

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

October 20, 2015

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, October 20, 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. Council President Mueller called the meeting to order and ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sharon invited everyone to attend the October 25th Southwest Partners Friend Raiser event at the Community Center from 2pm to 4pm.

ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Alderperson Kloehn stated he did not think the expense of truncated domes should be the responsibility of property owners. Alderperson Shireman said she feels the City needs to discuss long term maintenance, care of, and the up keep of City owned property.

CITY AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: ANGELA NOEL, BREWER LIBRARY DIRECTOR: Library Director Angela Noel introduced Emily Zorea who started in March and is now working in the children's room, Emily row is an AmeriCorps member volunteering at the Library, and Rachel Cox started at the Library in July.

CONSIDER ALLOWING DEPARTMENT HEADS TO WORK ON MULTIPLE GRANT APPLICATIONS RELATED TO EXTENSION OF WALKING/BIKING TRAILS, DOG PARK AND PROPERTY FOR ARCHERY RANGE WITHIN THE CITY: Dale Bender asked if he, Shane Stibbe and Melinda Jones could work together to look at grants available and see if they fit within the scope of already approved city plans. He said there are also professionals with grant writing experience who would volunteer to work with us. The application would still need to be approved by the City Council before it could be submitted. Mr. Bender said the applications he is looking at will be due in early May. Most grants will allow the City portion of the match to be employee labor and equipment use. Motion by Rakow, second by Machotka to allow Department Heads to work on the multiple grants as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER DEVELOPER AGREEMENT WITH JENSEN CASTINGS RELATING TO PROPERTY IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK NORTH: Mayor Corcoran arrived. Mr. Seth Jensen stated the former Greeley Signs property was purchased about two months ago by his family business, Real Flame. He expressed his appreciation for the help from the City to allow the purchase of additional land for expansion and financial assistance. The said their business makes outdoor fire pits out of concrete and have an order to make 6500, competing with China. They have already hired 10 employees including Kent and Christy Adsit, made several improvements to the building and plan on more. He mentioned they appreciate the great work ethic of the people in

the area. Mayor Corcoran stated the City wanted to promote this new business tonight. Attorney Robb asked for clarification of what needs to happen for the land transfer to be specific in the agreement. Motion by Mueller, second by Rakow to approve the following wording for the agreement with Jensen Castings: the City agrees that it will retain title to Lots 22 and 23, Plat of Industrial Park North, for a period of five (5) years. In the event that the Developer presents to the City a plan acceptable to the City for construction of additional improvements on said Lots 22 and 23 and for the hiring and maintenance of at least 10 additional employees above and beyond the original 10, the City will transfer Lots 22 and 23 to Developer for the sum of \$1.00. Motion carried 8-0.

CITY EVENTS AND CITIZEN CONCERNS: Mayor Corcoran stated at the last budget meeting it was reported that the City purchases road salt from the County at \$102 per ton and the County pays about \$80 per ton. He reported while he is glad we pursue grants for improving the City, at some point it will cost the City to maintain the improvements. The bike trail was completed 19 years ago and never seal coated yet. He encourages everyone to consider a replacement plan and annual maintenance in advance. Sextonville Road will be receiving a double yellow center line next spring and the parking on both sides of the street will remain in place.

CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 620.05 REGULATING MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS: Mayor Corcoran announced that Madison divides their sidewalks into regions and determines what needs to be fixed, they contract it out and then bill property owners as a special assessment. He questioned if the City wanted to consider this type of plan. Discussion took place and the consensus was not to move forward with this process. No action was taken.

CONSIDER CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH TOWN & COUNTRY SANITATION: Clerk Jones Attorney Robb drafted the new agreement. She reported the number of households with curbside collection went up slightly, they proposed charges a little lower for the first two years with increases each year that eventually will be over the current cost. She said landfill rates have increased slightly, while a few other items remained the same. Motion by Mueller second by Kaufman to approve the contract with Town and Country Sanitation for 5 years. Motion carried 8-0. Alderperson Muller stepped away from the meeting.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP RELATED TO RECENT APPROVAL TO SELL CITY PROPERTY ON COLLINS DRIVE: Clerk Jones reported the map outlines what Council approved to be sold. Motion by Machotka, second by Shireman to approve the CSM. Motion carried 7-0. Alderperson Mueller returned to the meeting.

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 \$1,021,728.80. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER LOAN RESOLUTION (RUS FORM 1780-27) FOR NEW WASTE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY: Motion by Rakow, second by Machotka to approve the resolution.

Rod Perry mentioned the interim funding has been used up and the resolution allows the Utility to draw on the loan and grant from Rural Development. Motion carried 8-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER ACTION ON APPLICATION FROM RICHLAND COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS COUNCIL INC FOR A TEMPORARY CLASS “B” LICENSE TO SELL FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGES AT 182 N. CENTRAL AVE. ON OCTOBER 24, 2015 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT: Motion by Shireman, second by Machotka to approve the resolution. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE RICHLAND AIRPORT: The situation with the Buena Vista Flying Club fuel tank was again reviewed with no additional information about their insurance on the tank. The tank is not covered by the City insurance. It was reported the tank needs to be registered with WI Emergency Management, a clean-up plan needs to be completed and notification sent to the Richland Fire Department done as soon as possible. No action was taken.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ISSUES OF THE NORTH PARK POND: Mayor Corcoran stated it is estimated to cost about \$9,000 to restore the pond and he will personally raise the funds but the Council will have to approve the plan. No action was taken.

CONSIDER ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF RICHLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT: Motion by Rakow, second by Kaufman to approve the one year extension. Motion carried 7-0 with Alderperson Shireman abstaining.

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

MAYORS CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS: He would like to see a report on fund balance at the next meeting and consider a thank you bonus to employees who worked hard the last couple years on this. An employee of the Department of Transportation was here and took down signs without being prompted by the City. Trick or Treating will be October 31st from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. The High School is working on homecoming activities throughout the week and developing a plan to allow property owners to opt out of toilet papering.

ALDERPERSONS RAKOW THROUGH KAUFMAN:

Alderperson Miller suggested not waiting long for the flying club to provide insurance on the fuel tank.

Alderperson Shireman reported on the Ugly Sweater Fun Run/Walk on December 5th.

Alderperson Rakow suggested re-establishing the City / County ad hoc committee.

Alderperson Fruit liked the introduction of new employees.

Alderperson Kloehn welcomed Jensen Castings.

DEPARTMENTS AND UTILITY REPORTS:

Rod Perry said the Utility will be pursuing a joint meeting related to the WPPI contract extension.

ADJOURN: Motion by Mueller, second by Machotka to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:08 p.m.
Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor, Paul F. Corcoran

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones