

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
August 17, 2021**

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in person on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 commencing at 7:30 PM with Mayor Todd Coppernoll presiding. Alderpersons Scotty Wallace, Chelsey Walters, Ryan Cairns, Karin Tepley, Carson Culver, Melony Walters, and John Collins were present. Susan Fruit was absent. Mayor Coppernoll ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Wallace motioned to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the August 3, 2021 council meeting as presented. Second by Collins. Motion carried 7-0.

Tepley motioned to approve the agenda, with items 7a and 9 removed. Second by Culver. Motion carried 7-0.

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Mayor shared that Dave Siefkes has submitted his resignation from the Utility Commission effective following the September meeting with one year left on his term. Needs to be filled.

CITY AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS: None

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (Wallace):

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CLASS “B” BEER LICENSE APPLICATION FROM TRI-ELITE ENTERTAINMENT LLC, TONY JOHNSON AGENT AT 192 S. CENTRAL AVENUE THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022: Wallace motioned to approve a Class “B” Beer License for Tri-Elite Entertainment, LLC. Second by Culver. Motion carried 7-0.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (Cairns):

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RENTAL AGREEMENT OPTIONS FOR THE RICHLAND COUNTY MEAL SITE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER/SENIOR CENTER: It was reported that the Richland County Senior Meal Site made all payments in 2020 despite not being able to use the Community Center/Senior Center from March through December due to the pandemic. Payments were stopped in January 2021, but the meal site reopened for part-time service in June, with daily serving anticipated by September. The Park Board recommended that the Richland County meal site make no additional payments for 2021 and restart the payments beginning in 2022. The Park Board recommended that the Richland County meal site make no additional payments for 2021 and restart the payments beginning in 2022. It was noted that Health & Human Services is ok with this recommendation. M. Walters motioned to credit the payments made from March 2020 toward the unpaid portion of 2021. Second by Wallace. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL TO SEEK BIDS FOR 2022 POLICE K-9 VEHICLE: Billy Jones shared the request to start seeking bids early for a K9 vehicle due to the delays in auto deliveries. M. Walters motioned to allow Police Dept. to seek bids for 2022 Police K9 vehicle. Second by Cairns. Police Dept. is still waiting for previously ordered vehicle. Hope to have a vehicle ready

for when the K9 dog arrives as a regular squad car would be damaged if used by K9. Collins questioned if this vehicle is in addition to the fleet. Jones indicated, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

PERSONNEL & INSURANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS (Collins):

UPDATE ON CITY ADMINISTRATOR JOB SEARCH: Collins shared that 4 applications have been received and reviewed for the position so far. More information was obtained from a couple of the candidates. Personnel will be meeting again this week to consider the next steps for the applicants.

REPORT ON PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS AND CITATIONS ISSUED: Jones reported that there is some activity happening on the 200 block of W. Seminary St. Owner is moving forward in remodeling project. Also, the police department is working with a resident on W. 6th Street. Two citations are going out this week for other properties.

REPORT ON DELINQUENT ACCOUNT PROCESS: Joyce reports that there has not been a lot of activity and has some success in recovering funds. Continuing the process.

APOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, AND CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS: None

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS: Cairns made a motion to approve the bills as presented. M. Walters seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Keith Behling thanked the city for the terrific cooperation for another successful Walk with GRACE event on Friday, August 3rd. Ron Fruit concurred that it went well and people were thankful to be back at the Walk. Ambassadors were inspiring and an overall success. Mayor thanked all who were involved.

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS – COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS: Mayor stated that the Circus went well and was well attended. An obvious success for the community. Also, thanks to those who worked on getting the dialysis center in Richland Center, said “we did it”.

DEPARTMENTS AND UTILITY REPORTS: S. Stibbe reported that the Aquatic Center hours have changed due to the lack of lifeguards returning to school and sports. Also, the Center will be closing on August 27th for the season. Other area pools have closed early. It was a successful year and hopes to install a 2nd slide and diving board. The splash pad will remain open as long as possible.

ADJOURN: Collins motioned to adjourn. Tepley seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0 at 7:59 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Aaron Joyce, City Clerk/Treasurer