

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
January 4, 2021**

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in person on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 commencing at 7:30 PM with Mayor Todd Coppernoll presiding. Alderpersons Carson Culver, Melony Walters, Ryan Cairns, Scotty Wallace, Susan Fruit, John Collins, and Karen Tepley were present. Alderperson Chelsey Walters was absent. Mayor Coppernoll ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Collins motioned to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular December 21st council meeting. Second by Wallace. Motion carried 7-0.

Tepley motioned to approve the agenda with item #9 removed. Seconded by Melony Walters. Motion carried 7-0.

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS CONCERNS TO BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE MEETING: Fruit noted that there is an ordinance concerning snow removal from sidewalks. Tepley and Cairns both mentioned concerns from residents regarding snow being shoveled from sidewalks.

CITY AND UTILITY DEPARTMENT HEAD CONCERNS: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report for November 30, 2021 with the month end balance is as follows:

General Fund	257,637.18
State Pool - Account # 1	4,295,840.20
Money Market Tax Acct.	1,762,845.92
State Pool – Account #2 Long Term Care	577,006.66
State Pool #3 TIF-Panorama Estates	96,962.56
State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5	212,364.97
Revolving Loan Fund- Savings	561,245.01
Revolving Loan Fund – Checking	1,164.57

Restricted Funds:

CDBG - Housing RLF	65,722.01
Landfill Care – CD	296,166.92
Landfill Care - CD	298,130.77
Library Checking	196,887.19
Canine Fund	26,331.62
Room Tax	60,033.06
State Pool #5 Renew RC Loan-Affordable Housing	831,215.31
Renew RC Loan Program Checking-Affordable Housing	4,440.57

Committed Funds:

State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover	1,894,433.16
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Assigned Funds:

Cemetery	4,807.46
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Parks, Rec & CC Checking	9,753.80
Aquatic Center	188,001.08

CITY UTILITIES:

Electric Utility Fund	358,578.37
Electric Unrestricted Funds	141,796.30
Water Utility Fund	238,576.82
Water Utility Unrestricted Funds	60,524.41
Sewer Utility Fund	52,527.49
Sewer Utility Unrestricted Funds	60,559.14

RESTRICTED FOR PROJECTS:

Electric	942,607.16
Water	1,053,267.99
WTP	4,259,200.04

Wallace motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Culver seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FROM NEW WHITE HOUSE, JACK COPPERNOLL AGENT, FOR A CLASS B BEER AND CLASS B LIQUOR LICENSE AT 1450 VETERANS DRIVE: It was noted that the license for this location previously held by the Eagles Nest has been surrendered. Motion by Wallace to approve the license application from New White House, Jack Coppernoll agent, for a Class B Beer and Class B Liquor license at 1450 Veterans Drive. Second by Culver. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORT ON PUBLIC NUISANCE ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS AND CITATIONS ISSUED: Nothing new to report.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Richard Ermilio read a letter from Jill Severin requesting the taxi service to be adjusted for earlier service on Saturday mornings. Mayor Coppernoll said he would contact Running, Inc. to inquire about a possible change to the taxi schedule. Keith Behling of the RDA reported that the yellow shed on Orange Street sold with a high bid of \$9,025. The purchaser has already begun dismantling the building and anticipates it will be a quick process. The RDA will market the lot once the building is removed. Representing the Richland County Rotary, Behling said the 2021 Rotary Lights in the Park went very well. He said that all of the city departments were extremely cooperative in the effort.

MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS – COMMITTEE/COMMISSION/BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS: None.

DEPARTMENTS AND UTILITY REPORTS: Joyce reported the filing period for municipal candidates in the Spring 2022 election has passed. Each of the races will be unopposed. Susan Fruit is running for reelection in District 1; Thomas McCarthy is running in District 2; Kevin Melby is running in District 3; and Ryan Cairns is running for reelection in District 4. Carson Culver and John Collins are not seeking reelection in Districts 2 and 3 respectively. Todd Coppernoll is running unopposed for Richland Center mayor. Attorney McGough continues to work on issues as directed by the mayor including determining the issues related to a city Facebook page. Chief Jones provided an update on the police department's K-9 unit. He said that officer Shawn Deneen is currently training with a new dog because the first animal did not work out in the program. The training program is five weeks and it's anticipated the K-9 unit will be in service in the community in February. Mayor Coppernoll introduced Ashley Oliphant, who began her tenure as the new Richland Center City Administrator on December 28th. Oliphant reported that she has been meeting with department heads in her initial days and is looking forward at how the city evolves.

ADJOURN: Melony Walters motioned to adjourn. Tepley seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0 at 7:58 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Aaron Joyce, City Clerk/Treasurer