

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

October 1, 2019

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 commencing at 7:33 P.M., Mayor Michael J. Kaufman presiding. Alderpersons Todd Coppernoll, Karin Tepley, Aaron Ewing, Ryan Cairns, Scotty Wallace, John Collins, Travis Wertz, and Diane Cox were present. Mayor Kaufman ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Collins, second by Cox to waive the reading of the minutes of the September 17th meeting and approve said minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Motion by Cox, second by Tepley to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Mayor Kaufman reported that a meeting was held regarding the proposed dialysis center. He said there are contamination concerns of the possible site that the DNR and MSA are working to correct.

CITY AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS: Scott Gald, Lead Lineman of the Electric Utility, presented information on Public Power Week (October 6-12) as it relates to the City of Richland Center. Gald said that Richland Center City Utilities is not part of the city's tax base and generates all of its funds from customer usage. City Utilities works collaboratively with other city departments on many projects by sharing manpower and equipment. The utility was instrumental in the city's LED upgrade project throughout the buildings and bike trail. With the assistance of WPPI, the utility works with the local industries to help reduce their energy usage. Gald reported that City Utilities provides scholarships to students and gives to other community programs. Community members are encouraged to like the Richland Center City Utilities' Facebook page to get up to date information.

City Forester Dave Fry reported that he attended a forestry conference in Green Lake in September. He said that compared to other communities, the working relationship between the city and City Utilities regarding forestry issues is unique. Fry said that the Ash tree removal project is about half done and they hope to be complete next year. He said it's also unique that the Richland Center sells Ash trees to the Rockbridge Sawmill, because other municipalities often have no place to take their trees and must burn the trees they have removed.

Billy Jones, Richland Center Police Lieutenant, informed the council that a new drug drop box has been installed in the municipal building. It will be monitored by the police department. The department will still continue to operate the two drug takeback days in the spring and fall.

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

General Fund	460,457.28
State Pool - Account # 1	2,797,887.90

Money Market Tax Acct.	17,282.68
State Pool – Account #2 Long Term Care	570,314.17

Restricted Funds:

CDBG - Housing RLF	116,315.03
Revolving Loan Fund- Savings	794,032.66
Revolving Loan Fund – Checking	1,217.07
Landfill Care – CD	285,783.31
Landfill Care - CD	290,503.71
Library Checking	293,005.04
Room Tax	69,048.83
State Pool #3 TIF-Panorama Estates	207.95
State Pool #5 TIF-Affordable Housing	964,243.44
State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5	107,212.03

Committed Funds:

State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover	6,399,634.28
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Assigned Funds:

Cemetery	4,740.71
Park / Community Center	8,881.70
Park and Rec Checking	930.04
Aquatic Center	107,402.11

CITY UTILITIES:

Electric Utility Fund	13,650.28
Electric Unrestricted Funds	52,204.33
Water Utility Fund	274,536.23
Water Utility Unrestricted Funds	86,026.85
Waste Water Utility Fund	86,190.79
Waste Water Unrestricted Funds	50,618.74

RESTRICTED FOR PROJECTS:

Electric	674,603.72
Water	502,039.66
WWTP	4,146,471.13

Motion by Wallace, second by Coppernoll to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE RICHLAND HOSPITAL REQUEST TO CONSTRUCT A CONCRETE PAD ALONG THE SIDE OF THE HOSPITAL THAT WOULD COVER THE SIDEWALK AND PART OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO ALLOW A MOBILE MRI UNIT: Zoning Administrator Bill McCorkle said that this is the first of several steps to allow the mobile MRI trailer to be placed at the proposed location. McCorkle said it will still need a state-approved plan. The project will not affect the visibility triangle. Bruce Roessler, Richland Hospital CEO, said the trailer will allow the MRI unit to be relocated to the hospital site from the current Center Creek Professional Building. Roessler said

it's possible to have the project completed this fall if all approvals are granted. Motion by Collins, second by Cox to approve the request from the Richland Hospital to construct a concrete pad along the side of the hospital that would cover the sidewalk and part of the right-of-way to allow a mobile MRI unit. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

PARK BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #1 TO THE BRICKL BROS. CONTRACT FOR THE AQUATIC CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,461.00: Mayor Kaufman said that some items were missed prior to the project going out to bid. The largest portion of the amendment is for waterproofing of the aquatic center's pump house. Motion by Ewing, second by Cox to approve Amendment #1 to the Brickl Bros Contract for the Aquatic Center in the amount of \$19,461.00, with the funds coming from the Aquatic Center project contingency fund. Motion carried 7-1 on a roll call vote, with Alderperson Collins dissenting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FOR NEW SQUAD CAR: Alderperson Cairns said that a 2019 squad car was included in this year's budget, however the timing of the squad's purchase would net a 2020 model. The body style of the new model wouldn't match the current equipment that would go into the 2020 squad. The difference in what was budgeted and the actual cost of the equipment package for the 2020 model is \$4,117.56. Motion by Cairns, second by Collins to approve the total equipment package for the 2020 squad car in the amount of \$12,575. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY "CLASS B" (WINE) RETAILER'S LICENSE FROM SOUTHWEST PARTNERS INC. DBA RICHLAND REJUVENATES FOR A WINE WALK ON OCTOBER 25, 2019 BETWEEN 4:00 AND 10:00 PM: Motion by Coppernoll, second by Cox to approve the application for a Temporary "Class B" (wine) retailer's license from Southwest Partners Inc. dba Richland Rejuvenates for a wine walk on October 25, 2019 between 4:00 and 10:00 PM. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CONSIDER APPLICATION FROM ALEX CUPP FOR A TREE CUTTING LICENSE: Motion by Coppernoll, second by Ewing to approve an application from Alex Cupp for a Tree Cutting License. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

RAPID RESPONSE TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT #1 WITH RICHLAND COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Motion by Collins, second by Cairns to approve Amendment #1 with Richland County for the purpose of economic development. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

CONSIDER SUSPENDING THE RULES, WAIVING THE READING AND ENACTING AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 101.23 RELATED TO DISABLED, INOPERABLE, INCOMPLETE, OR UNREGISTERED VEHICLES: Attorney Robb reported that he and Alderperson Wertz are not ready to bring this item to the council for consideration. No action taken.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS: none

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS: Motion by Cairns, second by Coppernoll to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried 8-0 on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: none

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS – COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Alderperson Tepley asked how rollouts of 5G internet services happens. Scott Gald of the Electric Utility said that utilities in eastern Wisconsin work with companies who request to utilize power poles and electric service. There currently isn't any known 5G service proposed 5G or installations planned for southwest Wisconsin. Alderperson Coppernoll reported that progress is being made on the deer management ordinance. Alderperson Cox alerted residents that bikes continue to be driven on downtown sidewalks. The practice is dangerous and against city ordinance. Cox also encouraged residents and visitors of Richland Center to enjoy the Center Color Fest activities and Canyon of Lights Parade. Alderperson Cairns reported that the city's 2020 budget is in the process of being developed. Cairns also urged residents to remove junk in their yards. The items are not only unsightly, they often pose health and safety concerns. Alderperson Collins noted that some communities have developed anti-bullying ordinances. While he believes it's difficult to legislate morality, everyone in the community needs to step up and help prevent bullying or racism of any type.

DEPARTMENTS AND UTILITY REPORTS: Rod Perry, President of the Utility Commission, thanked everyone who attended the recent WPPI meeting. Bill McCorkle said that paving on the Haseltine Street Project is currently dependent upon the weather.

ADJOURN: Motion by Ewing, second by Tepley to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:31 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Aaron Joyce, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer