

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

June 21, 2016

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, June 21, 2016 commencing at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Paul F. Corcoran presiding. Alderpersons Michael Kaufman, John Collins, Marsha Machotka, Lisa Miller, Marie Rakow, and Bill Kloehn. Alderpersons Diane Cox and Travis Wertz were absent. Mayor Corcoran called the meeting to order and ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Rakow, second by Machotka and Kloehn to go into closed session per WI Stats 19.85 (1)(e) to deliberate the sale of public properties in the Industrial Park North and for possible investment of public funds regarding Panorama Estates. Motion carried 6-0. The closed session was held in the Library of the Municipal Building.

Closed Session.

Motion by Machotka, second by Kloehn to reconvene into open session and possible vote on matters discussed in closed. Motion carried 6-0. Attorney Robb stated that there was no vote in closed session and wanted the public to be aware of that fact. Motion by Machotka to re-offer Dairyland Transportation the developer agreement with an amendment that the sale price of the land is zero dollars. Rakow seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Rakow, second by Kloehn to approve the minutes of the last meeting in lieu of printed copies with a correction that Alderperson Wertz abstained from the vote for the Hospital Foundation temporary beer license. Motion carried 6-0.

REPORT FROM CATHY CIANCI REGARDING PINE VALLEY AND THE HEALTH CARE WORKER CRISIS: Cathy Cianci reported on the vacant care giver openings within the state and how Pine Valley Community Village deals with the issue. She stated that the state of Wisconsin is the worst in the nation for the percentage of cost paid for Medicaid claims and urged residents to contact their State Legislators to improve this. Home Health Aid positions are paid; they have openings, and offer free training. She stated the requirements of the City's conditional use permit are being met by Pine Valley. Jennifer Salisbury reported on the building that will have 80 skilled nursing beds and 16 assisted living beds as well as rehabilitation rooms with all being private and 188 sq. ft. October 6th is the date scheduled for the move to the new facility.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sharon Schmitz spoke on the different groups working together and supporting each other making a team. Rebecca Furbish spoke on the last meeting of the Downtown Neighborhood Association that discussed signs that align with the downtown revitalization plan. Scott Laage from BL Signs said there is a need for new directional signs. Sue Patch commented that there was a sign stating that Hwy 14 between Madison and Richland Center is the Frank Lloyd Wright Memorial Highway as well as a sign directing people to the A. D. German Warehouse that are missing. She requested they be replaced. Darin Gudgeon spoke on an invoice that was generated following regulations for ambulance requested by the Police

Department to stand by for an emergency situation. He felt a memorandum agreement for mutual aid with law enforcement is presented the next ambulance committee meeting and urged the Council not to do anything until after the meeting. Judy Shireman agreed with Darin Gudgeon.

CITY EVENTS AND CITIZENS CONCERNS: Mayor Corcoran handed out concerns from Adam Bingham pointing out areas in the Park that he feels need attention. He would like a general discussion on a future agenda. He received a complaint about Union Street project not being finished and would like it addressed.

ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Alderperson Kloehn requested prioritizing projects and developing a plan. Alderperson Collins agreed with Kloehn. Mayor Corcoran asked all council members to bring forward the top 5 projects they would have, prioritize it and the price would be no object. Rod Perry said the Utilities are finishing up construction at the waste water plant, working on the electric sub-station and for the water department, they are making repairs on the east storage as well as looking at a new site on the south east side of the city.

CITY AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS: Electric Superintendent Dale Bender reported that the Union Street project is not finished because of Charter Communications having work to be done that they have scheduled for July 8th. He talked about the Pine River and the large number of people using it. The Fire Department is planning and training for emergency responding on the river. The bike trail is paved and lighting started today. August 6th there will be a fundraiser event called pound the pavement for people to be on the newly paved trail. A grand unveiling of the projects is being planned for Centerfest which is on October 1st this year. Last weekend in Stevens Point the City was recognized by the biking community. Friends of the Pine is focusing on the river and keeping it open. Mr. Bender said Southwest Partners is the organization working on the projects included in the grant but he hopes that once they are finished Friends of the Pine will become the group that is the voice of the all silent sports, who would help with maintenance and fundraising or whatever might be needed.

PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FROM ALLIED MACHINERY RICHLAND, LLC TO ALLOW FOR AN 8' HIGH SECURITY FENCE THAT EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 6' AND IS LOCATED AT 1000 FOUNDRY DRIVE: Motion by Rakow, second by Kaufman to approve the 8' high fence. The motion was amended to include waiving the \$400 fee. Motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES: Alderperson Machotka read the list of licenses to be renewed. Motion by Machotka, second by Kaufman to approve the license as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL LICENSES: There are three licenses to be approved. The Family Dollar Stores of WI, Inc has a tobacco license, Gary Manning a tree cutting license, and Badger Amusements d/b/a Quarter Time for Galaxy Skate Center has an arcade license for approval. Motion by Machotka, second by Kaufman to approve the licenses. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER APPLICATION FROM RICHLAND ROCKETS BASEBALL FOR TEMPORARY CLASS “B” LICENSES TO SELL FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGES AT HOME TALENT BASEBALL GAMES ON JULY 1, JULY 8, JULY 10, JULY 15, JULY 22 AND JULY 30, 2016 FROM 1 HOUR BEFORE UNTIL 1 HOUR AFTER EACH GAME: Motion by Machotka, second by Kloehn to approve the licenses. Motion carried 5-1 with Rakow against.

CONSIDER APPLICATION FROM MADISON YOUTH PERFORMING ARTS FOUNDATION INC FOR TEMPORARY CLASS “B” LICENSE TO SELL FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGES AT THE RC THUNDERFEST EVENT ON JULY 2, 2016 FROM NOON TO MIDNIGHT: Motion by Machotka, second by Kaufman to approve the license pending proof of liability insurance. Motion carried 6-0. It was noted this is the parent organization over Richland Rejuvenates that works with the Parks to hold the event.

UTILITY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS: CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PAY APPLICATION FROM STAAB CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WWTF UNDER CONTRACT A: Motion by Collins, second by Machotka to approve the payment to Staab. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE REPRESENTATIVE TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM STATE OF WISCONSIN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR WATER DEPARTMENT STORAGE FACILITY: Rod Perry said this resolution would approve an application of up to \$2.5 million to construct a new water storage facility on the south east side of the city. Loan payments would be paid by the Utility. Motion by Machotka, second by Kloehn to approve Resolution 2016-16. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER RESOLUTUION DECLARING OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES: Motion by Machotka, second by Kloehn to approve resolution 2016-17. Motion carried 6-0.

PARK BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS: CONSIDER POLICY FOR NAMING PARKS AND TRAILS: Alderperson Miller stated all reference to Park Commission should be changed to the Property Committee and Park Board. Mayor Corcoran asked the following questions be thought about for the next meeting. Do we solicit funds for naming rights, how do we set up the criteria, should the Property and Park Board make recommendations, what if it is a controversial issue, and should there be criteria set on prices for naming rights. Dale Bender asked that this policy not necessarily be effective for the current grant as far as naming rights for those making substantial donations for the Pine River Trails grant because there have already been donations with the expectation of having naming rights. No action was taken.

CONSIDER ESTABLISHING POLICY FOR CHARGING FEE TO AMBULANCE FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE: Motion by Machotka, second by Kloehn to postpone until after the Ambulance Committee reviews the issue. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 290 RELATING TO

PEDDLERS, CANVASSERS AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS: Clerk Jones explained how this ordinance has caused issues with several city residents. She also noted a person is interested in having a food truck in the community. Attorney Robb stated the ordinance was effective in 1950 and could use some updating. Brat stands versus food trucks and ice cream trucks should be addressed as well as special events. Alderperson Kaufman suggested attorney Robb start working on this and that event sponsors be responsible for vendors. Attorney Robb stated the purpose of the ordinance is to have the police department aware of who is in the community soliciting from residents or selling at events to protect residents from becoming victims.

DISCUSSION ON PARKING ISSUES ALONG SEXTONVILLE ROAD: Alderperson Machotka stated on October 6 of 2015 the Public Safety Committee came up with two alternatives, one being eliminating parking on one side of the road and the other option being center striping which was approved. This should be on the next agenda. Alderperson Kloehn stated the road was rebuilt the same as when it was Hwy 14 and he felt the striping would be sufficient.

OLD BUSINESS:

CONSIDER ACTION ON DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PLAN AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOWNTOWN: It was determined to have the Downtown Neighborhood Association meet with the Plan Commission.

APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Kaufman, second by Miller to nominate and appoint Jay Buchanan Mueller to the Utility Commission. Motion carried 6-0.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Rakow, second by Machotka to present the bills to council and to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURN: Motion by Kloehn, second by Machotka to adjourn. Motion carried at 10:07 p.m.
Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor, Paul F. Corcoran

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones