

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
August 2, 2016**

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, August 2, 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, Marie Rakow and Bill Kloehn were present. Mayor Corcoran ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Kloehn, second by Cox to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the last meeting in lieu of printed copies and to approve the same. Motion carried 8-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Rick Gander from RC Cycles spoke about a swap meet for cars and bikes on Saturday, August 13 from 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM at Starlite 14. Proceeds will go to the Purple Heart and Green Beret Foundation. 4H members will provide food and drink. For questions, call 608-383-0777 or 608-475-9531, or you may also call Shawn's Auto and Performance.

Sharon Schmitz asked what the procedures are for appointment of citizens for committees and commissions. She stated they should receive a public thank you for serving.

**CITY EVENTS AND CITIZENS CONCERNS:** There will be a Guinness Book of World Records event coming up at the end of October. Street cutting and enforcement should be discussed as well as wild animals in the city.

**ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING:** Alderperson Cox would like a presentation at the next meeting on the Dementia Friendly Communities Project. Alderperson Collins asked how we could become a bike friendly city. Alderperson Wertz stated landlords have a significant number of tenants that are not paying utility bills. He mentioned having a maximum dollar amount when shutting off service or a Utilities policy where tenants have to pay the amount owed on one residence before they can start paying on the new residence. The security deposit should cover this. Dale Bender stated the issue is governed by the PSC and there are strict regulations to follow. Alderperson Kloehn had concerns about truck traffic on Bohmann Drive that needs to be using Foundry Drive. Clerk Jones spoke on WI Connect Wireless at the airport. She also said that WPPI was hosting a three-hour session in mid September for Economic Development in Partnership with Brian Doudna at WEDC. Mayor Corcoran reminded everyone that August 7<sup>th</sup> is Purple Heart Day and that Veterans at Walsh's Ace Hardware will hold a brat stand. Richland Center is the first Purple Heart City and it is a day to recognize and honor those with a Purple Heart.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** City Clerk/Treasurer Melinda D. Jones handed out the report for July 2016. The month end balance is as follows:

General Fund	227,881.12
State Pool - Account # 1	1,296,233.64
Money Market Tax Acct.	12,867.81
State Pool – Account #2 Long Term Care	544,966.57

**Restricted Funds:**

CDBG - Housing RLF	61,409.98
Revolving Loan Fund- Savings	735,481.96
Revolving Loan Fund – Checking	3,046.95
Landfill Care – CD	282,520.17
Landfill Care - CD	276,809.40
Library Checking	169,967.35
Room Tax	53,986.65
State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5	3,254,039.78

**Committed Funds:**

State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover	696,566.66
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**Assigned Funds:**

Cemetery	4,678.87
Park / Community Center	47,120.79
Park and Rec Checking	3,808.61
RDA Checking	112,818.40

**CITY UTILITIES:**

Electric Utility Fund	185,482.98
Electric Unrestricted Funds	48,719.19
Water Utility Fund	166,640.30
Water Utility Unrestricted Funds	54,821.47
Waste Water Utility Fund	164,584.80
Waste Water Unrestricted Funds	34,515.45

**RESTRICTED FOR PROJECTS:**

Electric	2,528,071.26
Water	1,479,151.72
WWTP	3,168,127.74

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAY APPLICATION FROM A-1 EXCAVATING, INC. FOR 2016 STREET PROJECTS:** Motion by Kaufman, second by Cox to approve payment to A-1 Excavating, Inc. for 2016 street projects. Motion carried 8-0.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR CITY STRUCTURE TO HOLD EVENT BANNERS:** Mayor Corcoran spoke about how the banner structure is nice for organizations to use. He questioned whether there should be any enforcement of the use, and who should do that. There was further discussion with the consensus being there should be regulations. No action taken.

**CONSIDER ISSUES WITH THE COUNTY RADIO SYSTEM RELATED TO POLICE, SHERIFF, FIRE, AND EMS COMMUNICATIONS:** Mayor Corcoran stated there are areas of the county where the radio and cellular phones do not work. Adding 3-4 more towers would cost \$2.5 million dollars. There was brief discussion, however no action taken.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO STREET PROJECTS FOR 2016 TO INCLUDE ENGINEERING, BASE, CURB, GUTTER AND REPAVING ROSA STREET NORTH OF ITHACA ROAD.** Motion by Wertz and Kaufman, second by Collins to approve engineering not to exceed \$3500.00 from MSA, approve the Rosa Street project north of Ithaca Road not to exceed \$45,469.33 (which includes the engineering) with approximately \$32,837 coming from the borrowed funds with the remaining amount charged to roadways contracted work. Motion carried 8-0.

**OLD BUSINESS: CONSIDER ACTION ON ISSUES OF THE NORTH PARK POND:** Samples were taken at approximately 6' and borings show there is only 2-4" of clay liner. There are no hidden pollutants. They are looking into a Midwest floating Island to help with the nutrients. They will present options soon. No action taken.

**CONSIDER ACTION ON ISSUES OF THE RICHLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE:** Alderperson Kloehn stated that a Mutual Aide Agreement between the Police and Ambulance was signed and the bill for standby was taken care of. No action taken.

**PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS:** Motion by Machotka, second by Kloehn to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Cox, second by Miller to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:05 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