

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

**December 4, 2018**

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 commencing at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Michael J. Kaufman presiding. Alderpersons Ryan Cairns, Kathy Troxel, Justin Lockwood, John Collins, Travis Wertz, Diane Cox, Marsha Machotka and Karin Tepley. Mayor Kaufman ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Wertz, second by Tepley to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** Motion by Wertz, second by Collins to approve the agenda with item numbers 11, 13 and 14 removed. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Craig Woodhouse commented that volunteerism has increased tremendously because of the aquatic center project and we noted that the community is growing leaders. Carole Troxel stated that we are a 1<sup>st</sup> class community and deserve a 1<sup>st</sup> class pool. Our community values young families with children and if we work together, we can make the aquatic center happen. Suzanne Fish respectfully disagreed about the aquatic center. She said this aquatic center is the sole responsibility of the city residents and she has heard from many people opposed. She urged residents in opposition to contact their council representatives. She felt the committee has done a great job but that only city residents should be on that committee. She did not want anyone to think she was personally attacking anyone. Sheila Troxel thanked everyone working so hard on the aquatic center. She stated her respect to Suzanne Fish for her comments noting she has been to all of the meetings and is informed. She said she has always tried to lead by example and give back to the community without thinking what is in it for me. She said we need the pool and now is the time to do it.

**MAYOR AND ALDERPERSON CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING:** Mayor Kaufman asked that the council consider a resolution in opposition to large corporate donations to public office candidates and Alderperson Collins asked department heads to come and give a year end review with what is planned for the future as well as economic development.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2018-9 REGARDING COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS:** Motion by Wertz, second by Machotka to approve to resolution. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2018-10 AUTHORIZING PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES:** Motion by Machotka, second by Tepley to approve the resolution. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING, CONSIDER RESOLUTION 2018-11 ADOPTING THE 2019 BUDGET:** Mayor Kaufman opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wanted to speak on the budget. No one came forward. Motion by Machotka, second by Collins to close the public hearing. Motion carried. Motion by Wertz, second by Troxel to approve the resolution adopting the 2019 budget. Motion carried 8-0.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SECOND DRIVEWAY PERMIT FOR LORI WIENKES AT 593 N. MAIN STREET:** Lori Wienkes stated there is a short driveway that is joined with the neighbors and a shed is located there, however, due to the utility pole she does not have a full driveway width. She is asking for a second driveway closer to her home and on the other side of the utility pole. There was discussion about the temporary car port and she stated she would not be removing it at this time. Motion by Wertz to approve the second driveway contingent on the soft sided carport not being moved to the new location. Troxel seconded and the motion carried.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2019 FIREWORKS CONTRACT:** Motion by Machotka, second by Cox to approve the contract as presented. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ON ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING:** Alderperson Wertz said he talked with Terry Nelson and in the past where alternate side parking is not in effect, a snow storm becomes disastrous. Mr. Nelson suggested the time be shortened but not taking away the ordinance. After all council members had the chance to speak on the subject, it was decided to place the ordinance change to shorten the length of time the alternate side parking regulations are in place.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DIRECTING THE POOL AD HOC COMMITTEE TO FORMULATE WORDING FOR A REFERENDUM TO BE PLACED ON A BALLOT FOR THE APRIL 2, 2019 ELECTION AND BRING INFORMATION BACK TO THE DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> COUNCIL MEETING:** Mayor Kaufman placed the item on the agenda at the request of taxpayers and community leaders. Each Alderperson spoke. Alderperson Marsha Machotka said she has always thought the aquatic center should be on a referendum. John Collins felt there should be a new ad hoc committee and a referendum. Karin Tepley said the proposed aquatic center is the same amount of water space as the current pool at about \$2.7 million and the bath house has to be replaced under state requirements at about \$2.9 million. She has only heard from supporters of the project. Justin Lockwood reported on the history of what has taken place over the last 15 council meetings and that he has heard from hundreds of people in favor and only 10 opposed. He wants to know why we want to go back to square one. Travis Wertz said he is in favor of moving forward with the new aquatic center; we need to attract families to our community and he has only received 1 email opposed to the project. Ryan Cairns said there are people on both sides of the pool, we need a new pool, and we all need to work together to find someplace in the middle with being responsible to the taxpayers. Kathy Troxel said the council made a decision several months ago not to do a referendum. She spoke on the funds raised, the events that have taken place and that she is not in favor of a referendum. The bath house is the smallest it can be and the proposed project is the same square footage as the current pool. She stated we will be without a pool for 2019. Motion by Lockwood to retain the existing ad hoc committee and direct them to rebid in January or February with the current financial plan for the pool. Troxel seconded and the motion carried 6-2 with Machotka and Collins dissenting.

**CONSIDER SUSPENDING THE RULES, WAIVING THE READING AND ENACTING AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 399.05 RELATING TO FEE CHARGED FOR CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSES:** Motion by Wertz, second by Collins to waive the reading, suspend the rules and enact ordinance 2018-7. Motion carried 7-1 with Machotka opposing.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NEW LEASE WITH U.S. CELLULAR:** Attorney Robb stated there are emergency services radio equipment on the tower so that needs to be covered in the lease. This item should be placed on the next agenda.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2018-12 ADOPTING WAGE INCREASES FOR 2019:** Motion by Cox, second by Lockwood to approve Resolution 2018-12 giving the employees of the City of Richland Center a 3% wage increase for non-union employees with the exception of following specific three positions; the Deputy Clerk / Treasurer – Administrative, the Deputy Clerk / Treasurer – Accountant, and the Parks, Property and Grounds Superintendent shall be increased by 5% and all increases are effective January 1, 2019 to be paid from the line item budgets for each department. Motion carried 7-0 with Machotka abstaining.

**CONSIDER CHANGING THE JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019 MEETING TO JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> OR ALLOWING CLERK’S OFFICE TO PAY THE BILLS AND APPROVE THEM AT THE JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> MEETING AND ONLY SCHEDULE A JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING IF NECESSARY:** Motion by Lockwood, second by Machotka to approve. Motion carried 8-0.

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

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The report for November 2018 with the month end balance is as follows:

General Fund	256,320.53
State Pool - Account # 1	2,426,206.10
Money Market Tax Acct.	17,374.15
State Pool – Account #2 Long Term Care	559,056.33

**Restricted Funds:**

CDBG - Housing RLF	94,185.76
Revolving Loan Fund- Savings	783,094.59
Revolving Loan Fund – Checking	1,217.07
Landfill Care – CD	283,651.94
Landfill Care - CD	290,503.71
Library Checking	162,963.78
Room Tax	76,777.66
State Pool #3 TIF-Panorama Estates	322,771.50
State Pool #5 TIF-Affordable Housing	945,209.53
State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5	10,215.74

**Committed Funds:**

State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover	3,821,832.52
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**Assigned Funds:**

Cemetery	4,704.82
Park / Community Center	35,186.77
Park and Rec Checking	5,499.25
Aquatic Center	1,015.30

**CITY UTILITIES:**

Electric Utility Fund	128,967.51
Electric Unrestricted Funds	52,204.33
Water Utility Fund	50,700.04
Water Utility Unrestricted Funds	86,026.85
Waste Water Utility Fund	37,669.22
Waste Water Unrestricted Funds	50,618.74

**RESTRICTED FOR PROJECTS:**

Electric	885,188.41
Water	816,954.35
WWTP	4,404,425.80

Motion by Collins, second by Tepley to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. under 19.85(1)(d) except as provided in Wis. States 304.06(1) (eg) and by rule promulgated under Wis Stats. 304.06 (1) (em), considering specific applications of probation, extended supervision or parole, or considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. The purpose of the closed session is to discuss security measures that may be taken to protect city property and employees from potential criminal interference. Motion carried.

Closed Session.

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

Motion by Machotka, second by Tepley to approve the bid of \$74,125 for security measures. Motion carried 8-0.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Collins, second by Cox to adjourn. Motion carried at 10:50 PM.

Minutes by Melinda Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer