

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

August 6, 2019

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, August 6, 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, and Aaron Ewing. Alderperson Ryan Cairns was absent. Mayor Kaufman ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

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

Motion by Cox, second by Ewing to approve the agenda with numbers 9b, 10 and 13 being removed. Motion carried.

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Alderperson Tepley requested that when asking the Clerk to put items on the next council agenda, it should be requested to be taken to a committee first.

CITY AND DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Rod Perry mentioned the Haseltine Street Project and the East Reservoir Project are progressing.

Acting Police Chief Billy Jones mentioned the armored vehicle that was requested quite some time ago is now an M-ATV and it has arrived. He said officer training will be necessary. The vehicle can be used for tactical issues as well as water rescue which has been happening with the last few years of flooding.

Parks & Grounds Superintendent Dave Fry said all of the new playground equipment is installed near the tennis courts and the entrance signs are being finished with the decorative block work.

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

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| General Fund | 289,457.62 |
| State Pool - Account # 1 | 2,503,467.32 |
| Money Market Tax Acct. | 17,104.46 |
| State Pool – Account #2 Long Term Care | 568,113.44 |

Restricted Funds:

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| CDBG - Housing RLF | 117,464.26 |
| Revolving Loan Fund- Savings | 791,683.75 |
| Revolving Loan Fund – Checking | 1,217.07 |
| Landfill Care – CD | 285,783.31 |
| Landfill Care - CD | 290,503.71 |
| Library Checking | 345,590.91 |
| Room Tax | 89,637.52 |
| State Pool #3 TIF-Panorama Estates | 207.15 |

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| State Pool #5 TIF-Affordable Housing | 960,522.60 |
| State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5 | 82,441.60 |

Committed Funds:

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| State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover | 7,646,938.89 |
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Assigned Funds:

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| Cemetery | 4,706.87 |
| Park / Community Center | 7,968.76 |
| Park and Rec Checking | 1,857.32 |
| Aquatic Center | 31,679.24 |

CITY UTILITIES:

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| Electric Utility Fund | 14,571.31 |
| Electric Unrestricted Funds | 52,204.33 |
| Water Utility Fund | 118,177.11 |
| Water Utility Unrestricted Funds | 86,026.85 |
| Waste Water Utility Fund | 73,917.94 |
| Waste Water Unrestricted Funds | 50,618.74 |

RESTRICTED FOR PROJECTS:

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| Electric | 753,611.54 |
| Water | 697,762.93 |
| WWTP | 4,175,889.14 |

Motion by Wallace, second by Collins to approve the treasurer’s report.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2019-10 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND AWARDING THE SALE OF APPROXIMATELY \$4,535,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2019A: Mr. David Ferris from Ehlers reviewed the sale of 2019A refunding bonds that took place with 6 bidders. The low bid was from Bankers Bank out of Madison with Community First Bank participating. The bonds were downsized from \$4,535,000 due to interest rates and a payment of \$80,000 that the city will make so the bonding will be \$4,265,000 and the total savings amount to just over \$388,000. The loan payments placed on the tax roll is approximately \$.06 per \$1000 of assessed value lower than anticipated. The closing date will be August 22nd. Motion by Wertz, second by Tepley to approve Resolution 2019-10 authorizing the issuance and awarding the sale of approximately \$4,265,000 general obligation refunding bonds, series 2019A. Motion carried with no opposition via voice vote.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BID FOR SALE OF RETAINING WALL BLOCKS: Dave Fry said the retaining wall blocks from the cemetery do not have a use within the city and was put in the paper requesting bids. The high bid is \$4010.00 and they have to remove them within 30 days of approval. Motion by Collins to accept the bid of \$4010.00 from Chris Carlson. Coppernoll seconded and the motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY CLASS “B” BEER LICENSE APPLICATION FROM THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH FOR THE ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2019 AT 160 W. 4TH STREET: Motion by Coppernoll to approve the license for the St Mary of the Assumption Festival on September 14, 2019 at 160 W. 4th Street. Cox seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASING PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNS FOR 6TH STREET AT THE DIKE TRAIL AND OTHER LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY: Alderperson Coppernoll reported that the sign to be located on 6th Street at the bike trail has a button to push and the signs on both side of the street will light up. There will be 2 signs at 6th and Jefferson Streets as well as on Hwy 80/Main Street at Court Street that will be placed in the center of the street facing each direction of traffic that will be able to be removed through the winter. Motion by Coppernoll to purchase the signs as presented at a cost not more than \$8,000. The motion was seconded by Collins and carried 7-0.

CONSIDER SUSPENDING THE RULES, WAIVING THE READING AND ENACTING AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 101 RELATED TO ALTERNATE SIDE PARKING DATES: Alderperson Coppernoll stated that the alternate side parking dates are from November 1st through April 1st and this amendment changes the dates to December 1st through February 28th. Motion by Coppernoll, second by Tepley to suspend the rules, waive the reading and enact the amendment to the ordinance related to alternate side parking. Alderperson Collins noted that in the event of snow in November, March or April, there may be a snow emergency called to get vehicles off the road for clearing. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER PAYMENT FOR PROPERTY DAMAGES CAUSED IN THE APPREHENSION OF A CRIMINAL NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE: Mayor Kaufman said there was an incident where an innocent person’s vehicle was damaged by the apprehension of a criminal. It was determined the insurance will not cover the damages. Alderperson Collins said the state has funds for this type of situations, however after applying, the claim was rejected because it is for larger claims. The estimate is about \$900 and it is felt the city should make the person whole. This item is postponed to the next meeting until proper paperwork is presented.

CONSIDER SUSPENDING THE RULES, WAIVING THE READING AND ENACTING AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PROHIBITING TRESPASSING: Attorney Robb said there have been a few recent situations involving trespassing. This amendment covers vehicles, private property, and a store that is generally open to the public but can tell a customer to leave. If the customer returns it is considered trespassing. Motion by Collins, second by Cox to suspend the rules, waive the reading and enact amendment to the code of ordinances prohibiting trespassing. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO THE RULES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CHANGING TIME AND OR DAY OF COUNCIL MEETINGS: Alderperson Collins said the last couple of years items have been on city agendas and the county board members may want to attend and vice versa, but the meetings are the same day and time. He is asking the

council to consider the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. While a few were in favor, a few others have conflicts. The item was asked to be placed on the next agenda.

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Ewing, second by Wallace to pay the bills. Motion carried 7-0.

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS REPORTS:

- Mayor Kaufman said the new dialysis center is coming to Richland Center.
- Alderperson Tepley asked people to be careful and slow down near the E. Haseltine Street project. She also asked the council to think about the possibility of a stop sign on Main Street at Court Street when the new restaurant opens. Attorney Robb stated that Hwy 80 is under the State's jurisdiction.
- Alderperson Coppernoll said the ATV/UTV trails, the Pine River, Frank Lloyd Wright and the architectural tours are making an impact on tourism.
- Alderperson Cox asked there be authorization to replace the alternate side parking signs. Clerk Jones said she would ask Terry Nelson if he has the funds and if not, she would place this on a future agenda.
- Alderperson Collins said there is a plan commission meeting on August 15th at 9:30 a.m. to work on the comprehensive plan. There is also a joint meeting on August 8th at 7:30 p.m. with the Extraterritorial Zoning Board regarding the ETZ ordinance.
- Alderperson Ewing said he has questions about the aquatic center and he will report back at the next meeting.

ADJOURN: Motion by Cox, second by Collins to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:36 PM.

Minutes by Melinda Jones, City Clerk / Treasurer