

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

**July 19, 2016**

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 commencing at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Paul F. Corcoran presiding. Alderpersons Diane Cox, Michael Kaufman, John Collins, Marsha Machotka, Lisa Miller, Travis Wertz, and Bill Kloehn. Alderperson Marie Rakow was absent. Mayor Corcoran called the meeting to order and ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Kaufman, second by Collins to approve the minutes of the last meeting in lieu of printed copies. Motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Sharon Schmitz spoke on how nice the caboose looks since it was painted, the citizens that participated in the development of a new chamber, ambulance committee plans to provide long term support for EMTs and ambulance, who to direct someone for new business wanting to come to the City, a rumor on rerouting Hwy 80 to Hwy 14, if ATVs were allowed on the new bike trail and a clarification of a rumor that volunteers leaving the ambulance. Mayor Corcoran stated new businesses should contact Melinda Jones or him. Dale Bender said no ATVs will be permitted on the bike trail.

**REPORT FROM CECIL GROVES, CORRESPONDENT VOYAGER LOCALE 1268 REPORT ON FORTY AND EIGHT:** Mr. Groves stated the City of Richland Center has received recognition from the State as the City of the Year in support of Veterans and has been nominated for national recognition. He stated the Forty and Eight is a French Tradition recognizing that 40 men or 8 horses could be accommodated on the rails during the war that ended in 1919. The members have to be actively involved in the American Legion and are recruited by invitation only. This group is considered the Honor Society of the American Legion. Richland Center has the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> largest local in the State. The Parade Locomotive has been all over the country.

**CITY EVENTS AND CITIZENS CONCERNS:** Mayor Corcoran stated the City received a \$200 bill from the ambulance a while back and so far there has not been any resolution. All police officers have bullet proof vests and some were donated by individuals. The police body cameras have been ordered.

**ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING:** Alderpersons Kloehn and Collins requested looking at fixing pavement due to utility issues on Rosa Street. Alderperson Cox stated there is a large population of skunks and would like to know of a humane way to reduce the population.

**CITY AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS:** Melinda Jones stated the City structure to hang banners has become a problem and regulations should be developed. Dale Bender handed out a picture of what the canoe/kayak landings will look like and four different companies can bid on this style which are the same style of landing as the others owned by the City. Port 2 and 3 will be repaired after being washed out a couple times. The mountain bike trail

has 3 miles of trail open but there is no signage yet. The easement with the Armory is still being worked on. The bike trail is paved and lighting is installed. The camping rules will need to be in place when the campsites are ready. Lastly he stated the responsible party for the drone damage has come forward and will be billed for damages by the utility.

**PUBLIC SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS: CONSIDER APPLICATION FROM PEDRO-LAUDA RENALDO AND CLAUDIA MARLOS GONZALEZ FOR A CLASS “A” (BEER) ALCOHOL BEVERAGE RETAIL LICENSE AT TIENDA MEXICAN OASIS AT 170 N. MAIN ST.:** Alderperson Machotka stated public safety approved and she made the motion to approve. Collins seconded and the motion carried 7-0.

**CONSIDER APPLICATION FROM THE ASSUMPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH FOR A TEMPORARY CLASS “B” (BEER) AND “CLASS B” (WINE) LICENSE FOR A FESTIVAL ON AUGUST 20, 2016 AT 160 W. 4<sup>TH</sup> ST.:** Motion by Machotka to approve the license for their annual festival, second by Collins. Motion carried 7-0.

**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 Cox to approve the payment to Staab. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF QUOTE FROM BADGER SCALE FOR REPAIRS TO THE LANDFILL SCALE:** Motion by Machotka, second by Kloehn to approve the repairs. Motion carried 7-0.

**OLD BUSINESS: CONSIDER ACTION ON ISSUES OF THE NORTH PARK POND:** Mayor Corcoran stated the water has been tested and there are no chemical problems. A wetland island being installed in the middle was mentioned. Midwest Floating Island is the web site if anyone would like to look at them. The well is not pumping fast enough to take the bad nutrients out and provide oxygen and an island could help with that or a waterfall. A new well would have to follow DNR and NRCS regulations. The current fountain builds up and plugs with algae so it is not being effective.

**CONSIDER ACTION ON ISSUES OF THE RICHLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE:** The next meeting is tomorrow night and they want to look at replacing an ambulance. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the agreement and the next assessment is being worked on. Mayor Corcoran reported that the City has 2 votes out of 20 members where at the Fire Department the City has 1 vote and the Rural District of the Townships has 1 vote.

**CONSIDER POLICY ON NAMING PARKS AND TRAILS:** The document handed out at the last meeting was put in proper format by Attorney Robb. Motion by Machotka, second by Collins to approve the Resolution noting that commitments made prior to the effective date for the DNR grant will be honored. Motion carried 7-0. Dale Bender mentioned the commitments are for items like park benches and landings that there would be a plaque on but nothing related to naming a park.

**CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 290 RELATING TO PEDDLERS, CANVASSERS, AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS:** Motion by Machotka, second by Collins to postpone. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 101.25 RELATING TO ALLOWING BICYCLING ON SIDEWALKS:** Motion by Kaufman, second by Machotka to suspend the rules, waive the reading and enact the ordinance amendment. Motion carried 7-0.

**CONSIDER POLICY ON PARAMETERS FOR DENIAL OF OPERATOR LICENSES AND REUQUIRING PHOTO ID:** Motion by Machotka, second by Cox to postpone. Motion carried 7-0.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Mayor Corcoran noted that Alderperson Wertz did not sign the Finance Committee form. Motion by Kloehn, second by Kaufman to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried 6-0 with Alderperson Wertz abstaining.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Collins, second by Miller to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:17 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