

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

**December 20, 2016**

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 commencing at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Paul F. Corcoran presiding. Alderpersons Diane Cox, Michael Kaufman, John Collins, Marsha Machotka, Lisa Miller, Marie Rakow, Travis Wertz and Bill Kloehn were present. Mayor Corcoran called the meeting to order and ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Sharon Schmitz spoke on the need for new housing and the impact it has on the community. She requested the council to reconsider funding to NHS and praised the buy local campaign.

**CITY EVENTS AND CITIZENS CONCERNS:** Mayor Corcoran said he received concerns from those wanting to sell food from trucks. He also requests the council approve the personnel committee to work on a modified pay scale for 2017 raises to employees and he would like the council computers be put on the next agenda to request bids.

**ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING:** Alderperson Kloehn would like to have storage and shipping containers on an agenda and Wertz would like to add temporary garages to that as well. Attorney Robb stated those items would be part of the zoning ordinance and go to the Planning Commission. Kaufman said the downtown sidewalks are not all being taken care of properly and he would like to see a plan for employee wages. Collins said that when projects come up the utilities have to be included.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** Motion by Machotka, second by Kaufman to approve the agenda and delete items 16 c, item 23, 24, 25, and 26. Motion carried 8-0.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TAXI LICENSES FOR 2017:** Motion by Machotka, second by Kaufman to approve the taxi licenses to Richland Center Transit (Running Inc) and Towne Taxi (Kevin Carley) contingent on vehicle inspections. Motion carried 8-0.

**PARK BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2017 FIREWORKS CONTRACT WITH KRUEGER PYROTECHNICS & FIREWORK DISPLAYS, LLC:** Motion by Miller, second by Machotka to approve the contract presented for 2017 fireworks. Motion carried 8-0.

**CONSIDER NAMING PARKS ON HWY 80 NORTH AND AT 600 WEST SEMINARY STREET.** Alderperson Miller stated the Hwy 80 North the Park Board recommended Lions Park because the Lions Club built most of the shelters within the parks. The Board recommended the Old Mill Pond Park for the W. Seminary St location and a few names that were discussed were Riverside Park and Pine River Park. Alderperson Cox mentioned the historical element to the Old Mill Pond name. Motion by Cox, second by Kaufman to approve the Hwy 80 North Park being

named Lions Park. Motion carried 8-0. Motion by Cox, second by Collins to approve naming the park 600 W. Seminary Street Old Mill Pond Park. Motion carried 7-1 with Rakow voting against.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE THE PLACING OF SURVEY MONUMENTS FOR THS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFF OF CTH Y:** Clerk Jones stated a new contract was drafted that closed the time frame for the survey markers to be placed at December 31, 2017. Mr. Tom Shields said once the road is constructed the markers will be placed. Motion by Rakow, second by Collins to approve the agreement. Motion carried 8-0.

**CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 101.15 RELATED TO ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING:** Alderperson Miller stated the Public Works recommendation on the request to exempt the alternate side parking for Gage and Ira Street was to deny the request due to the narrow street and the possibility of limited access for emergency vehicles. Motion by Cox to exempt the alternate side parking for the remainder of the 2016-17 snow season at the intersection of Gage and Ira Streets. The motion died for the lack of a second.

**CONSIDER AUTHORIZING 2016 EMPLOYEE BONUS:** Mayor Corcoran stated the Clerk's possible bonus is a separate item so that Alderperson Machotka could partake in discussion without a conflict of interest. He stated employees have worked hard to improve cash flow and remain under budget so he recommends a \$1000 bonus. Motion by Machotka, second by Collins to approve the \$1000 bonus for full-time and prorated for part time based on the information provided. Alderperson Collins said he has watched employees for some time and they work their butt off. Motion carried 7-1 with Kloehn dissenting.

**CONSIDER AUTHORIZING 2016 BONUS FOR CLERK/TREASURER:** Motion by Kaufman, second by Cox to approve a \$1000 bonus for the Clerk/Treasurer. Motion carried 6-1 with Kloehn dissenting and Machotka abstaining.

**CONSIDER SLARY INCREASE FOR PARKS & GROUNDS FOREMAN RELATED TO FEDERAL REGULATIONS:** Mayor Corcoran stated there is a new Federal Regulation that effective December 1, 2016 a salaried person has to make a minimum of \$47,476 or pay them overtime and change the job description to more of a demotion. This regulation was put on hold by a Federal Judge right before the December 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The Library Director and Parks & Grounds Foreman are the two that would receive the raise and the Library Board approved the Director's increase for December 1<sup>st</sup> regardless of the Judge's ruling. Motion by Kaufman, second by Machotka to approve the increase to \$47,476 for the Parks & Grounds Foreman. The motion was amended by Kaufman, seconded by Machotka to be effective December 1, 2016. Motion carried 8-0.

**UTILITY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT APPLICATION FROM STAAB CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR THE WWTP PROJECT.** Motion by Collins, second by Machotka to approve the payment of \$25,516.67. Motion carried 8-0.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER #5 WITH STAAB CONSTRUCTION CORP. RELATED TO THE WWTP PROJECT:** Motion by Machotka, second by Cox to approve the change order with a decrease of \$111,041.22. Motion carried 7-0.

**OLD BUSINESS: CONSIDER ACTION ON ISSUES OF THE NORTH PARK POND.** The options for the pond will be reviewed in January.

**CONSIDER ACTION ON ISSUES OF THE RICHLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE.** The County is having some financial situations and the next meeting will be held January 18th.

**CONSIDER SUSPENDING THE RULES, WAIVING THE READING, AND AMENDING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 290 RELATED TO PEDDLERS, CANVASSERS, AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS:** Mayor Corcoran stated he has had a request by a couple people wanting food trucks. Attorney Robb said the Public Safety Committee discussed this issue earlier today and will make recommendations to update the ordinance. No action was taken.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion by Machotka, second by Cox to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried 7-0 with Collins abstaining.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Miller, second by Cox to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:35 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