

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

December 15, 2015

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 commencing at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Paul F. Corcoran presiding. Alderpersons Michael Kaufman, Judy Shireman, Susan Fruit, Jay Buchanan Mueller, Marsha Machotka, Lisa Miller, Marie Rakow, and Bill Kloehn. Mayor Corcoran called the meeting to order and ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

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

Mayor Corcoran read and presented a Proclamation naming December 31, 2015 Dr. Patrick Hagen day to honor all the CEO/Dean Dr. Patrick Hagen has done for our community and UW-Richland. Motion by Mueller, second by Machotka to approve the proclamation. Motion carried 8-0.

CITY AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS: Parks & Grounds Foreman David Fry reviewed the jobs the department has been recently working on. They are working on the lights at the airport, placing blocks for around the welcome signs, the footbridge work that was started 5 years ago is finished, tree and brush trimming at the cemetery is finished, trees removed in the boulevard at 798 N. Church St. and along the ball field fence in North Park. They have removed 6 truck-loads of debris from the North Park Pond and have replaced 24 lights that were damaged in 2015 on 4 different occasions along the dike with the help of City Utilities. There have been 65 funerals this year; all equipment is ready for snow as well as sand being ready for the ice rink.

Dale Bender, Electric Superintendent, reported the utility is accepting bids for the electric power transformers to upgrade the Olson substation with the project complete in mid November. Tomorrow night is a joint Utility and Council meeting regarding the request for a contract extension with WPPI. He thanked the Mayor and Rod Perry for the support with the Foundry situation. Electric work is being finished out to the lift station for the sewer. He updated everyone on the progress in writing the alternate transportation grant application for phase 2 which includes safe routes to schools.

PLAN COMMISSION AND ETZ BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FROM ROBERT JONES TO ALLOW FOR SALES AND REPAIRS OF HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS UNDER RJ AND COOPS HEATING AND COOLING. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 1591 US HWY 14 EAST: Mr. Jones reported this location would be the base location for their business with an office, sales and repairs. A dumpster would be located behind the building. Motion by Rakow, second by Kaufman to approve the conditional use permit for 1 year at 1591 US Hwy 14 East with the conditions there is no outside storage of items or materials other than inside a dumpster to be placed in the rear or on the west side of the building with a privacy fence surrounding the dumpster and there would be no non-business related items stored on site.

Motion carried 8-0.

PARK BOARD AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: Alderperson Mueller said there were a few minor changes made at the meeting last night and they would be given to Attorney Robb for correction and brought back to the next meeting. He said this would streamline the department with Shane Stibbe handling the parks and recreation while David Fry handles the cemetery and grounds. The goal is to update all inventory of city property and develop plans for property maintenance. No action was taken.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WAIVING THE READING AND ADOPTING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 620.05 (11) RELATED TO HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE RAMPING WHERE SIDEWALKS MEET STREETS: The Council adopted a plan a couple months requiring truncated domes on sidewalks where they meet the street which is a federal ADA requirement. This corrects the Ordinance. Motion by Machotka, second by Kaufman to suspend the rules, waive the reading and adopt Ordinance 620.05 (11). Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NEW PUMP PURCHASE FOR BOILER AT SYMONS OUT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS: Alderperson Rakow stated a pump went out at Symons and it would be used for the new boiler as well as the current one. Motion by Rakow, second by Kaufman to approve the request from capital funds. Motion carried 8-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF SALT FOR STREET DEPARTMENT: Mayor Corcoran thanked County Highway Department for researching and lowering the cost charged to the City by \$10 per ton. Motion by Machotka, second by Rakow to approve the purchase of 330 tons of salt for \$31,665.48 from the 2015 budget. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF TAR FOR STREET DEPARTMENT: The City can save the cost of shipping by purchasing 9 pallets of tar now at a cost of \$10,300 from the State. Motion by Rakow, second by Kloehn to approve the purchase of 90 pallets of tar from the 2015 roadways contracted work budget at a cost of \$10,300.00. Motion carried 8-0.

UTILITY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER PAY APPLICATION FROM STAAB CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WWTF & LIFT STATION UNDER CONTRACT A #RC-55: Motion by Rakow, second by Fruit to approve the payment of \$358,045.15. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO OWNER-ENGINEER AGREEMENT: Mayor Corcoran stated the papers were signed for the Rural Development loan and grant last Thursday. The amendment allows the Utility to receive a reimbursement for engineering under the Rural Development Grant. Motion by Rakow, second by Machotka to approve the amendment. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE RICHLAND AIRPORT: Mayor Corcoran reported the tank is low on fuel and the club is working on flushing it to obtain certification which will allow it to be insured. No action was taken.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Mueller, second by Machotka to approve payment of the bills with the addition of a Ferrellgas Inc invoice for fuel at the airport in the amount of \$1013.28. Motion carried 8-0.

ADJOURN: Motion by Machotka, second by Fruit to adjourn. Motion carried.
Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor, Paul F. Corcoran

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones