



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026 AT 5:30 PM

COUNCIL ROOM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 450 S. MAIN ST., RICHLAND CENTER, WI 53581

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER Chair Ryan Cairns called the meeting was called to order at 5:31 PM. A quorum was present. Members present were Karin Tepley, Melony Walters, and Ryan Cairns. MSS Darcy Perkins confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *Motion by Walters, second by Cairns to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the November 28, 2025 and December 25, 2025 meetings as presented. Motion Carried 3-0.*

PAYMENT OF BILLS *Motion by Walters, second by Cairns to approve payment of bills in the amount of \$344,007.15, consisting of \$2,260.30 which are Greater Richland Tourism and \$341,746.85 are general fund expenditures. Motion Upon Roll Call Vote, motion carried 3-0.*

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT: Staff noted year-end closeout is underway. A full report will be provided at the next Council meeting as 2025 financials are finalized.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

178 S. Central Avenue (Vintage Interiors LLC) Hazardous Sidewalk Replacement: Staff outlined prior efforts with the property owner since June 2025 and described significant safety concerns due to a deteriorated sidewalk above a coal tunnel, including exposed rebar and subgrade failure. Engineering review confirmed the hazard. An ordinance violation was issued in October, with no resolution to date.

Discussion covered project timing, winter feasibility, public bidding requirements, and ordinance timelines. The owner believes the hazard is localized and is pursuing professional evaluation but disputes City findings. Staff recommended proceeding to safeguard public safety, noting the City's action would not preclude earlier owner-led remediation with engineering verification.

Motion by Cairns, second by Walters to recommend to the Common Council authorizing staff to proceed with hazardous sidewalk replacement, issue required legal notices, solicit bids under Wisconsin public construction law, and recover all associated costs from the property owner. Upon roll call vote, motion carried 3-0.

SET NEXT MEETING DATE: February 3, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT: *Motion by Cairns, second by Tepley to adjourn at approximately 6:03 pm. Motion Carried 3-0.*

Minutes recorded by Darcy Perkins.