

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

**MAY 3RD, 2011**

The Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Wisconsin, met in the Council Room of the municipal building on Tuesday, May 3rd, 2011 commencing at 7:00 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 Parker, second by Fruit to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting (April 19th, 2011) in lieu of printed copies and to approve the same. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Treasurer Jude Elliott presented the General Fund Report for April, 2011. The complete Treasurer’s report follows:

**GENERAL FUND:**

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Treasurer’s balance at start of month | 798,014.81 |
| Receipts                              | 257,546.30 |
| Disbursements                         | 598,624.54 |
| Treasurer’s balance end of month      | 456,936.57 |
| Money Market Tax Acct.                | 21,243.27  |

**INVESTMENTS:**

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| State Pool - Account # 1                     | 639,712.27 |
| State Pool – Account #2 Long Term Care       | 526,534.18 |
| State Pool - Account # 4 - Project Carryover | 494,969.80 |
| State Pool - Account # 6 - TIF - 2-5         | 916,227.95 |

**SPECIAL ACCOUNTS**

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|--------------------------------|------------|
| CDBG - Housing RLF             | 114,666.04 |
| Cemetery                       | 3,864.33   |
| Revolving Loan Fund- Savings   | 472,061.75 |
| Revolving Loan Fund – Checking | 9,324.71   |
| Park / Community Center        | 19,987.10  |
| Park and Rec Checking          | 3,222.96   |
| Recycling                      | 11,517.46  |
| Landfill Care – CD             | 476,286.65 |
| Landfill Closure               | 88,633.95  |
| Room Tax                       | 29,277.01  |
| Library Checking               | 87,098.75  |
| RDA Checking                   | 108,341.40 |

**ELECTRIC UTILITY FUND:**

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Treasurer's balance at start of month | 144,940.67   |
| Receipts                              | 834,699.96   |
| Garbage Receipts                      | 20,681.78    |
| Public Benefit                        | 5,869.17     |
| Telecom Utility                       | 5,064.00     |
| Disbursements                         | 929,137.42   |
| Treasurer's balance at end of month   | 82,118.16    |
| Investments                           | 1,523,124.56 |

**WATER UTILITY FUND:**

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| Treasurer's balance start of month | 54,075.46    |
| Receipts                           | 174,151.34   |
| Disbursements                      | 172,402.80   |
| Treasurer's balance end of month   | 55,824.00    |
| Investments                        | 1,440,019.88 |

**SEWER UTILITY FUND:**

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|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Treasurer's balance start of month | 53,449.71    |
| Receipts                           | 817,000.70   |
| Disbursements                      | 805,725.82   |
| Treasurer's balance end of month   | 62,724.59    |
| Investment                         | 5,199,410.81 |

**LOANS:**

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|-------------------------|------------|
| Telecom from Elect      | 67,720.08  |
| Electric advance to TIF | 0.00       |
| Water advance to TIF    | 257,932.16 |
| Water advance to TIF    | 0.00       |
| WWTP advance to TIF     | 18,351.00  |
| WWTP advance to TIF     | 32,311.58  |
| WWTP advance to TIF     | 139,480.31 |
| Total due TIF           | 448,075.05 |
| City                    | 400,000.00 |

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON HEIGHT LIMITATION ORDINANCE:**

Mayor Fowler introduced Wendy Hottenstein from the Bureau of Aeronautics, Aaron Stewart and Jeff Sanders from Omni Associates. Mr. Sanders said the Townships of Buena Vista, Ithaca, Richland and Orion were invited as well as the County Zoning Administrator Harriett Pedley but he would be attending Township meetings. He said this is information about a height ordinance that is required to be completed by the City. He said it would be an overlay of the existing County and Township zoning ordinances that would limit the height of new

structures within a 3 mile radius of the airport but it does not limit land use. Alderperson Deets asked if existing structures would be grandfathered in and the answer was that existing structures would be grandfathered in as legal non-conforming use. Mr. Sanders said that any new structures or additions would be subject to the height limitation zoning ordinance (HLZO). Wendie Hottenstein from the Bureau of Aeronautics stated that any airport that uses federal funding is required to have a HLZO. She said that there is a slope of 30-1 at the lowest point of the airport runway and it gradually increases to 50-1. She said that at the lowest elevation point there would be a 50' height limit and at the highest point the limit is increased to 150'. She said on a hill the limit of a new structure would be 50' and if there is a valley on the other side, a structure could be higher as it would be limited to the 50' over the top of the hill. She said the HLZO does not apply to trees and farm crops. Mr. Sanders said that after the HLZO is passed, the City is responsible for enforcement. Alderperson Shireman asked if every person within the 3 mile radius of the airport has to be notified of the public meeting. Mr. Sanders replied that the Towns and City would use their notification process that is in place. Mayor Fowler asked what would be used on a structure to determine the height. Ms. Hottenstein said that it would be the top of a chimney, an antenna or satellite antenna, and it would also pertain to a crane if construction work is being done someplace. A crane would require a variance from the City and must be marked by a beacon or flags and be taken down at night. Alderperson Kloehn stated that the Airport Layout Plan has a height limit on trees that are very close to the runway. Mayor Fowler asked how many airports in the State have an HLZO and the answer was there are 98 public use airports and only 7 do not have an HLZO. Ms. Hottenstein said that the City received federal funding in the early 1990s and a new compliance officer is addressing HLZOs for those 7 airports and requiring them now. She said that the Federal government regulates plane and public safety for airports. Mayor Fowler thanked them for coming to the meeting.

**PERSONNEL / INSURANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION  
CONSIDER APPROVAL OF POLICE UNION CONTRACT:**

Mayor Fowler said the Personnel Committee met with the Police Union and have come to an agreement for a one year extension to 12/31/2011. He said the Police Department has been restructured and the pay increases are within the same budget but just re-allocated. He said the Patrol Officers and Detective would receive a \$.30 per hour increase, the Sergeant would receive a \$.50 per hour increase and the Lieutenant would receive \$.75 per hour. He said employees are required to live within 25 miles as measured by the most direct road route rather than specifically in Richland County. He said the City labor attorney, Mr. Zach, told him the Police have voted to approve the contract. Motion by Mueller to approve the police union contract extension as presented and authorize the Mayor to sign. Alderperson Dilley made the second and the motion carried 8-0.

**PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS:**

Motion by Kloehn, second by Rakow to approve the bills. Motion carried 7-0.

**MAYOR LARRY D. FOWLER:** He said he received an anonymous letter and asked that anyone who has an issue to please sign it so it could be discussed. He said the Community Business Outreach Committee toured Weggy Winery who makes 30 different kinds of wine.

**ALDERPERSON LESTER PARKER:** He asked if there was any activity with the other union contracts and Mayor Fowler responded the City is waiting to determine what Governor Walker's amendments will be.

**ALDERPERSON STEVE DEETS:** He said the people from Omni had a very nice stand for their presentation and he would like to see the City obtain one with a microphone holder attached.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR SHANE STIBBE:** He said the summer recreation guides are available and that mowing would begin this week.

**POLICE CHIEF JOHN ANNEAR:** He said the prescription drug take back produces 120 pounds that will be properly disposed of. He said the ambulance was picked up today for the special response team. He said tomorrow at 12:30 the mock crash will be held at the Richland Center High School.

**CITY CLERK/TREASURER JUDE ELLIOTT:** He said the League dinner will be this Thursday night in Boscobel and that a Public Works meeting needs to be scheduled.

**DEPUTY CLERK/TREASURER MELINDA JONES:** She said that Jason Marshall has recommended a free program for a new web site. She said he is working with her and the department heads for a layout and then she will put the information that department heads want onto the new sight.

**ALDERPERSON JUDY SHIREMAN:** She said the mock crash is tremendous and worth the time to watch it. She encouraged everyone to attend.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Rakow, second by Fruit to adjourn. Motion carried at 8:25 p.m.

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Mayor, Larry. D. Fowler

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City Clerk / Treasurer Jude Elliott