

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

January 4, 2011

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 commencing at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Larry D. Fowler presiding. Alderpersons Marie Rakow, Susan Fruit, Lester Parker, Jay Buchanan Mueller, Steve Deets, Judy Shireman, Bill Kloehn, and Lorna Dilley present. Mayor Fowler ascertained from the Clerk that the meeting was properly noticed.

Motion by Kloehn, second by Fruit to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting (December 21, 2010) both open and closed session, in lieu of printed copies and to approve the same. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION FOR ROCKWELL AUTOMATION. Mayor Fowler read the proclamation designating the week of January 10-16, 2011 as Rockwell Automation / Allen-Bradley 40th Anniversary Week and presented the proclamation to Katrina King, Plant Manager. Ms. King said thank you to everyone. She said she is a new resident of Richland Center and pleased to be part of the community and Rockwell. She said next week there will be an employee celebration and in the summer there will be a community celebration with an open house.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Treasurer Jude Elliott presented the General Fund Report for December, 2010. The complete Treasurer’s report follows:

GENERAL FUND:

Treasurer’s balance at start of month	315,907.87
Receipts	459,566.99
Disbursements	654,474.13
Treasurer’s balance end of month	121,000.73
Money Market Tax Acct.	1,286,179.78

INVESTMENTS:

State Pool - Account # 1	746,894.69
State Pool – Account #2 Long Term Care	526,219.87
State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover	544,951.29
State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5	1,036,425.57

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

CDBG - Housing RLF	136,153.86
Cemetery	3,853.57
Revolving Loan Fund- Savings	449,026.71

Revolving Loan Fund – Checking	9,334.71
Park / Community Center	20,776.68
Park and Rec Checking	3,921.55
Recycling	29,255.75
Landfill Care – CD	474,418.82
Landfill Closure	88,497.89
Room Tax	24,759.45
Library Checking	20,917.22
RDA Checking	106,841.40

ELECTRIC UTILITY FUND:

Treasurer’s balance at start of month	102,355.63
Receipts	803,464.23
Garbage Receipts	18,035.10
Public Benefit	6,925.22
Telecom Utility	5,064.00
Disbursements	876,732.46
Treasurer’s balance at end of month	59,111.72
Investments	1,497,469.20

WATER UTILITY FUND:

Treasurer’s balance start of month	10,412.12
Receipts	110,944.91
Disbursements	87,826.72
Treasurer’s balance end of month	33,530.31
Investments	1,394,242.02

SEWER UTILITY FUND:

Treasurer’s balance start of month	62,503.44
Receipts	264,118.44
Disbursements	233,764.98
Treasurer’s balance end of month	92,856.90
Investment	5,274,594.35

LOANS:

Telecom from Elect	67,720.08
Electric advance to TIF	0.00
Water advance to TIF	308,355.16
Water advance to TIF	24,577.00
WWTP advance to TIF	18,351.00
WWTP advance to TIF	32,311.58
WWTP advance to TIF	139,480.31
Total due TIF	523,075.05

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500,000.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER WI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC FACILITIES FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE WI DEPT OF COMMERCE AND THE CITY. Mayor Fowler said the CDBG grant will provide \$233,500 towards the Foundry Drive construction project. He said the Department of Commerce is aware of the TEA Grant application and that the Department of Transportation is requiring additional engineering. He said both departments are aware that each grant is contingent on the other. Clerk Elliott said it is a TIF project. Alderperson Deets said Finance recommended by 2 votes to approve but he abstained. Motion by Parker, second by Dilley to approve the grant application and authorize signatures. Motion carried 7-0 with Alderperson Deets abstaining.

CONSIDER AWARDING CONTRACT FOR FOUNDRY DRIVE PROPERTY SURVEYS. Mayor Fowler said that for the Foundry Drive construction project, the City needs a CSM of a new 66ft wide right of way and a new cul de sac, a new 66ft right of way across current City Utility substation property, an easement across Richland Center Foundry Inc. property over an existing storm sewer line, an a new easement for future sanitary sewer, storm water drainage, and water mains. He said bids specs were sent to 5 engineering firms and bids were received from MSA for \$1750.00, Westbrook for \$3800.00, Driftless Area for \$4985.00 and Jewell for \$5450.00. He said he was sure that MSA did the preliminary plans for the project. Alderperson Deets said Finance recommended to approve by 2 votes and he abstained. Motion by Kloehn, second by Fruit to approve the Contract for engineering at the Foundry Drive construction project to MSA, not to exceed \$1750.00. Motion carried 7-0 with Alderperson Deets abstaining.

CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS APPROVING DEVELOPERS AGREEMENTS. Clerk Elliott said there is a resolution for the Hospital, once for Deuce W LLC, and one for Alfred Ederer & Sons. He mentioned that both Ehlers and Vig recommended closing the Hospital TIF. Alderperson Deets said Finance recommended approving all three resolutions. Motion by Kloehn, second by Rakow to approve Resolution 2011-1 authorizing expenditure of funds to the Richland Hospital, Inc., waive the reading and authorize signatures. Motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Fruit, second by Kloehn to approve Resolution 2011-2 authorizing expenditure of funds to Deuce W, LLC, waive the reading and authorize signatures. Motion carried 8-0.

Motion by Dilley, second by Parker to approve Resolution 2011-3 authorizing expenditure of funds to Alfred Ederer & Sons, waive the reading and authorize signatures. Motion carried 8-0.

CONSIDER SECOND AMENDMENT TO SECTION 125 PLAN. Deputy Clerk Jones said that the Section 125 plan allows employees to have payroll deductions before taxes for medical expenses. She said in the past couple years the IRS has allowed over the counter medications to be purchased without a prescription and reimbursed through the 125 plan. She said the IRS has changed the ruling so that over the counter medicine is not reimbursable under the plan and this amendment brings the City into compliance. Motion by Deets to approve amendment two to the

Section 125 plan as printed. Alderperson Fruit made the second and the motion carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS: Mayor Fowler said that Barbara Shannon has agreed to another 5 year term on the Redevelopment Authority and asked the Council to confirm the appointment. Motion by Deets, second by Shireman to ratify the appointment of Barbara Shannon to the RDA. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS:

The bills were reviewed. Motion by Mueller, second by Parker to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMENTS: He said there is a Personnel & Insurance meeting on January 11th at 5:30 P.M. for negotiations with the Police. He said there is a Planning meeting on the 13th and a Senior /Community Center ad hoc meeting on the 17th at 5:30 P.M. to review three sites. He said the preliminary engineering for the footbridge is done and asked if it could be addressed at Council. The consensus was that the footbridge issue could stay at Council instead of a committee.

ALDERPERSON MARIE RAKOW: She said happy New Year to everyone and that the City should be proud that we have a resident playing in the Rose Bowl game. She said she is happy that the new manager of Allen-Bradley lives in Richland Center.

ALDERPERSON SUSAN FRUIT: She said happy New Year.

ALDERPERSON JAY BUCHANAN MUELLER: He congratulated and thanked Rockwell Automation / Allen-Bradley. He said their business is an asset to our community. He said happy New Year.

ALDERPERSON STEVE DEETS: He said congratulations to Allen-Bradley and to the Ithaca/Weston wrestling team at the bi-state tournament.

ALDERPERSON JUDY SHIREMAN: She said happy New Year.

ALDERPERSON BILL KLOEHN: He said happy New Year and there would be an airport committee meeting soon.

ALDERPERSON LORNA DILLEY: She said happy New Year and congratulations to Allen-Bradley.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT DICK WILSON: He said his department only had 2 regular employees in December and now is back to full staff.

POLICE CHIEF JOHN ANNEAR: He said that January 21st will be Debra Schwarz's last day of work so the department will be seeking permission to fill the position in February.

CITY CLERK / TREASURER JUDE ELLIOTT: He said nomination papers were due today and there will be no races in the City.

DEPUTY CLERK / TREASURER MELINDA D. JONES: She said the cemetery software has been received and will be installed tomorrow.

ATTORNEY JAY ROBB: He said happy New Year.

ADJOURN:

Motion by Mueller, second by Kloehn to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:00 P.M.
Minutes prepared by Melinda D. Jones, Deputy Clerk / Treasurer

Larry D. Fowler, Mayor

Attest:

Jude Elliott, City Clerk / Treasurer