

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

March 20, 2018

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 commencing at 7:33 P.M., Mayor Paul F. Corcoran presiding. Alderpersons John Collins, Michael Kaufman, Kathy Troxel, Jacob Lundgren, Diane Cox, Justin Lockwood, Travis Wertz, and Marsha Machotka were present. Mayor Corcoran ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Machotka, second by Cox to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the meeting on March 6, 2018 in lieu of printed copies. Motion carried 8-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Suzanne Fish spoke about her concerns with the Pool Ad Hoc Committee's process and pace in which they are working. Kathy Stoltz spoke in favor of the proposed ATV/UTV route. Jim Oman thanked those associated with developing the city's dog park. Oman also expressed his concerns with the city's recent sidewalk project and how residents were notified. Jay B. Mueller asked the council to consider encouraging the state legislature to help protect renters against absentee landlords. Mueller also spoke about the potential tax burden the proposed aquatic center will have on residents. Carey Norman expressed concerns with the proposed aquatic center including a lack of design options, limited funds currently in house, and potential operational costs. He would like to see a minimum of three options to choose from with related costs.

CITY EVENTS, CITIZEN CONCERNS, & ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTRE MEETING: Alderperson Machotka would like to look at passing an ordinance against bullying. Alderperson Troxel would like to review the junk ordinance, enforcement and issuing tickets at the next meeting. Melinda Jones stated state law required the city to provide a bond to the county for tax collection with minimum coverage of \$250,000 and it was changed last fall to the full amount of the county taxes. The cost was over \$1200. The city has a crime insurance policy and she would like to bring forth an ordinance that will eliminate the cost of bonding by using the crime policy in the near future.

APPROVE AGENDA: Alderperson Kaufman requested that items #16a, #16c, and #16c be removed from the agenda. Motion by Alderperson Collins, second by Cox to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 8-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

CONSIDER AWARDING BID FOR FINANCING HASELTINE STREET AND WESTSIDE DRIVE PROJECTS: Dawn Gunderson-Scheil from Ehlers was present via speaker phone and reviewed the four bids. There were three options presented from Community First Bank and one from Associated Bank. She recommended the first bid from Community First with a 2.73% interest rate and an AIC of 2.9326% for the \$752,000.00 loan. Motion by Machotka, second by Collins to approve the recommendation from Ehlers for loan option #1 from Community First Bank. Motion approved 7-0 with Lockwood abstaining.

REPORT FROM SOUTHWEST WI REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION BY KATRINA HECIMOVIC ON THE REGIONAL TRANSIT STUDY: Ms Hecimovic stated she spent 18 months on a transit study based on Richland, Green, Iowa, Grant, and Lafayette Counties. The weaknesses noted are the wait time for a ride and that medical appointments had to be cancelled at times because the rider did not schedule the ride far enough in advance. Recommendations are to have more accessible rides, on demand services, more vehicles in rotation and coordinating rides in the off-peak hours. She stated they will be working on additional state funding.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ATV/UTV ROUTE WITHIN CITY LIMITS, SPECIFICALLY ON W. SEMINARY STREET EAST TO ORANGE STREET, NORTH TO 7TH STREET, EAST TO JEFFERSON STREET, NORTH TO 8TH STREET, EAST TO PARK STREET, NORTH TO 10TH STREET, EAST TO CEDAR STREET/COUNTY HWY AA THEN NORTH TO THE CITY LIMITS:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ATV/UTV ROUTE WITHIN CITY LIMITS, SPECIFICALLY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF W SEMINARY AND ORANGE STEETS, EAST TO CHURCH STREET, SOUTH TO US HWY 14, EAST TO BOHMANN DRIVE, SOUTH TO COUNTY HWY RC, PENDING THE WI DOT'S APPROVAL FOR 1250 FEET STRETCH OF USH 14:

CONSIDER MAKING FORMAL REQUEST TO WI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO COMPLETE A REVIEW FOR THE 1250 FOOT STRETCH OF US HWY 14 INTERSECTIONS WITH SEXTONVILLE ROAD AND BOHMANN DRIVE FOR AN ATV/UTV TRAIL: Mr. Todd Coppernoll presented the trail as a one-year trial during daylight hours. Drivers had to be 16 or over, hold a valid drivers license, have proof of insurance, the vehicle must be registered with the DNR, have seatbelts worn, lights and standard equipment as well as drivers staying on the route and under the posted speed limit. Residents could travel from their home on the most direct route to the trail. He listed Reedsburg, Mauston, Darlington, and Monroe that have had positive changes from their routes, no accidents and no citations. There are already 19 roads passed within the county and they are requesting to approve all of the agenda items and work on an ordinance. Motion by Machotka, second by Lundgren to approve all agenda items pending an ordinance and DOT approval before the route is active. There was discussion on notifying the public with a public meeting. Attorney Robb stated the ordinance could be presented as introductory only at the next meeting and the ordinance could be approved at the following meeting. Lockwood stated there was a petition presented last year against the trail going through the city and Mr. Coppernoll stated he has over 1200 signatures on a petition in favor of the trail if the council would like it. Motion carried 8-0.

DISCUSSION ON AMENDMENT TO ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 410.05 (22) RELATED TO PLACEMENT OF SHIPPING CONTAINERS IN THE INDUSTRIAL PARK: Alderperson Cox stated this was recommended to be amended by the property committee. Motion by Kaufman, second by Cox to amend the ordinance to keep shipping containers as a conditional use but remove the verbiage "may only be an accessory use to a primary use on the property". Motion carried 7-0 with Troxel abstaining.

CONSIDER HIRING ARCHITECT TO DESIGN NEW AQUATIC CENTER OR SWIMMING POOL – PHASE I ONLY: Deb Fontana read a letter from Sheila Troxel in support of the design phase and from the Joan Woodman Orton McCollum Foundation supporting the project with contributions. Dale Bender said Southwest Partners will contribute \$40,000 towards Phase I so the City would have a cost of \$25,800. Motion by Collins, second by Troxel to approve spending \$25,800 from contingency for the Phase I with Southwest Partners contributing \$40,000 on an amended contract with ADCI that is approved by Attorney Robb. Any further phases would require a council vote. Motion carried 8-0.

DISCUSSION ON THE PROCEDURE IN WHICH SIDEWALKS ARE IDENTIFIED, REPAIRED AND BILLED WITHIN THE CITY UNDER ORDINANCE CHAPTER 620: Alderperson Lundgren requested the street department re-assess the sidewalks that were completed last summer to meeting the terms of the ordinance and any problems be taken to the public works committee. Mayor Corcoran stated the rotation schedule was adopted and the process will begin soon to inspect smaller sections of the city this year with sidewalk repairs being completed by next year. Alderperson Collins requested the Augelli records be brought forward.

CONSIDER ALLOWING THE CLERK TO HIRE COUNTERS FOR THE APRIL 3, 2018 ELECTION: Motion by Collins, second by Wertz to authorize the Clerk to hire counters for the election at \$10.00 per hour with a minimum of 2 hours. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL HANDBOOK RELATED TO SICK LEAVE ACCUMULATION FOR EMPLOYEES HIRED AFTER 1/1/2012: Motion by Cox, second by Kaufman to approve the amendment as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

DISCUSSION ON GROCERY STORE: Alan Lins spoke on his concerns based on research that the city not get involved in a grocery store and let the community decide. Economic Development Specialist Kate Koziol stated that Aldi's is not coming to Richland Center and that other investors are working towards one.

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

ADJOURN: Motion by Collins, second by Lockwood to adjourn. Motion carried 8-0 at 11:14 PM.

Minutes by Melinda Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer

Mayor, Paul F. Corcoran

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones