

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
August 1, 2017**

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 commencing at 7:31 P.M., Mayor Paul F. Corcoran presiding. Alderpersons Diane Cox, Michael Kaufman, Kathy Troxel, John Collins, Travis Wertz, Justin Lockwood, and Marsha Machotka were present. Alderperson Dan Schweinefus was absent. Mayor Corcoran ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Presentation from Darin Gudgeon, Richland County Ambulance Director: Gudgeon stated that the Richland County Ambulance Service has operated since 1972. Presently there are 21 members, 6 trainees, and three ambulances serving 13 townships, 2 villages (Boaz & Yuba), and the City of Richland Center at the Advanced EMT level. The Joint Ambulance Committee was formed in 2015 and has since become financially stable and has implemented the concept of a “blended crew” of volunteers and paid on-call staff. The Joint Ambulance Committee consists of one representative from each of the participating townships and villages, and two representatives from the City of Richland Center. Since 2015, the Richland County Ambulance Service has charged \$150 per call based on the number of calls the previous year (City of Richland Center contract costs: 2015-\$84,900 / 2016-\$77,850 / 2017-\$74,100). The proposed 2018 and 2019 contracts with the City of Richland Center would total \$92,480. That is based on a rate of \$170 for a 4-year average of 544 calls in which a person or persons picked up by the ambulance were located within the city.

Presentation from Dana Sechler, Chief/EMS Director of the Baraboo District Ambulance Service: Sechler advised that Wisconsin is experiencing a national decline in volunteerism that is affecting ambulance services. He added that communities have increasing expectations for the level of care people receive from ambulances. Presently, the Baraboo District Ambulance Service (BDAS) has eight municipality members and has 50 licensed EMS providers on staff that operate at a Paramedic level. The BDAS charges municipalities on a per capita basis. Sechler stated that the 2018 contract with the City of Richland Center would be calculated at a rate of \$30 per resident – or a total fee of \$155,580. The BDAS would be stationed at 85 East Robb Road in Richland Center and respond to 9-1-1 emergencies in addition to the inter-facility transfer rig and crew that are currently stationed there. BDAS would also maintain required insurance minimums and would be responsible for billing and collecting all patient bills & fees based upon current rates.

Mayor Corcoran stated that the current contract with the Richland County Ambulance Service will expire at the end of 2017. There are three options moving forward. 1) Continue a contract with the Richland County Ambulance Service; 2) Secure a contract with a private ambulance service; 3) Move forward under an ambulance district with other participating municipalities. A vote will take place at the next Council meeting.

Motion by Wertz, second by Machotka to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the last meeting in lieu of printed copies and to approve the same. Motion carried 7-0.

MAYOR & ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING:

Mayor Corcoran stated that the group interested in forming a Chamber of Commerce will present at an upcoming meeting. Corcoran expressed his desire to create a contract with Southwest Partners. Mayor Corcoran and Alderperson Troxel said that there is an effort underway to raise money for a new municipal pool/aquatic center. The council may be asked to consider funding to pay for a schematic or site plan for the new facility.

CITY & UTILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS: David Fry, City Park Foreman, reported on the flood of 7-20-2017. The flood caused approximately \$9,949 in lost park materials and 150 hours of time. Fry said that two fishing piers were lost and wondered if they are worth replacing since they have been destroyed and replaced in previous floods. Fry also indicated that a kayak landing is missing due to the flood and is not covered by insurance.

Motion by Machotka, second by Cox to approve the agenda, with items 15a through 15d removed. Motion carried on a voice vote.

TREASURER’S REPORT: City Clerk/Treasurer Melinda D. Jones presented the report for June 2017. The month end balance is as follows:

General Fund	306,000.73
State Pool - Account # 1	1,516,017.95
Money Market Tax Acct.	14,998.34
State Pool – Account #2 Long Term Care	547,886.10

Restricted Funds:

CDBG - Housing RLF	105,606.13
Revolving Loan Fund- Savings	752,480.79
Revolving Loan Fund – Checking	1,217.07
Landfill Care – CD	282,805.01
Landfill Care - CD	276,809.40
Library Checking	142,972.44
Room Tax	50,519.42
State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5	3,613,554.26

Committed Funds:

State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover	933,005.68
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Assigned Funds:

Cemetery	4,682.79
Park / Community Center	35,396.74
Park and Rec Checking	1,867.72

CITY UTILITIES:

Electric Utility Fund	45,982.25
Electric Unrestricted Funds	48,719.19

Water Utility Fund	184,239.73
Water Utility Unrestricted Funds	54,821.47
Waste Water Utility Fund	156,828.71
Waste Water Unrestricted Funds	34,515.45

RESTRICTED FOR PROJECTS:

Electric	1,293,208.02
Water	1,280,912.56
WWTP	4,519,038.23
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	7,093,158.81

CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH BUENA VISTA FLYING CLUB ON DATE THE FUEL TANK IS TRANSFERRED TO THE CITY: Motion by Machotka, second by Lockwood to approve the amended agreement and set September 1st as the date the Buena Vista Flying Club shall transfer ownership of the fuel tank to the city. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM LESTER PARKER TO INSTALL A RETAINING WALL WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 872 ITHACA ROAD: Motion by Kaufman to approve with Mr. Parker responsible for maintenance and any damages. Council members questioned the height of the retaining wall. Attorney Robb will develop a maintenance agreement. Motion by Machotka, second by Cox to postpone action pending the maintenance agreement and determining the height of the retaining wall. Motion carried on a voice vote.

CONSIDER ISSUES WITH SIDEWALK AT THERESA GOPLIN RESIDENTS AT 515 E. KINDER STREET: Ms. Goplin complained that Augelli – the city’s contractor – removed her sidewalk prior to her own contractor’s arrival. She also stated that more of her sidewalk was removed by Augelli than what was marked for removal. As a result, Goplin requested reimbursement for the difference. The Council took no action. Mayor Corcoran will negotiate compensation with Ms. Goplin and bring forward a proposal for the Council to consider.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BORROWING FROM WPPI ENERGY FOR LED UPGRADE PROJECT: Motion by Wertz, second by Lockwood to approve a resolution authorizing borrowing from WPPI Energy for LED upgrade project. Motion approved 7-0.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE RE: DEVELOPER AGREEMENT WITH JENSEN CASTINGS, LLC: Motion by Kaufman, second by Collins to approve a payment of \$10,000 to Jensen Castings, LLC per developer agreement. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS: Motion by Machotka, second by Cox to approve Travis Wertz, Tom Peralta, and David Scribbins to the ADA Compliance Committee. Motion carried 7-0.

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS: Motion by Machotka, second by Cox to approve the payment of bills dated August 1, 2017. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Collins, second by Machotka to go into closed session per WI Stats. 19.85 (1) (d). Motion carried on voice vote at 10:25 PM.

Closed Session.

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

ADJOURN: Motion by Machotka, second by Wertz to adjourn. Motion carried at 10:53 PM.

Minutes by Aaron Joyce, Deputy Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor, Paul F. Corcoran

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones