

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
April 4, 2017**

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 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 Collins 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:** Mr. John Cler spoke on the deer within the city and damage they can do to landscaping or gardens. He said he would be happy to assist if the Council would like to look at options for dealing with the deer. Kathy Troxel spoke on the need to build relations with other government entities. She is looking forward to a better future for Richland Center. Sharon Schmitz requested a future agenda discuss what can be clarified from closed sessions.

**ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING:** Mayor Corcoran requested the City, County, Hospital, Southwest Partners and others think about how we as a community can hire and retain services for mental health within the County. Alderperson Kloehn asked for repairs on Miner Court. Cox asked what the city could do to recruit and retain business. Wertz, Miller, Machotka, and Kaufman would like discussion on the next agenda about distressed properties and enforcement. Rakow asked to reinstate the city/county ad hoc committee. Collins agreed with Rakow.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Dale Bender made the council aware of jet skis on the Pine River.

Motion by Cox, second by Machotka to approve the agenda with the exclusion of item #11. Motion carried 8-0.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** City Clerk/Treasurer Melinda D. Jones handed out the report for March 2017. The month end balance is as follows:

General Fund	189,343.97
State Pool - Account # 1	2,393,285.16
Money Market Tax Acct.	12,871.43
State Pool – Account #2 Long Term Care	546,636.31

**Restricted Funds:**

CDBG - Housing RLF	86,879.35
Revolving Loan Fund- Savings	747,591.06
Revolving Loan Fund – Checking	1,217.07
Landfill Care – CD	282,805.01
Landfill Care - CD	276,809.40
Library Checking	173,686.47
Room Tax	41,917.43

State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5 3,583,746.04

**Committed Funds:**

State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover 931,297.49

**Assigned Funds:**

Cemetery 4,680.91  
 Park / Community Center 25,375.28  
 Park and Rec Checking 1,988.77

**CITY UTILITIES:**

Electric Utility Fund 382,143.07  
 Electric Unrestricted Funds 48,719.19  
 Water Utility Fund 269,839.37  
 Water Utility Unrestricted Funds 54,821.47  
 Waste Water Utility Fund 213,586.03  
 Waste Water Unrestricted Funds 34,515.45

**RESTRICTED FOR PROJECTS:**

Electric 1,738,355.72  
 Water 1,569,101.59  
 WWTP 5,036,733.76

**CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM EHLERS FOR ASSISTANCE WITH ANNUAL TAX INCREMENT DISTRICT REPORTING AND TID UPDATES FROM JAMES MANN.** Mr. Mann reported on the new legislation for active tax increment districts. He said he would be happy to assist with the joint review board meetings and preparation at a cost of \$1500 for each district and \$1000 for the meetings for a total cost of \$5500.00. Motion by Machotka, second by Kloehn to approve the contract with Ehler's. Motion carried 8-0. Mr. Mann stated that TID 2 can be closed in 2018, TID 3 can be closed and TID 4 will need to remain open until it pays itself off. He mentioned that TID 2 could remain open one more year and use the funds for affordable housing.

**DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATION FROM SCHMITT WOODLAND HILLS REFERENCE CYCLING WITHOUT AGE / BIKER FRIENDLY COMMUNITY.** Mr. Bill Bartlett, Development Director at Schmitt Woodland Hills talked about cycling without age and that Schmitt has ordered a trishaw from Copenhagen. One volunteer will peddle 2 passengers around the city. Mallory Bender discussed a bike friendly community status that is nationally recognized. She requested the city allowing Southwest Partners applying for the status with the Hospital and Symons and City involvement. There is no cost to apply. No action was taken.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: CONSIDER APPLICATION FROM ST. MARY'S OF THE ASSUMPTION FOR A TEMPORARY CLASS"B" (beer) LICENSE FOR THE 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPORTMAN'S EXTRAVAGANZA TO BE HELD APRIL 22, 2017 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER, 1050 N. ORANGE ST.** Motion by Machotka, second by Collins to approve the license. Motion carried 7-1 with Rakow voting against.

**CONSIDER APPLICATION FROM THE A.D. GERMAN WAREHOUSE CONSERVANCY FOR A TEMPORARY “CLASS B” (WINE) LICENSE FOR THE FRANK LOYD WRIGHT 150<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 AT THE A.D. GERMAN WAREHOUSE, 360 S. CHURCH ST.** Motion by Machotka, second by Cox to approve pending the renewal of liability insurance. Motion carried 8-0.

**DISCUSSION ON WATER PROBLEMS IN YARDS BEWEEN THE NORTH PARK POND AND SUNSET LANE.** Several members of the neighborhood were present to ask the City’s assistance in figuring out the water drainage issues and how it could be engineered to prevent water from standing in these yards. They showed pictures and how pumps were used with all the high water last fall. Motion by Wertz, second by Kaufman to request Vierbicher provide a rough estimate with a possible solution. Motion carried 8-0.

**CONSIDER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FROM PANORAAMA ESTATES FOR MINING, LAND RECLAMATION, AND SOIL PROCESSING.** Mr. Kleinsasser said he would move about 42,000 cubic yards of dirt but it would all remain on site. Mr. Bill Muth stated he did not want to annex his property into the city and asked how it would be graded to prevent water runoff. Mr. Kleinsasser said he would provide a berm on the south side of Mr. Muth’s property with a retention pond just south of the berm. He said he wanted to make the neighbors happy. Motion by Cox, second by Machotka to approve the conditional use permit. Motion carried 8-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**CONSIDER ACTION ON ISSUES OF THE NORTH PARK POND.** The aerators were pulled and sent to Chitwood Electric for annual maintenance.

**CONSIDER ACTION ON ISSUES OF THE RICHLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE.** Fred Clary stated the WI Towns Association wants to meet with the Ambulance Committee on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Collins, second by Cox to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:50 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