

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

February 18, 2020

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 commencing at 7:30 PM, Mayor Michael J. Kaufman presiding. Alderpersons Ryan Cairns, John Collins, Travis Wertz, Diane Cox, and Karin Tepley were present. Todd Coppernoll was present via speaker telephone. Scotty Wallace was absent and it was reported that Jasen Glasbrenner resigned to interview for the Economic Development Director position. Mayor Kaufman ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Wertz, second by Collins to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and approve said minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously via voice vote.

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

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Alderperson Collins mentioned that at the last meeting an ad hoc committee was suggested to review the Hive Drive & Stori Field but it would be a better choice to have public works review this issue with Terry Nelson and give a report at the next council meeting.

Alderperson Wertz asked to have discussion and approval of spending the remaining 2019 pool budget to purchase furniture for the new aquatic center.

CITY AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS: Francis Braithwaite reported that the Brewer Library basement will be finished soon.

CONSIDER ELECTION OF PERSON TO FILL DISTRICT 2 ALDERPERSON SEAT: Mayor Kaufman read a letter from Lisa Miller who expressed interest in the open seat. Motion by Collins, second by Tepley to postpone this item to the next meeting. Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASING TWO ZERO TURN LAWN MOWERS FOR THE PARK DEPARTMENT: Alderperson Cairns stated the Finance Committee meeting was cancelled but he has reviewed all of the items on the agenda. Dave Fry stated the low bid is from Simpson Tractor at \$9424 each, Homesteaders bid \$10,438 and Walsh's Ace Hardware bid \$11,100. Motion by Collins, second by Cairns to approve the bid from Simpson Tractor for a Dixie Chopper Eagle at \$9424.00 each. Motion carried 6-0 with a roll call vote.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REPLACING BROKEN QUICK ATTACH SNOW PLOW FOR THE TOOLCAT: Dave Fry reported the plow they currently use is 38" and it split in the middle. They have welded it but they do not know how long it will last so it needs replacing. It takes 2-3 trips to clear the 2-3' of snow off the sidewalks and bridges with this plow. The replacement plow being asked for is 5' wide and should work much faster. The bids are from Ritchie Implement for \$1800 and Simpson Tractor for \$1675. Motion by Cairns to approve the bid from Simpson Tractor for \$1675.00. Cox seconded the motion. Cairns amended

the motion to place the item in the equipment outlay budget and Cox seconded. Motion carried 6-0 via roll call.

CONSIDER SELECTING BANKING SERVICES FOR CITY GENERAL AND OTHER ACCOUNTS DUE TO BMO HARRIS BANK CLOSING THE RICHLAND CENTER BRANCH: Alderperson Cairns said that the Peoples Community Bank stands out the most with the interest rate and no fees. They are a local bank. Motion by Cairns, second by Wertz to approve banking services with The Peoples Community Bank. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER CONTRACT WITH MSA TO SEEK CLOSURE FROM THE DNR FOR 190 N ORANGE STREET: Motion by Cairns to approve the contract with MSA for \$10,200 from Contingency for closure. Collins seconded and the motion carried 6-0 via roll call.

CONSIDER CONTRACT WITH MSA TO SEEK CLOSURE FROM THE DNR FOR THE FORMER M & A RECYCLING SITE AT 430 W. UNION STREET: Motion by Cairns to approve the contract with MSA for \$5750 from Contingency. Tepley seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASING NEW WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS AT CITY HALL AND THE COMMUNITY CENTER: The wireless access points were installed in 2012 and are near the end of life for the equipment. Motion by Cairns to approve the purchase of 5 wireless access points for \$4161.10 and a 5-year support contract for \$1295.00 to be paid from the Clerk Outlay account. Wertz seconded and the motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH RICHLAND COUNTY AND RICHLAND COUNTY HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FOR PLOWING AND MOWING AT THE COURTHOUSE AND AT HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES: Alderperson Collins mentioned the new maintenance person at the county has spoken to him regarding this issue and it was determined that if the council does not approve the renewal it could be taken back to the County Board. The contract that Health & Human Services sent was looked at as well as the initial contract for services that Attorney Robb and Attorney Southwick worked on with the amendment of the dates for a 2-year contract and a price increase of \$5.00 per service per employee beginning January 1, 2021. Dave Fry mentioned the snow is removed from both parking lots. Motion by Collins to approve the contract for 2 years noting under item #4 the rate increase from \$65 to \$70 and from \$45 to \$50 ending on December 31, 2021. Cox seconded. Collins amended his motion to take notice that the 2020 rates did not increase but the increase is for the year 2021. Cox seconded and the motion carried 6-0.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS: Mayor Kaufman would like to appoint Karin Tepley to the Finance Committee. Motion by Cairns, second by Collins to approve the appointment of Karin Tepley to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS: Motion by Cairns, second by Tepley to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no comments.

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS – COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Alderperson Tepley talked about the ribbon cutting for the new Centerline bus service which was at the Community Center. Alderperson Cox mentioned that two meetings were cancelled due to the weather. Alderperson Collins said the Pine River Trail within the county received word from the Federal Government that the County application submitted for use of ATV/UTVs on the trail was denied. He thanked the City Employees for the great job of snow removal.

DEPARTMENTS AND UTILITY REPORTS: Police Chief Billy Jones said the January Police Department report was handed out to the Council.

ADJOURN: Motion by Collins, second by Tepley to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:30 PM.

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