

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
May 16, 2017**

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 commencing at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Paul F. Corcoran presiding. Alderpersons Dan Schweinfus, Travis Wertz, Justin Lockwood, Marsha Machotka, Diane Cox, Michael Kaufman, Kathy Troxel, and John Collins were present. Mayor Corcoran ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Cox, second by Wertz 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: Lynn and Cherie Staskel showed flooding pictures to the new council members as it relates to agenda item #16. Sharon Schmitz stated she was at the ambulance subcommittee meeting and they are working on a 2 year proposal and looking at a district or county wide assessment.

ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Alderperson Machotka said the public safety committee had concerns raised from a citizen related to speeding on Westside Drive. The Police will patrol the area more and it was requested to be on a future Council agenda. Justin Lockwood requested agenda items #4 and #5 be placed later on the agenda so if something comes up during the meeting it would allow alderpersons to add something to the next agenda. Mayor Corcoran stated this section was more about the concerns brought up by constituents. Mr. Lockwood asked that #9 and #11 be on the next agenda for action. Alderperson Wertz requested discussion at the public safety meeting on allowing businesses to purchase a pass for customers they know may be parked longer than 2 hours. Alderperson Kaufman requested discussion on the sign ordinance related to the Hofer sign and Troxel agreed.

Motion by Machotka, second by Wertz to approve the agenda with #17d eliminated and only reviewed quarterly. Motion carried 8-0.

PRESENTATION FROM WI DOT RELATED TO SIGNS BY DEBIKAY JOHNSON & ERIN KUBE: Debi Kay Johnson stated that all locations along a state or federal highway are mandated for outdoor advertising. She said on premise signs are permitted locally and not by the DOT. Anything that is put within the right-of-way is picked up and banners are not allowed at all. She stated the City did receive a permit for the structure to place banners at and pay for it each year so she suggested it be used for event banners. She stated the sign that says downtown with an arrow needs to be removed as it is illegal. She stated that the State law covers signs that would be along or visible from highway 14 as well as highway 80. All garage sale signs that are off premise are illegal. She provided some information for the Council.

CONSIDER ORGANIZATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY: Mayor Corcoran said he and Alderperson Wertz develop a simple plan for an economic group with the council maintaining control over the economic development within the City. Alderperson Wertz stated it is a good starting point. Alderperson Collins stated he didn't feel a business would want to meet with the Council. No action was taken.

SYMONS ANNUAL REPORT BY DENISE LINS: Denise Lins presented the 2016 annual report from Symons. She said on June 8th the business celebrates its 30th anniversary and there have been 2200 members and 101,460 visits. In 1988 the budget was \$36,612 from the city and in 2017 the budget is \$37,025 for operating. The county has required a 15% cut which amounts to \$6000 for the city and \$6000 for the county.

PRESENTATION FROM SOUTHWEST PARTNERS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Mike Breininger from Southwest Partners (a 501c3 community driven organization) gave a presentation on their plan for economic development. They already have commitments for funding and a contract with Southwest Regional Planning Commission for an economic development specialist to work one day a week for the whole county at the UW Richland Campus in Richland Center. He introduced Kate Koziol. Mr. Breininger stated they want the city to be a part of it and requested funding of \$4000.00. No action was taken.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REPLACING POLICE RADIO DAMAGED BY LIGHTENING ON APRIL 30, 2017: Motion by Machotka, second by Collins to approve the purchase of a new radio within the police department budget. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER REPLACING OR REPAIRING POOL VACUUM: Motion by Wertz, second by Schweinfus to approve the purchase of a new vacuum from Midwest Pool in the amount of \$2500.00 from the pool repair budget. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH EHLERS TO CLOSED TID 2 AND TID 3: Motion by Machotka, second by Cox to approve the contracts at \$2400.00 each TID. Motion carried 8-0.

PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS: CONSIDER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST FROM LEONARD AND DONNA SCHAUB FOR AN ACCESSORY BUILDING THAT EXCEEDS THE SIZE PERMITTED BY ORDINANCE AT 100 OMAN DRIVE: Motion by Kaufman, second by Collins to approve conditional use permit. Motion carried 8-0.

PARK BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS: CONSIDER ADOPTING CAMPGROUND RULES & REGULATIONS: Motion by Cox, second by Kaufman to adopt the campground rules with #10 being changed to read: A community fire ring is available in Krouskop Park and Lions Park camping areas. Campfires are allowed only in designated fire ring that is installed. Motion carried 8-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS: CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL LICENSE TO BRENT McDONALD – MILLBRANCH TREE SERVICE LLC FOR A TREE CUTTING PERMIT: Motion by Machotka, second by Kaufman and Lockwood to approve the license. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY “CLASS B” / CLASS “B” WINE AND BEER LICENSE FROM THE RICHLAND HOSPITAL FOUNDATION FOR TASTE OF THE HILLS TO BE HELD ON JUNE 17, 2017 BETWEEN 4:00 AND 9:00 PM AT KROUSKOP PARK: Motion by Machotka, second by Cox to approve the permit. Motion carried 6-0 with

Lockwood and Wertz abstaining. It was noted the Foundation still needs a permit from the Park Board.

UPDATE ON WATER DRAINAGE ISSUES ALONG HIGHWAY 80 NORTH BETWEEN NORTH LANE AND SUNSET LANE: Mayor Corcoran introduced the proposal and stated that if work is done for private property owners, the city may have other property owners with issues. Alderperson Collins stated his displeasure about the comment at the bottom stating this is a private owner's responsibility and not necessarily the city's. Alderperson Machotka stated the city would need easements to work on private property and asked who would maintain the storm drains? There was discussion on the drain size and the grade. Bill McCorkle was in the audience and stated there are drainage problems for the back yards along Collins Drive. This item is to be placed on a future agenda. No action was taken.

OLD BUSINESS:

CONSIDER ACTION ON ISSUES OF THE RICHLAND AMBULANCE SERVICE: There is a meeting tomorrow night to review an offer.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Cox, second by Lockwood to appoint Rebecca Furbish to the Tourism Commission. Motion carried 8-0.

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

Motion by Machotka, second by Schweinfus to go into closed session per WI Stats. 19.85 (1) (c) for the purpose of investment of public funds, for the purpose of negotiations of developer agreement and strategy regarding Panorama Estates. Motion carried 8-0.

Closed Session.

Motion by Collins, second by Schweinfus to reconvene into open session. Motion carried.

Motion by Machotka, second by Schweinfus to approve the contract with Vierbicher for \$18,900.00 from Contingency for the intersection work with Hwy 14 West at Hive Drive. Motion carried 7-1 with Kaufman dissenting.

ADJOURN: Motion by Cox, second by Collins to adjourn. Motion carried at 10:26 p.m.

Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor, Paul F. Corcoran

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones