

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

**October 6, 2015**

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, October 6, 2015 commencing at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Paul F. Corcoran presiding. Alderpersons Michael Kaufman (present by telephone), Judy Shireman, Susan Fruit, Jay Buchanan Mueller, Marsha Machotka, Lisa Miller, and Bill Kloehn were present. Marie Rakow was absent. Mayor Corcoran ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Miller, second by Fruit 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mike Breininger and Mick Cosgrove spoke on Southwest Partners handling the community support portion of the Pine River Trails Grant. They are accepting donations and currently have \$39,700 with more needed. They will have a “Friend raiser” meeting on Sunday, October 25 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm to go to the sites of the projects listed in the grant application.

Sharon Schmitz stated that if we all work together we can make a great difference in our community and asked citizens to support the Pine River Trails projects. The next Southwest Partners meeting is October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Teresa Jones spoke on issues with the high school students toilet papering yards and it turning to violence and destruction. She asked that kids be required to come back and clean up.

Sheryl Albers-Anders handed out a letter stating the facts related to her recent experience with the Buena Vista Flying Club. She stated she enjoyed representing this area as the State Representative and loves the community.

Mr. Al Gholson Sr. expressed his concern that our nation is losing traditions and the tradition of toilet papering trees has turned to noise, disrespect, foul language and violence. He is asking the community to see if there is a feasible solution that they could help with.

**ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING:** Mayor Corcoran requested a review of the ordinance with procedures on replacing sidewalks. He also mentioned that the City and School District would work together on home coming events and review issues.

**CITY AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS:** Parks & Grounds Foreman David Fry introduced Doug Tyler and Cody Mueller as new employees of the department.

Dale Bender reported the poles are installed with wires connecting them for the display of non-profit event banners.

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

General Fund	434,169.06
State Pool - Account # 1	1,016,600.00
Money Market Tax Acct.	12,600.42
State Pool – Account #2 Long Term Care	543,608.07

**Restricted Funds:**

CDBG - Housing RLF	60,803.79
Revolving Loan Fund- Savings	705,870.20
Revolving Loan Fund – Checking	3,076.95
Landfill Care – CD	281,813.27
Landfill Care - CD	276,809.40
Library Checking	115,633.80
Room Tax	39,232.33
State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5	2,641,574.94

**Committed Funds:**

State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover	1,103,262.54
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**Assigned Funds:**

Cemetery	4,674.99
Park / Community Center	46,332.15
Park and Rec Checking	3,489.84
RDA Checking	112,818.40

**CITY UTILITIES:**

Electric Utility Fund	152,187.74
Electric Unrestricted Funds	48,719.19
Water Utility Fund	352,598.31
Water Utility Unrestricted Funds	54,821.47
Waste Water Utility Fund	363,571.99
Waste Water Unrestricted Funds	34,515.45

**RESTRICTED FOR PROJECTS:**

Electric	1,202,691.53
Water	1,682,575.99
WWTP	2,035,630.40

**REPORT FROM DALE BENDER REGARDING WPPI CONTRACT EXTENSION:** Mr. Bender, Electric Superintendent, stated WPPI has requested an extension of the current contract that expires in 2037 to 2057. The reason would be that it changes how they can generate bond money for projects. He had a few questions that have not been answered yet and suggested having a joint Utility Commission meeting with the Council soon to consider the request. He said electric rates have been rising and now the WPPI rates are about equal with Alliant which

could challenge the utility to get new customers. To date, he reported that 19 of the 51 members of WPPI have approved the extension. No action was taken.

**CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALLOWING DEPARTMENT HEADS TO WORK ON MULTIPLE GRANT APPLICATIONS:** Dale Bender said in the City, School and the County Comprehensive Plans allow for sidewalks and trails to schools, the industrial parks and the dog park. He requested allowing department heads to work on this and noted there are many people that would work together on the application as well as the work. He reviewed a few grants to apply for and stressed the need for community support. Larry Engel stated there is a commitment in hand for the current Pine River Trails Grant and a commitment to move forward with the second phase. Mr. Bender also presented a drawing for a possible building for the archery club to be constructed near the gate for the City landfill. He requested consideration as the current location has been sold however the new owners have agreed to allow the use of the property for next year. No action was taken.

**CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE AUTHORIZATION TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT 2016 FEDERAL SECTION 5311 AND STATE OF WI SETION 85.20 TAXI GRANT APPLICATION TO WI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:** Clerk Jones stated the contract with Running, Inc for Shared Ride Taxi Service is for another possible 4 years and the application needs to be completed for the City to receive State and Federal funding. Motion by Machotka, second by Fruit to approve the work on the application and submitting it to the State. Motion carried 7-0.

**REVIEW OF RICHLAND AIRPORT LEASES AND CONTRACTS:** Mayor Corcoran stated the fuel tank at the airport has mogas which is a mixture of aviation fuel and automobile fuel and the Buena Vista Flying Club member's plane can use it. The State has approved the tank for club members only. There had been discussion on the possibility of the City placing a credit card reader on this tank so the public could use it and with mogas in the tank, that is not an option at this time. The City and BVFC had an agreement in 2006 for use at the airport but in March of 2011 the City received a letter from the club to terminate the agreement. At this time, the City is under the impression there is no agreement and there is no insurance on the fuel tank. The club members felt they only terminated use of one hangar. He requested the Council think about what direction we want the airport to go in for the future. The last time the City received funding from the State was in 2012 and for 20 years the City would have to pay back any funds received. No action was taken.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF SYMONS NATATORIUM TO USE CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS FOR DRAFTING SPECIFICATIONS FOR BIDDING BOILER REPLACEMENT:** Motion by Mueller, second by Kloehn to approve the use of capital project funds for drafting specifications to bid the boiler replacement. Motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PLAN FOR INSTALLATION OF TRUNCATED DOMES ON SIDEWALKS AT STREET CORNERS:** Terry Nelson stated

this is the policy that we follow and it needs to be in writing. Most corners do not have them except some of the recent projects and this year the City installed 4-5 and private residents installed 4-5. Motion by Fruit, second by Mueller and Kaufman to approve the plan. Attorney Robb stated there is a Federal law that requires the City to follow this and it should be written in the Ordinance. Motion carried 6-1 with Kloehn voting against.

**CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REPAIRS TO LANDFILL SCALE:**

Terry Nelson reported the State inspects and calibrates the scale each year. There is rust on i-beams and control arms causing the need to replace many parts. Their estimate was \$11,080 plus freight charges. With the parts changed it should last another 15 years and the Public Works Committee suggested the cost be included in the 2016 budget. Motion by Fruit, second by Kaufman to budget the expense in 2016. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONTRACT FOR ANNUAL LANDFILL WELL MONITORING:** Terry Nelson said the testing is done every year and the City would not be able to do it because it is very technical. Motion by Fruit, second by Shireman to request bids on the annual monitoring for 2016. Motion carried 5-2 with Mueller and Machotka dissenting.

**CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REQUEST OF PROPERTY OWNER TO REMOVE SECTION OF SIDEWALK:** Discussion took place. The sidewalk in question only goes to their driveway, the rest of the properties on the west side of James Street in that block do not have any sidewalks. There is sidewalk all along the East side of James Street in that block. Motion by Alderperson Fruit, second by Kaufman to allow the property owner at 483 E. South Street to take the sidewalk out and replacing it with grass from the sidewalk along South Street to their driveway on James Street. Motion carried 5-2 with Alderpersons Shireman and Kloehn voting against.

**CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PURCHASE OF TWO USED EDGE VOTING MACHINES:** Clerk Jones stated there are always lines at the voting machines on Election Day and she has had many requests to obtain more. Waukesha County is changing their machines and they have many that were purchased in 2012 which can be purchased from Oconomowoc for \$500 each and there is money available in the election budget for two. Motion by Machotka, second by Shireman to purchase two edge voting machines for \$500 each. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON IMPROVEMENTS TO NORTH PARK POND:** Mayor Corcoran stated the pond will have to be cleaned up and prepared and then plan how to bring it back over the winter.

**DISCUSSION ON RICHLAND COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE:** Mayor Corcoran said the next year's cost to the City would be about \$77,000.00 and the County approved the budget. No action was taken.

**ZONING PERMITS:** Clerk Jones reported a zoning permit was issued to the County for the new buildings at Pine Valley with the condition that an 8" water main be looped entirely around the buildings as was listed in the conditional use permit approved by Council. She stated Fred Clary informed her that the conditions would be complied with.

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

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Kloehn, second by Miller to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:25 p.m.

Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer

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Mayor, Paul F. Corcoran

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City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones