

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

December 10, 2019

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 commencing at 7:30 PM, Mayor Michael J. Kaufman presiding. Alderpersons Ryan Cairns, Scotty Wallace, John Collins, Diane Cox, and Todd Coppernoll were present. Travis Wertz and Karin Tepley were absent. Aaron Ewing turned in his resignation due to moving out of the district. Mayor Kaufman ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

PUBLIC HEARING, CONSIDER RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2020 BUDGET AND 2019 LEVY: Alderperson Cairns reported on the budget, capital projects, and levy. The budget was reduced by \$838,933 to \$9,718,815. The allowable levy increase is \$16,234 making the 2019 levy \$2,301,915. The City mill rate will increase by \$.02 from \$8.20 to \$8.22 per \$1000 of assessed value however, the total mill rate will be \$24.63 per \$1000 of assessed value due to the increases by Richland County, the Richland School District and Southwest WI Technical College. The reason the city portion of the taxes did not increase due to the new aquatic center is because the Council paid a loan off from the USDA for the Westside Drive project which reduced the debt payments by \$68,998. The increase in debt payments for the aquatic center will be covered by the pledges.

Mayor Kaufman opened the public hearing asking if anyone from the public wanted to speak. No one came forward so the public hearing was closed. Motion by Cairns, second by Cox to approve Resolution 2019-15 authorizing the 2020 budget and the 2019 levy. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Cox, second by Collins to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) and (f) to consider employment performance evaluation data of city employees and for the preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems which if discussed in public would have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such discussion. Also pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(e) to discuss public business which for competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session related to room taxes.

Closed Session.

Motion by Coppernoll, second by Collins to reconvene into open session to vote on matters discussed in closed session. Motion carried.

Motion by Collins, second by Coppernoll to approve Resolution 2019-16 authorizing wage increases. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURN: Motion by Collins, second by Cairns to adjourn. Motion carried at 9:00 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melinda D Jones, Clerk/Treasurer