

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

June 4, 2019

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 commencing at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Michael J. Kaufman presiding. Alderpersons Scotty Wallace, John Collins, Travis Wertz, Diane Cox, Todd Coppernoll, Karin Tepley, Ryan Cairns, and Aaron Ewing. Mayor Kaufman ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

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

Motion by Wertz, second by Cox to approve the agenda with numbers 11a, 13 and 15 being removed. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION FROM LEONARD FRY ON VETERANS MEMORIAL ENHANCEMENTS: Mr. Fry reported the city has owned the memorial for 2 years. He complimented the Parks & Grounds employees for doing such a nice job on mowing and weeding. He said they looked into going over the exposed concrete with 3 colors in a chip seal. When the representative from Garage Force met him at the site, they will not charge the \$3000 price to do the job and will receive a granite paver acknowledging the donation. The work will be done June 12th and 13th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Christin Lein an Attorney from Dane County and Bernadette Maglish spoke on issues with Richland Area Rescue taking in so many neglected, abused and unwanted animals and that a better working relationship need to take place with Ocooch Mountain Humane Society. They stated that Richland Area Rescue is working on a \$14,000 annual budget and needs help because she works by herself. Ms. Lein said the county needs a humane society for dogs.

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSON CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING:

- Mayor Kaufman stated that he and Diane Cox are working on solving the closing of the Dialysis Center. They have talked with the Richland Medical Center and Richland Hospital as well as the Mayor of Black River Falls where the other center is closing. He said there have been complaints about group homes and the long waits for taxi service.
- Alderperson Collins said he hears complaints about yards.
- Alderperson Wallace said the Public Safety is looking to develop guidelines for issuing or denying operator licenses.
- Alderperson Coppernoll said the Public Safety Committee needs to know what constitutes a reason to deny an operator license.
- Alderperson Cox asked to have Mr. Running at a Council or Committee meeting to discuss issues with the taxi service.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion by Cox, second by Coppernoll to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FROM VICTOR POWELL AND VP MOTORS LLC AT 943 SEXTONVILLE ROAD FOR AUTOMOBILE SALES, SERVICE, AND TOWING: Alderperson Collins stated that Mr. Powell owned a business in Muscoda that was sold and wants to relocate to 943 Sextonville Road. The permit was recommended for approval by the Plan Commission. Motion by Collins to approve the application from VP Motors at 943 Sextonville Road for auto sales, repair and towing for 1 year. Wertz seconded and the motion carried 7-0 with Ewing abstaining.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FROM THE RICHLAND HOSPITAL FOUNDATION FOR A TEMPORARY CLASS “B” (BEER) AND “CLASS B” (WINE) RETAILERS LICENSE FOR THE TASTE OF THE HILLS EVENT ON JUNE 22, 2019 AT THE MEYER BUILDING 950 N. ORANGE STREET:

AND

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FROM SOUTHWEST PARTNERS INC DBA RICHLAND REJUVENATES FOR A TEMPORARY CLASS “B” (BEER) LICENSE ON JUNE 29TH IN KROUSKOP PARK 1050 N. ORANGE STREET FOR RC THUNDER FEST: Motion by Coppennoll, second by Cox to approve both the Richland Hospital and Richland Rejuvenates permits as presented. Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROCEEDING WITH BONDING TO REFINANCE THE AQUATIC CENTER LOAN: Alderperson Cairns motioned to proceed and hire Ehlers and Quarles & Brady to refinance \$4,578,547.69 and structure the payments so the least amount of interest is paid. Wertz seconded and the motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER SUSPENDING THE RULES, WAIVING THE READING AND ENACTING AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 321 RELATED TO MOWING GRASS ON PRIVATE PROPERTY: This item was not ready at this meeting.

OVERVIEW OF MEETING PROCEDURES: Attorney Robb stated that the Mayor is only able to vote in the event of a tie, however, at the committee level the chair person is allowed to vote. A quorum would be the majority so if there are 3 committee members, 2 would constitute a quorum. He said that the Open Meetings Law trumps Roberts Rules of Order. The rules of the common council would apply for the procedures we use in the city. If the council would like, the rules of the council can be updated.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TWO MAGAZINE ADS FOR AIRPORT FUEL PAID FROM CONTINGENCY JOINTLY WITH PHILLIPS 66: Mayor Kaufman said he was at the WI Airport Conference and Phillips 66 will cost share 50% if we want to place an ad in a magazine to promote our fuel. Alderperson Wertz said he would like to delay this until the new terminal building is open. Motion by Wertz to table the item. Collins seconded and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND BOARDS: Karin Tepley resigned from the Natatorium Board. Motion by Cox, second by Coppernoll to appoint John Collins to the Natatorium Board. Motion carried.

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

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS REPORTS: Alderperson Collins said the Plan Commission is working on the Comprehensive or Strategic Plan and will be discussing a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, options, and threats) analysis at the next meeting on June 13th at 9:30 a.m. He also mentioned the Branding and Wayfinding Signs are almost complete and ready to bring to the Council.

Alderperson Coppernoll said the Tourism Commission approved doing a Discover Wisconsin segment and the filming started this last weekend.

Alderperson Tepley said they will be filing the Rodeo Parade and Rodeo.

DEPARTMENTS AND UTILITY REPORTS: Rod Perry said the Utility has rules based on the council rules and they work well.

Bill McCorkle said he is investigating the group homes related to the zoning ordinance.

ADJOURN: Motion by Collins, second by Coppernoll to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:55 PM.

Minutes by Melinda Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer