

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

January 21, 2020

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 commencing at 7:30 PM, Mayor Michael J. Kaufman presiding. Alderpersons Ryan Cairns, Scotty Wallace, Jasen Glasbrenner, Travis Wertz, Diane Cox, Todd Coppernoll, and Karin Tepley were present. John Collins was absent. Mayor Kaufman ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Cox, second by Tepley to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and approve said minutes. Motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

Motion by Wertz, second by Coppernoll to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: There were no concerns stated.

CITY AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS: Brewer Library Director Martha Bauer reported the Library was 50 years old in 2019 with an open house. The Science Library closed and the adult non-fiction has been moved upstairs to that space. Many groups and clubs have been using space at the library. The circulation was about 67,000, electronic circulation was about 11,000 and there were 70,000 patron visits in 2019.

Police Chief Billy Jones reported on the statistics for calls in 2019 with arrests down by 173 from 2018. There were 4242 calls for service, 1253 investigations and 804 officer reports in 2019. There are many different projects and special activities the department participates in within the community, the school district, and other governmental departments. The RCPD took ownership of a mine resistant all-terrain vehicle that will be used for high risk issues as well as rescue operations. He spoke highly of the men and women of the Richland Center Police Department and thanked everyone for the support of the department.

Public Works Superintendent Terry Nelson reported that in the first 2 months of 2019 the department worked 40 hours of overtime due to the snow. In April they start cleaning up leaves not able to be picked up before winter, begin picking up yard waste, and continue to pick up yard waste each month until October. In May they start painting the curbs, parking spaces, parking lots, and crosswalks which takes two people a full two months to complete. Various projects are completed each summer. The department does annual dike maintenance although the water table has been high and seeping through the cracks making work difficult in 2019. Curbs, gutters, storm water inlets and some sidewalks on city property are fixed throughout the summer months. October begins leaf and yard waste pickup again until it snows. The department does all of its own vehicle service and maintenance throughout the year.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF WORKING WITH THE RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT ON AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY ACCEPTING OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF HIVE DRIVE IN EXCHANGERANSFER OF STORI FIELD PROPERTY AND DETERMINE POSSIBLE USE OF STORI FIELD: Mayor Kaufman

said there has not been a meeting with the school district yet. Wertz asked the condition of the bridge and its life expectancy. The bridge was inspected by Roger Petrick at the County who stated it is in good condition. Mayor Kaufman thought there could be as many as 10 or more homes on Stori Field. Wertz was not in favor of maintaining another park. Glasbrenner suggested seeing if there is community support for developing Stori Field. Coppernoll suggested we find out what can be done with Stori Field and if there is a developer wanting to construct housing also to find out the condition of the bridge. Wallace asked what the advantages are to both parties. If the road and bridge is privately owned by the school district then they cannot obtain any grant funds but the city is eligible for the grants to repair or replace the bridge. Terry Nelson said Hive Drive is near the end of the asphalt life expectancy since it was paved in 1996.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BID TASE TRUCK, DUMP BOX, SNOW PLOW AND SANDER FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT: Terry Nelson stated they have a 1994 International that would be taken out of full-time service. The truck proposed is identical to the one purchased two years ago being a Peterbilt. The bids were reviewed. Motion by Cairns, second by Tepley to approve the purchase of the low bid from Allstate Peterbilt and Universal Truck for a total of \$147,828.00. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FROM ALAN EGGERS FOR A TREE CUTTING LICENSE: Motion by Coppernoll to approve the application from Alan Eggers for a tree cutting license. Cox seconded and the motion carried via voice vote with no opposition.

PARK BORAD RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DONATION TO REPLACE THE ANNOUNCER BOOTH AT NORTH PARK AND APPROVE NAMING IT IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH STRANG: Dave Fry mentioned the current announcer booth is not stable or safe. The donation is to be made from Sheila Troxel in memory of her Father. State approved plans are not required from the building inspector but he will inspect it. Motion by Cox to approve the donation and naming the building in memory of Joseph Strang. Coppernoll seconded and the motion carried via voice vote with no opposition.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTAL OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT GRANT APPLICATION TO ASSIST THE A.D. GERMAN WAREHOUSE CONSERVANCE, INC: Clerk Jones stated at the last meeting the council approved assisting the Warehouse with a grant application to WEDC to fund the first phase of the restoration. The application requires a resolution approving the application and city support of the project. Motion by Wertz, second by Tepley to approve Resolution 2020-1 Authorizing the submittal of a CDI Grant application to assist the ADGWC, Inc. Motion carried 7-0

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Kaufman would like to re-appoint Bruce Kaasa to the RDA and the Housing Authority. He appointed Jasen Glasbrenner to the Finance Committee, Board of Review, Property, Park Board and the Ad Hoc Pool Committee. He also appointed Michael Starks and Liz Perkins to the Ad Hoc Child Care Committee.

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS: Motion by Cairns, second by Wertz to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried 7-0 on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No one spoke.

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS – COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Mayor Kaufman said the test results from the water samples and soil borings came back positive and we are moving forward with paperwork for closure with the DNR. Karin Tepley mentioned that with the public comment section at the end of the meeting there are fewer people in the audience. She was in favor of a time limit for public comment speaking. She stated the bus service is closer to being ready to operate.

Sharon Schmitz gave an update on the Ambulance Committee. The Goals are for a new facility with cost comparisons completed. An appraisal of the Richland Electric Cooperative building on Jefferson Street was done. The County Board note included the purchase of an ambulance facility and they are now looking for other funds. There was an ambulance purchase that included a power load system that was paid for by the Ambulance Association. They are working with the Richland Hospital on training and transfers. They are operating in the black.

DEPARTMENTS AND UTILITY REPORTS: There were no reports.

ADJOURN: Motion by Cox, second by Tepley to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:41 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melinda D. Jones, Clerk/Treasurer