

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

April 16, 2019

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 commencing at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Michael J. Kaufman presiding. Alderpersons Ryan Cairns, Scotty Wallace, Aaron Ewing, John Collins, Travis Wertz, Diane Cox, Todd Coppernoll and Karin Tepley. Mayor Kaufman ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

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

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

NOMINATE AND ELECT COUNCIL PRESIDENT: Motion by Collins to nominate Travis Wertz. Cox seconded. After no more nominations, motion by Collins, second by Coppernoll to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Travis Wertz as Council President. Motion carried.

APPOINT CITY ATTORNEY: Motion by Wertz, second by Cox to re-appoint Jay Robb for another term as City Attorney. Motion carried.

APPOINT CITY ASSESSOR: Motion by Wertz, second by Wallace to appoint Gretchen Jelinek as City Assessor. Motion carried.

APPOINT CITY FORESTER: Motion by Coppernoll, second by Collins to appoint David Fry as City Forester. Motion carried.

APPOINT EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT COORDINATOR: Motion by Cox, second by Tepley to appoint Marsha Machotka as Emergency Government Coordinator. Motion carried.

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER: Motion by Wertz, second by Wallace to designate the Richland Observer as the official newspaper. Motion carried.

ELECT TWO COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UTILITY COMMISSION: Motion by Wertz to nominate John Collins, Cox seconded and the motion carried 8-0. Motion by Collins to nominate Travis Wertz, Cox seconded and the motion carried 8-0.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND BOARDS: Motion by Wertz to approve the Council Representatives except the Public Safety member. Motion carried.

Motion by Wertz, second by Collins to approve the list of Citizen appointments with the exception of the Park Board, Plan Commission and the ADA Committee. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Alderperson Wertz requested flags be purchased for the downtown under the branding/sign account be on the next agenda.

CITY AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS: Denise Lins stated that Symons and the University Gymnasium plan to connect to each other and create a family locker room. There will be listening sessions about it on the 29th and 30th of April.

Rod Perry said the Utility Commission approved the Haseltine Street project at the last meeting.

UPDATE FROM THE GREATER RICHLAND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ALSO CONSIDER REQUEST FOR FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY: Rebecca Furbish reviewed some of the activities previously completed as well as future plans. They do ribbon cuttings, hosting pop-up shop workshops, a business after 5:00 social hour every month, they had a depot/chamber open house, host a peep hunt annually, sponsor annual wine walks, spring socials, customer service workshops and many other items. They currently have 84 members including the County. She asked the Council for \$4000 to be a member in 2019 as well as the \$4000 that was approved for 2018. Motion by Wertz to approve the appropriation of \$4000 to the Chamber out of contingency. Troxel seconded. Wertz amended the motion to include the \$4000 of 2018 funds out of contingency as well. Troxel seconded. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH: Sue Larson, Cindy Chicker, Betsy Roesler, Dan Gajdosik, Steve Kohlstead, Sharon Schmitz, Veronica Carpenter and Mirabella Carpenter from the AODA Prevention Team were present. Several spoke on the need to inform youth and parents on the awareness of and support efforts to reduce youth alcohol access and consumption in our city. Parents who host lose the most signs are available to be placed in yards. Refrigerator locks are also available. Motion by Wertz, second by Collins to approve Resolution 2019-5 designating April and May as Alcohol Awareness Months. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CITY EMPLOYEES RECEIVING MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNT AT SYMONS RECREATION COMPLEX: Denise Lins said the County has a wellness committee for employees. Insurance companies used to rebate a portion of the costs to an employee for their membership at Symons and now they provide an Amazon card. Due to this change the County has approved a 25% discount for Family, Single Parent, or Single membership for full or part time employees. Motion by Wertz, second by Cairns to approve city employees receiving the 25% discount at Symons. Motion carried.

CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO PULL THE FINAL PAYMENT OF \$512,144.65 ON 5/1/2019 USING THE PRE-AUTHORIZED DEBIT (PAD) ACCOUNT THAT IS ALREADY SET UP AT THE RICHLAND COUNTY BANK: Clerk Jones said the City and Utility received a USDA loan in the amount of \$509,000 for the Westside Drive project. The City has paid to the Utility the amount due them and they have the funds on hand to pay the loan off in full. The loan plus interest amounts to \$512,144.65 which will be drawn on May 1st and the USDA requires Council approval to do so. Motion by Collins, second by Cox to pay the \$512,144.65 out of the PAD account. Motion carried 8-0.

DISCUSSION ON MURALS WITHIN THE CITY: Alderperson Wertz stated he requested this as murals could look nice or awful. There is a sign ordinance and murals should be treated as signs. He said it is important to keep everything classy and there should be some approval process. The consensus of the other council members agreed with some oversight and

establishing guidelines. Alderperson Collins asked this be placed on the next agenda as a possible action item.

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

Bill McCorkle reported there is a zoning board of appeals meeting on April 29th at 9:30 am for an 8' fence request due to deer in the resident's yard.

Mayor Kaufman reported the bid opening on the Haseltine Street project is at 11:00 am and the aquatic center bid opening at 2:00 pm on April 18th.

ADJOURN: Motion by Cox, second by Wallace to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:11 PM.

Minutes by Melinda Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer