

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

May 15, 2018

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 commencing at 7:32 P.M., Mayor Michael J. Kaufman presiding. Alderpersons Ryan Cairns, Kathy Troxel, Diane Cox, Justin Lockwood, Travis Wertz, Marsha Machotka, and John Collins were present. Mayor Kaufman ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Cox, second by Wertz to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF BOY SCOUTS PLAQUE RECOGNIZING EAGLE SCOUTS TO BE HUNG IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING: Mason Fenton and other members from Boy Scout Troop #81 requested permission to place the Eagle Scout recognition plaque in the city municipal building. Motion by Machotka, second by Cox to approve handing the Eagle Scouts plaque in city hall. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Richard Cairns discussed concerns about the level of financing and the levy impact for the proposed aquatic center. Cairns questioned how the aquatic center project would impact future capital projects like streets and vehicle purchases. Mike Breininger, representing Southwest Partners, encouraged the council to move forward on the aquatic center. Breininger advised that delaying the project would lead to increased construction costs. Sharon Schmitz spoke about the “Parents Who Host Lose the Most” campaign and asked interested residents to display a yard sign.

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS FOR A FUTURE MEETING: Alderperson Wertz asked that the city consider purchasing light pole flags for the Independence Day holiday.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF AN ALDERPERSON TO FILL THE VANCANCY FOR DISTRICT 1 – WARDS 1, 2, & 3: Randy Birkholz, Karin Tepley, and Raymond Wilson have expressed interest in the Council position and were all up for consideration for the position. The rollcall of the vote was as follows: Cairns – Birkholz; Troxel – Tepley; Lockwood – Tepley; Collins – Tepley; Wertz – Tepley; Cox – Tepley – Tepley; Machotka – Birkholz. Karin Tepley was chosen to fill the vacant seat with 5 votes. Birkholz received 2. Wilson received 0. Tepley will be seated at the next council meeting.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS – CONFIRM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES: Motion by Wertz, second by Collins to appoint Justin Lockwood to the Ambulance Committee. Motion carried 7-0. Motion by Wertz, second by Troxel to appoint John Collins to the Public Works Committee. Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVES: Motion by Cox, second by Troxel to reappoint Fred Graf to the Natatorium Board. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FROM RICHLAND HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, INC. FOR A CLASS “B” BEER AND A “CLASS B” WINE LICENSE FOR THE TASTE OF THE HILLS EVENT ON JUNE 23, 2018 FROM 4:00 PM – 9:00 PM AT KROUSKOP PARK: Motion by Machotka, second by Collins to approve the Class “B” beer and “Class B” wine license requests from the Richland Hospital Foundation for the Taste of the Hills event on June 23, 2018 from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FROM MADISON YOUTH PERFORMING ARTS FOUNDATION DBA RICHLAND REJUVENATES FOR A WINE WALK TO BE HELD ON JUNE 1, 2018 FROM 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM: Motion by Machotka, second by Lockwood to approve the wine walk request for June 23, 2018 from Madison Youth Performing Arts Foundation dba Richland Rejuvenates. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FROM RICHLAND COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS COUNCIL, INC. FOR A CLASS “B” BEER LICENSE FOR THE WRIGHT OF SPRING EVENT THAT WILL BE IN A FENCED AREA IN THE STREET IN FRONT OF THE AUDITORIUM AT 182 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE BETWEEN 11:00 AM AND 5:00 PM: Motion by Machotka, second by Wertz to approve the application from Richland County Performing Arts Council, Inc. for a Class “B” beer license for the Wright of Spring event on June 2nd from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM in the fenced area in front of the auditorium at 182 N. Central Avenue. Motion carried 7-0.

PARK BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BID FOR PARK SIGNAGE: Parks & Recreation Director Shane Stibbe explained that several park locations do not have proper signage that explain the park location and amenities and activities available. The sign project received three bids, with Greeley Signs of Richland Center the low bidder at \$2,692.80. The recommendation from the Park Board was to approve the bid from Greeley Signs contingent upon the work being done by July 2nd and that no payment be made until the work is completed. Motion by Machotka, second by Troxel to approve the bid for park signage from Greeley Signs in the amount of \$2,692.80 contingent upon the work being complete by July 2nd and no payment made until the work is complete. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEW AQUATIC CENTER DESIGN, POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF PROJECT AND OPTIONS FOR FINANCING OF PROJECT AND/OR POSSIBLE REFERENDUM FOR PROJECT: Dave Cameron with ADCI and Matt Freeby with Watertech Technologies presented the council with the proposed aquatic center design, estimated construction costs, and estimated operating costs. The total project budget recommendation is \$4,717,623. Aquatic center features with that total include a new bathhouse and pumphouse, splash pad, water play & activity area, lap lanes & diving area, lazy river, and one flume slide. An alternate bid with a second flume slide would add \$182,000 to the project. The projected annual operating costs for the facility would increase from \$70,000 presently to roughly \$130,000. Mick Cosgrove, representing Southwest Partners, reported that \$1.6-1.7-million had been committed from donors. He anticipated that \$2-million minimum would be fundraised, with most of that paid within the first 10 years. The remaining project costs would need to be financed through bonding or local borrowing. Alderpersons Machotka and Cox

reported that they have received feedback from constituents who would like to see the project go to referendum. Alderperson Wertz stated that the current pool is nearing disrepair and would cost approximately \$3.5-\$3.8-million to replace what currently exists. The deadline to develop a referendum question to appear on the August ballot is June 4th. A special meeting to determine financing was set for May 22nd at 6:00 PM. Motion by Troxel, second by Wertz to approve the aquatic center design as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DELEGATION FOR TRIP TO SISTER CITY YUEQING, CHINA: Mayor Kaufman reported that he would like a contingent of 15-20 people to participate in the trip representing the council & mayor, local industry, and UW-Richland. It's figured the trip will take place in the fall of 2018. No city funds would be utilized. Motion by Cox, second by Machotka to approve the delegation for a trip to sister city Yueqing, China. Motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

CONSIDER FORMING AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 485 – REGULATING SIGNS: Motion by Collins, second by Wertz to form an ad hoc committee to review and make recommendations for changing ordinances Chapter 485 – Regulating Signs. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER STRUCTURE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee has consisted of the entire council and mayor since 2012. Mayor Kaufman proposed returning to the traditional 3-person committee. Motion by Collins, second by Troxel to revise the Finance Committee to three people, with Alderpersons Cairns, Lockwood, and Machotka serving on that committee. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RICHLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (REC) WHEREAS THE CITY WOULD WAIVE THE LAND LEASE PAYMENTS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS AND REC WOULD PURCHASE A NUMBER OF WEATHER CAMERAS AND INTERNET SERVICE AND INSTALL THEM ON THE REC TOWER CURRENTLY LOCATED ON TOWER HILL: The current contract with REC is \$400 per year through 2034. REC would provide the internet service. Motion by Collins, second by Machotka to approve entering into an agreement with REC whereas the city would waive the land lease payment and REC would purchase a number of weather cameras and internet service and install them on the REC tower currently located on Tower Hill. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. Details of the agreement will be worked out between REC and Mayor Kaufman.

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS: Motion by Wertz, second by Lockwood to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

MAYOR CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS & COMMENTS: Mayor Kaufman stated that there is a concern for lack of child care in the city and would like to form an ad hoc committee relating to child care. Alderpersons Machotka and Collins congratulated City Utilities for winning a national safety award. Alderperson Cox would like to add a peddler's license exemption for the June 1st Wright and Like event to the next council meeting.

ADJOURN: Motion by Cox, second by Troxel to adjourn. Motion carried 8-0 at 10:35 PM.

Minutes by Aaron Joyce, City Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor, Michael Kaufman

Attest:

City Clerk / Treasurer Melinda D. Jones