

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

February 19, 2019

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 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 Machotka, second by Troxel to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Tepley, second by Cox to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSON CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Alderperson Collins asked that we look into developing a strategic plan to be placed on the next meeting.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ACCEPTING DOANTION FROM VERNON HOMB FAMILY RELATED TO RAILROAD MEMORABELIA: Lon Arbegust handed out a list of all items to be donated and stated there are a lot of paper items that should be cataloged at the Richland County History Room and the Brewer Library. Mr. Homb was the last station manager at the depot when it was operating. Alderperson Wertz said the space at the depot is now operated by the chamber and tourism suggesting both parties work this out together. Motion by Machotka, second by Cox to accept the memorabilia from the Vernon Homb family. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPLICIONS FROM THE A.D. GERMAN WAREHOUSE CONSERVANCY INC FOR TEMPORARY CLASS “B” BEER LICENSES FOR March 1, 9, 15, AND 22, 2019 AT 177 E HASELTINE STREET AND 316 S CHURCH STREET: Motion by Machotka, second by Cox to approve the licenses. Motion carried.

CONSIDER APPLICION FROM RICHLAND COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS COUNCIL FOR A TEMPORARY CLASS “B” BEER AND A TEMPORARY “CLASS B” WINE LICENSE FOR MARCH 16, 2019 AT 182 N CENTRAL AVE FROM 6:00 P.M. THROUGH MIDNIGHT FOR THE VIC FERRARI CONCERT: Motion by Machotka, second by Tepley to approve the license. Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER ACQUISITION OF MRAP COUGAR FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT: The MRAP would not cost the city or county anything for an actual purchase through the 1033 excess military program, however, the city would insure it at about \$752 per year and pay for fuel while the county would take care of the maintenance costs. The County Board has already approved the acquisition. Joe Hall of Dairyland Transport has volunteered to pick up the vehicle and bring it back at no cost. The vehicle would be used for high risk search warrants as well as other incidents for Officer and Public Safety. Motion by Lockwood, second by Machotka to approve the acquisition. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DRAW FROM LOAN FOR AQUATIC CENTER ENGINEERING COSTS: Clerk/Treasurer Jones reported that the City has spent \$313,072 on the aquatic center with \$79,600 being reimbursed from Southwest Partners and \$50,001 has been drawn down from the loan. The expenses paid from city general are \$183,471. She wanted to bring this up to make everyone aware that the \$183,471 could be drawn down from the loan at any time. City general has sufficient funds on hand so it is not necessary to draw funds at this time unless it is the wish of the council. No action was taken.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PAYMENT TO ADCI FOR UP TO \$21,500 FOR RE-ENGINEERING OF POOL: Mayor Kaufman said there was a successful meeting with ADCI today and in his opinion, ADCI's work has been done correctly. ADCI sent and amended contract in the amount of \$16,750.00 this afternoon to re-bid the project as a result of the meeting today. Ten alternate bids were taken out because the items could be purchased by the city at a later date or fundraising efforts could take place for them which leaves 4 alternates at this time. Kathryn Lewandowski asked to speak now rather than at the public comments in support of the new aquatic center without further delays. Motion by Lockwood, second by Tepley to approve the contract with ADCI for \$16,750 with the changes to alternate bidding. Motion carried 6-2 with Machotka and Collins opposed.

DISCUSSION AND TAKING ACTION ON COMPENSATION TO ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS, I.E. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL / ALDERPEOPLE: Alderperson Lockwood said any changes approved now will not be effective until April of 2020. The people elected this year would have to wait until April of 2021 when re-elected. He wanted to have this discussion. Both Alderpersons Cox and Machotka were not aware they got paid when they ran for election. Alderperson Lockwood stated going to the Council meetings is fine, however, there are many committee meetings, emails, phone calls and special events that take place around the Council meeting. The last increase was in 1988. No action took place but it was asked to have this item placed on the next meeting agenda.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Machotka, second by Lockwood to pay the bills. Motion carried 8-0.

ADJOURN: Motion by Cox, second by Collins to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:42 PM.

Minutes by Melinda Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer