

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
March 2, 2021**

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 commencing at 7:30 PM, with Mayor Todd Coppernoll presiding. The meeting was held virtually via WebEx. Alderpersons present over phone: Scotty Wallace, Susan Fruit, Carson Culver, John Collins, Karin Tepley, Travis Wertz, Melony Walters, and Ryan Cairns. Mayor Coppernoll ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Collins makes motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the 2-16-2021 meeting and approve the same with no additions or corrections, Fruit seconds, motion carried unanimously.

Tepley makes motion to approve agenda with no additions or corrections, Wallace seconds, motion carried unanimously.

**MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING:** Collins stated he would like the discussion to resume in-person City Council meetings be placed on the next agenda.

**CITY AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS:** None.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** The report for February 28, 2021 with the month balance is as follows:

General Fund	1,096,966.94
State Pool - Account # 1	3,971,332.80
Money Market Tax Acct.	17,633.92
State Pool – Account #2 Long Term Care	576,746.65
State Pool #3 TIF-Panorama Estates	210.29
State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5	108,416.72
Revolving Loan Fund- Savings	556,451.04
Revolving Loan Fund – Checking	1,164.57

**Restricted Funds:**

CDBG - Housing RLF	24,415.44
Landfill Care – CD	293,561.14
Landfill Care - CD	298,130.77
Library Checking	409,357.96
Canine Fund	8,714.00
Room Tax	83,667.39
State Pool #5 Renew RC Loan-Affordable Housing	835,838.65
Renew RC Loan Program Checking-Affordable Housing	3,250.36

**Committed Funds:**

State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover	1,966,080.74
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**Assigned Funds:**

Cemetery	4,798.95
Parks, Rec & CC Checking	9,747.18

Aquatic Center 265,676.69

**CITY UTILITIES:**

Electric Utility Fund 153,780.09  
Electric Unrestricted Funds 81,767.71  
Water Utility Fund 172,737.92  
Water Utility Unrestricted Funds 300,396.10  
Sewer Utility Fund 100,418.08  
Sewer Utility Unrestricted Funds 60,252.02

**RESTRICTED FOR PROJECTS:**

Electric 611,555.71  
Water 582,696.26  
WTP 4,311,312.67

Walters makes motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, Cairns seconds, motion carried 8 – 0.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**CONSIDER APPROVAL TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT SQUAD CAR:** Cairns reviewed equipment quotes Police Chief Jones provided. Collins asked Jones if the cost of the proposed equipment was typical to outfit a vehicle of this nature and Jones replied by stating that it was. Coppernoll asked Jones to review why the decision to purchase a truck instead of a car was made and Jones replied by stating that a truck provides more versatility in meeting the diverse needs of the department. Cairns makes motion to approve purchases of new equipment from General Communications in the amount of \$12,655.00 and from Fillback Ford & Chrysler in the amount of \$2,300.00, Fruit seconds, motion carried 8 – 0.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER AND VIERBICHER ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES FOR PREPARATION OF A SPECIFICATION AND BIDDING PACKAGE TO SOLICIT BIDS FROM VENDORS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING LEVEE ALARM SYSTEM:** Cairns reviewed the agreement from Vierbicher. Cairns noted that replacing the levee alarm system was a mandatory action item as a part of the funding provisions set forth in the grant and that the current system is beyond repair. Cairns makes motion to approve the professional service agreement between the City of Richland Center and Vierbicher Associates to provide professional consulting services for preparation of a specification and bidding package to solicit bids from vendors to replace the existing levee alarm system at a cost of \$11,500.00, Collins seconds, motion carried 8 – 0.

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BID FOR PAINT STRIPER:** Cairns reviewed bid received for paint stripper. Cairns makes motion to accept bid from Bailey’s Paint & Decorating in the amount of \$7,790.00, Culver, seconds, motion carried 8 – 0.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2021-4 URGING STATE LEGISLATORS TO OPPOSE THE PASSAGE OF PENDING STATE LEGISLATION 2021 SENATE BILL 22 AND 2021 SENATE BILL 56 AFFECTING THE SALE OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES:** Wallace provided summary of 2021 Senate Bills 22 and 56. Coppernoll read Resolution 2021-4 aloud. Collins noted that as a member of the Partnership for Prevention Coalition for Richland County he was taken aback by the proposed legislation. Julia Sherman summarized the main points of proposed Bills. Coppernoll noted that he has always been opposed to regulations that restrict local control. Culver makes motion to adopt Resolution 2021-4 urging state legislators to oppose the passage of pending state legislation 2021 Senate Bill 22 and 2021 Senate Bill 56 affecting the sale of alcohol beverages, Collins seconds, motion carried 6 – 2.

**APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS:** None.

**PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS:** Bills reviewed as presented. Cairns makes motion to approve bills as presented, Walters seconds, motion carried 8 – 0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No one present for public comments.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:** Wallace noted he was relieved that the alternate side parking restrictions are no longer in effect. Tepley reported that the Library is up to level three of its reopening plan. Tepley stated that patrons can now access the library by appointment or continue to utilize curb-side pickup. Wertz inquired about the progress of the airport terminal building and Coppernoll replied by stating that the project will be complete once the two remaining televisions are installed. Walters reported that snowshoe and ski maps have been updated and are available on the website. Coppernoll noted that COVID vaccination days will now be held on Mondays and Tuesdays and that the new fire engine is expected to be delivered on Wednesday evening.

**DEPARTMENT AND UTILITY REPORTS:** None.

Motion by Collins to move into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee subject to the jurisdiction or authority of governing body, Tepley seconds, motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Collins to reconvene into open session to vote on matters discussed in closed session, Wertz seconds, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Collins to approve the successful completion of Kalish’s 6-month probationary period and adjust his salary to the established post-probationary period rate, Walters seconds, motion carried 8 - 0.

**ADJOURN:** Collins makes motion to adjourn at 8:20 PM, Tepley seconds, motion carried unanimously.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Derek S. Kalish, City Clerk/Treasurer