Shireman, second by Fruit 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 8-0.

Closed Session.

Motion by Shireman, second by Miller to reconvene into open session.

ADJOURN: Motion by Miller, second by Fruit to adjourn. Motion carried at 10:00 p.m.
Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor, Paul F. Corcoran

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones