

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

September 15, 2015

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 commencing at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Paul F. Corcoran presiding. Alderpersons Michael Kaufman, Susan Fruit, Judy Shireman, Jay Buchanan Mueller, Marsha Machotka, 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 meeting in lieu of printed copies. Motion carried 8-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dale Bender said he would like to address the Council at the next meeting to bring everyone up to date with the Pine River Trails Grant and urged the Council to re-elect Rod Perry to the Utility Commission. Sharon Schmitz expressed her concern on truck traffic using Bohmann Drive instead of Foundry Drive. She also spoke on the involvements of Southwest Partners. The next meeting will be held October 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. She also spoke on behalf of re-election of Rod Perry. Dawn Elliott talked about the flower baskets and asked the city to contribute by allowing someone to help with watering them. She asked if there is any update on the creation of another chamber. Jim Heiar requested the Public Works Committee get together to determine priorities of projects. He requested the re-election of Rod Perry as well.

CITY EVENTS AND CITIZEN CONCERNS: Mayor Corcoran stated he has had several people approach him who are interested in becoming a member of the Buena Vista Flying Club and it did not get past the membership vote. He felt improvements should not be made at the airport until issues are resolved.

ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Alderperson Fruit said she contacted the Department of Transportation and the City has a permit for the public non-profit event signs and we are not utilizing it. She would like this discussed.

2014 AUDIT REPORT FROM BILL MOILIEN OF JOHNSON BLOCK: Mr. William Moilien from Johnson Block gave the City's audit report for 2014. He also mentioned that while the City is in good financial shape and fund balances have increased, the cash may not be readily available on hand. The City has a very small amount of debt.

CITY AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: REPORT FROM ANGELA NOEL, BREWER LIBRARY DIRECTOR: Library Director Angela Noel informed everyone how the Library Board is structured, duties of her job and how they serve the public. She outlined some of the plans for the Library and possible projects for capital improvements and new materials. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 9am to 8pm, Friday 9am to 5pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm.

PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF CONDITIONAL USE

PERMIT FROM RNJ PROPERTIES TO ALLOW DRIFTLESS TRANSPORT LLC TO OPERATE AN OPEN SALES LOT FOR THE SALE OF STORAGE BUILDINGS, BARNs, SHEDS, AND GARAGE PACKAGES. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 1651 UW HWY 14 EAST: Motion by Shireman, second by Rakow to approve renewal of the conditional use permit with a maximum of 25 buildings on site for 3 years. Motion carried 8-0.

PUBLIC HEARING, CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MOVING FORWARD WITH DRAFTING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 310 RELATED TO KEEPING CHICKENS WITHIN THE CITY: Mr. James Heiar felt there would be a percentage of people not abiding by the regulations set and the city would be left to deal with it and hard to clean up. Craig Woodhouse emphasized the ability to keep chickens would draw young professionals to the area, be an educational tool and offer a choice for their food source. He urged council to support the ordinance. Chris Nelson requested the opportunity to bring the joys of farming at a tiny scale for kids to learn by allowing chickens. Alicia Woodhouse was not sure that she would have chickens; however, she felt having the opportunity would enhance our community and she was in favor of the possibility. Dawn Elliott spoke in support of allowing chickens. Devan said he thought people should be able to have chickens. Chris Kanable urged the council to consider that chickens could cause health issues for those with allergies and asked who would be responsible to enforce the ordinance if it changed. Bob Shiere felt if chickens were allowed, the next would be pigs, calves and more farm animals. Motion by Mueller to move the ordinance forward to allow chickens. The motion died due to no second. Motion by Shireman to put the issue to rest. Kaufman seconded and the motion carried 6-2 with Mueller and Fruit dissenting.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 50 RELATED TO ESTABLISHING THE PARK BOARD:

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 met jointly with the Parks & Grounds Board, however, they would like to work together to define the ordinances to the satisfaction of both the Board and the Committee. These three ordinance amendments relate to the management of city owned property and with budget constraints it is in the best interest of the taxpayers to streamline the department. Motion by Mueller to postpone the amendments to Chapters 50, 701, 702, and 704. Kaufman seconded and the motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING LEASE AGREEMENT WITH NEW TENANT IN CITY HANGAR #02: Aldersperson Kaufman stated Attorney Robb

drafted the agreement and proper insurance has already been presented to the City. Motion by Kaufman, second by Machotka to approve the agreement with Baron VanDerMolen for Hangar #02. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ACCEPTING DONATION OF VETERANS MEMORIAL ALSO AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPER AGREEMENT AND LAND LEASE: Alderperson Mueller said the memorial started with the property committee and now that the whole project is complete, they would like to turn the ownership over to the City. The City already takes care of the land surrounding it. He said the City would cover the insurance and purchase flags while they would continue to take care of the names and donations. Motion by Kaufman, second by Rakow to have Attorney Robb draft a new agreement to accept the veteran's memorial. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON FUTURE ACTIONS RELATED TO HANGAR LEASE AGREEMENTS AND LAND LEASE AGREEMENTS IN DEFAULT AT THE RICHLAND AIRPORT: Alderperson Kaufman said the City holds the agreements with the tenants and there are regulations that the City needs to follow to be in compliance with the FAA and WI Bureau of Aeronautics. Motion by Machotka, second by Rakow to authorize Attorney Robb to proceed with default notices and proceedings. Motion carried 8-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AWARD OF BID FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING ROOF: Motion by Mueller, second by Fruit accept and approve the bid from Residential Roofing of Southwest Wisconsin LLC in the amount of \$62,944.00 as well as the bid for seamless gutters and downspouts in the amount of \$4,345.00. Motion carried 8-0

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CHOICE OF SHINGLES FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING ROOF PROJECT: The color choices presented were Brownwood, Driftwood and Teak. Motion by Machotka, second by Rakow to select the Brownwood shingle. Motion carried 8-0.

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 Machotka to approve the payment of \$1,202,793.10. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PAY APPLICATION FROM BOB EWERS FOR 2015 STREET PROJECTS: Motion by Shireman, second by Kaufman to approve the payment of \$79,291.00. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION RELATED TO GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS: Motion by Mueller, second by Shireman to approve the resolution. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ISSUES OF THE NORTH PARK POND:

Alderperson Mueller stated the pond was designed in 1989 and when the dam was removed it changed the water table for the area. It used to be the water spread out and the bottom of the pond could fill but now the water table is below the bottom of the pond. This is regulated by the Army Core of Engineers.

DISCUSSION ON RICHLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE: Mayor Corcoran stated at the last meeting they were given the 2016 budget and expected to vote on it at the same meeting. He did not feel this was right. In that budget the portion for the City is down to \$77,650 but there was concern about paying first responders and a raise for the volunteers. The vote to approve the budget was passed and the Chair stated it would have to be approved by others at the County but when the ambulance agreement was developed last year we were told decisions would be final at the ambulance meeting. The ambulance has not missed calls and his biggest concern is that calls are not missed. The next meeting will be November 4th at the County Board Room. No action was taken.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS - CONFIRM:

Motion by Kloehn, second by Fruit to nominate Rod Perry to the Utility Commission. No other nominations were presented. Motion carried 6-2 with Shireman and Kaufman voting against.

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

ADJOURN: Motion by Mueller, second by Miller to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:50 p.m.
Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor, Paul F. Corcoran

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones