

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

July 2, 2019

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, July 2, 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 Wertz, second by Tepley to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Collins, second by Wertz to approve the agenda with numbers 10 and 11 being removed. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO B3E DISCUSSED AT A FUTUR MEETING: Mayor Kaufman said there is a dialysis center interested in opening operations in the city and possibly doubling in size. He recognized for their service to the city: Shawn Walsh for 30 years; Melinda Jones for 25 years; Annette Clark, Terry Nelson, Mike Harlan and John Collins for 20 years; Billy Jones for 15 years; and Jared Wilson for 5 years.

Aldersperson Cox asked that the deer management plan be placed on the next agenda.

Aldersperson Coppernoll stated that citizens asked for better pedestrian crossing signs be placed at the Dike path that crosses on 6th Street. Lt. Jones reported he was in his own vehicle off duty and stopped at the crossing when another vehicle proceeded to pass him on the right. He knew he would be at fault if there was an accident but he pulled into the right lane. The vehicle stopped and the family in the crosswalk was not harmed. Aldersperson Coppernoll said this was discussed at the Public Safety Committee as well as shortening the alternate side parking from November 1 through April 1 to December 1 through March 1. Aldersperson Tepley agreed about better pedestrian signs. Aldersperson Collins said he had passed out a deer management ordinance that could be discussed. He stated the yard waste needs to be on the boulevard area between the curb and sidewalk, not placed in the street and grass clippings are not picked up.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The report for June 2019 with the month end balance is as follows:

General Fund	334,922.16
State Pool - Account # 1	2,395,319.63
Money Market Tax Acct.	17,109.72
State Pool – Account #2 Long Term Care	566,984.37
Restricted Funds:	
CDBG - Housing RLF	117,853.45
Revolving Loan Fund- Savings	790,164.39
Revolving Loan Fund – Checking	1,217.07
Landfill Care – CD	284,724.37
Landfill Care - CD	290,503.71
Library Checking	371,073.45

Room Tax	74,718.39
State Pool #3 TIF-Panorama Estates	206.74
State Pool #5 TIF-Affordable Housing	958,613.65
State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5	74,339.62

Committed Funds:

State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover	7,768,044.84
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Assigned Funds:

Cemetery	4,706.78
Park / Community Center	34,644.31
Park and Rec Checking	1,857.32
Aquatic Center	8,679.24

CITY UTILITIES:

Electric Utility Fund	13,329.76
Electric Unrestricted Funds	52,204.33
Water Utility Fund	101,673.63
Water Utility Unrestricted Funds	86,026.85
Waste Water Utility Fund	30,288.50
Waste Water Unrestricted Funds	50,618.74

RESTRICTED FOR PROJECTS:

Electric	823,790.66
Water	688,798.65
WWTP	4,083,875.74

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-7 PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF APPROXIMATELY \$4,620,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS:

Mr. David Ferris from Ehlers reviewed a pre-sale report for the refinancing of the aquatic center. He noted that an \$80,000 interest payment was placed in the budget to be paid so that will be taken off at the time of the sale. The amount that will be borrowed is \$4,535,000 and it is estimated the net tax rate for the aquatic center will be about \$0.94 per \$1000 dollars of assessed value. The bonds will be issued for a term of 20 years and subject to prepayment at the discretion of the City on August 1, 2027 or any date thereafter. Interest rates vary between 2.5% to 3.5% over the 20 years. The total of the bonds being issued and existing debt is approximately \$6.7 million which is 47% of its limit of approximately \$14.1 million. The estimated closing date is August 22, 2019. Motion by Wertz, second by Cox to approve Resolution 2019-7 providing for the sale of approximately \$4,620,000 general obligation refunding bonds. Motion carried 8-0 by roll call.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-8 AUTHORIZING A BUDGET AMENDMENT: Alderperson Cairns reviewed the resolution.

Items that were budgeted for and approved in 2018 but did not get finished are \$12,185 to abandon a well on city property and hookup Agwoods to water and sewer; \$8750 to paint the outside of the depot; and \$9250 to construct the block base around the entrance signs. An appropriation of \$180,000 to overlay streets; \$8000 to the Greater Richland Area Chamber of

Commerce with \$4000 of that amount was in the 2018 budget but not spent; reallocating \$24,000 from the pool operating budget to the aquatic center; and \$7971 from the pool operating budget to park department equipment for the purchase of a UTV.

Motion by Cairns, second by Wallace to approve Resolution 2019-8 amending the 2019 budget. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER PURCHASE OF CONSTRUCTION SIGNS FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT: Alderperson Cairns said Terry Nelson obtained quotes for 42 roll-up signs, 15 stands, and 30 traffic barrels. Lange Enterprises quote is \$9056.82, Decker Signs quote is \$9642.00 and Taco quoted \$11,041.60. The funds were budgeted for in 2019. Motion by Cairns, second by Tepley to approve the purchase of signs from Lange Enterprises in the amount of \$9056.82. Motion carried 8-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER SUSPENDING THE RULES, WAIVING THE READING AND ENACTING AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 204 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO POSSESSION OF NICOTINE PRODUCTS BY UNDERAGE PERSONS: Attorney Robb said the language has been changed to add vaping to the ordinance. Motion by Coppernoll, second by Cox to suspend the rules, waive the reading and enact amendment to Ordinance Chapter 204 relating to possession of nicotine products by underage persons. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER SUSPENDING THE RULES, WAIVING THE READING AND ENACTING REPEAL OF ORDINANCE PROVISION FOR \$10,000 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT FOR NEW CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSES: Attorney Robb stated the law allowed the new bar to open in the city and the city was able to refund them up to \$10,000 as an economic development grant. Now the state repealed that option. Motion by Coppernoll to suspend the rules, waive the reading and enact a repeal of ordinance provision for a \$10,000 economic development grant for new Class B liquor licenses. Wallace seconded and the motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MUNICIPAL LICENSE APPLICATIONS: Motion by Coppernoll, second by Tepley to approve licenses to Corey Jonquist and Gary Manning for Tree Cutting as well as Arcade licenses to Galaxie Skate Center and UW Platteville Richland. Motion carried via voice vote with no opposition.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, AND BOARDS: No appointments were made.

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

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS REPORTS: Alderperson Cairns was pleased the public comments were placed lower on the agenda and asked that a time limit be placed on those that want to speak. Alderperson Collins said the Plan Commission is working on the Comprehensive or Strategic Plan and a city administrator at the next meeting on July 11th at 9:30 a.m. He also mentioned the Branding and Wayfinding Signs are almost complete and ready to bring to the

Council. Alderperson Wertz said the adult prom will be held Saturday, July 13th at 7pm as a fundraiser for the aquatic center. Mayor Kaufman said the dedication of the purple heart monument will be this Saturday at 1pm in front of the municipal building.

DEPARTMENTS AND UTILITY REPORTS: Clerk Jones said the water department will be holding a groundbreaking at the site of the new southeast reservoir on July 10th at 3pm.

Bill McCorkle said the construction has started on Haseltine Street.

ADJOURN: Motion by Cox, second by Tepley to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:35 PM.

Minutes by Melinda Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer