

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 8, 2016 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was opened by announcing that this was an open meeting of the Common Council. Notice of this meeting was given to the public at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by forwarding the complete agenda to the official City newspaper, The New Richmond News, and to all news media who have requested the same as well as posting. Copies of the complete agenda were available for inspection at the City Clerk's office. Anyone desiring information as to forthcoming meetings should contact the City Clerk's office.

Roll call was taken.

Members Present: Mayor Horne, Alderman Ard, Jackson, Montello, Volkert.

Members Absent: Alderman Kittel, Zajkowski, Student Representative Victoria Johnson and Jesse Stenske

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Alderman Zajkowski moved to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman Kittel and carried.

Public Comment

Scottie Ard read a statement from Wanda Viellieux regarding the large number of feral cats in the West Fifth Street Area.

Mike Nissek explained that he is running for St. Croix County District Attorney. He has worked as a prosecutor for St. Croix County for a long time and is running to replace the current district attorney.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Regular Council Meeting, July 11, 2016
2. Application for License to Serve from Jennifer L. Peterson, New Richmond; Jacquelyn R. Tallarico, New Richmond; Rochelle M. Cole, New Richmond; Ross E. Johnson, New Richmond; and Cynthia L. Rice, New Richmond
3. An Application for an Amplification Permit and Exemption from Sec. 50-87 Loud & Unnecessary Noise from Westfields Hospital & Clinic for August 9, 2016 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at 535 Hospital Road
4. Application for a Run/Walk Permit for the New Richmond Heritage Road Race on September 24, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.
5. Application for a Run/Walk Permit from The Deerfield for the Alzheimer's Walk on September 17, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
6. Application for a Run/Walk Permit from Hair Company & Spa on October 2, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.
7. Application for a Direct Seller's Permit from Mark Dickerson to Sell Area Rugs at 575 North Knowles Avenue from August 26 to September 26, 2016
8. Skate Park Donations from the following:
Counter Family Trust: \$800

Bremer Bank: \$1,500
Fun Fest Fundraiser: \$1,030
Total Commitments to date: \$130,735.99
Total Collected to date: \$86,081.74

9. Payment of VO#59580 through VO#59688 totaling \$352,314.36 plus electronic fund transfers of \$565,448.53 for a grand total of \$917,762.89

General Fund	\$802,400.79
Impact Fees Fund	13,095.88
Cemetery Fund	5,706.61
Debt Service Fund	4,254.67
Capital Projects	27,012.68
Capital Replacement Fund	5,257.98
Landfill Cleanup Fund	5,778.92
TIF District #10	150.00
TIF District #6	7,549.67
Storm Water Utility	14,568.68
Park Land Trust Fund	31,987.01

Alderman Ard moved to approve the consent agenda with the minutes from July 11, 2016 as amended, seconded by Alderman Montello and carried.

Department Reports

Administration – Noah Wiedenfeld thanked everyone for attending National Night Out. The Rotary Lights project will be postponed until 2017. The City will be hosting the WCMA Region I meeting on August 19, 2016.

Community Development – Beth Thompson stated that there was a groundbreaking ceremony at Westfields Hospital on July 26, 2016 for their multi-phase renovation project. The primary election will be held on August 9, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Public Works – Jeremiah Wendt gave an update on street construction. Paperjack Drive will have the concrete sidewalks poured tomorrow and next week the first lift of blacktop will be done. East First Street will be paved at the same time as Paperjack Drive. Xcel had a gas main break recently. Staff met with them to discuss improvements needed. Better communication is needed. Construction has started on the skate park.

Library – Kim Hennings stated that family movie night will be on August 19, 2016 at 8:30 p.m. in Glover Park. Georgia Jones has retired. Last Tuesday evening the St. Croix County Board passed a resolution to fund 70% of the Hudson area joint library.

Police – Craig Yehlik, Police Chief, introduced the new community service officer, Nick Lubow. Craig thanked everyone for attending National Night Out. Many kids went through the squad cars and the community conversation was rolled out. They are trying to infuse the police into the community more. Craig thanked everyone for getting behind the police department in light of the turmoil with police in other areas.

Fire – Jim VanderWyst, Fire Chief, stated that he held three trainings in July, the ladder truck and the water pump have been repaired. The final repairs on the new rescue truck will be done on August 9, 2016. Firefighter I training is scheduled for the new recruits. Officer and tender/pumper/ladder classes are scheduled as well. At the National Night Out event the fire fighters did an auto extrication demonstration.

Mayor Fred's Reading Challenge Medals

Kim Henning, Library Director, and other Library staff read the names of the kids receiving medals for the reading challenge and Mayor Fred shook their hands. There were 940 children and adults who participated in the summer reading program.

Farm, Feral & Stray Cat Program

Tanya Borg explained that they are a non-profit organization and they serve five counties. They have a vet from Glenwood City who provides low cost spay and neuter services, as well as rabies vaccinations. They will be holding a fundraiser in Somerset at the American Legion soon. They would like more communities to support the program financially. Feral cats in the Monette Avenue area have been through the program in the past two years. They will look at the West Fifth Street area referenced by Wanda Viellieux's letter.

Street Naming

The Public Works Committee recommended Harrison Street for the name of the street between Madison Avenue and Cernohous Avenue. Alderman Montello moved to accept this recommendation, seconded by Alderman Ard and carried.

2016 Sidewalk Construction Bids

The following bids were received for 2016 Sidewalk Construction:

J & S Construction	\$64,707.50
Universal Services, Inc.	\$207,555.00

Staff recommended approving the low bid from J & S Construction for \$64,707.50. Alderman Montello moved to accept the low bid from J & S Construction, seconded by Alderman Ard and carried.

2016 Civic Center Parking Lot Maintenance

Staff has been working with First National Community Bank, Remington Law Office and Indianhead Glass have solicited quotes for repairing and seal-coating the parking lot and alley adjacent to the civic center. The following quotes were received:

Superior Sealers	\$12,405.00 for 2016
Fahrner Asphalt Sealers	\$11,166.80 for 2017

Staff recommended contracting with Superior Sealers to perform this work in 2016. The City's share of the cost would be \$9,192, split between the City and Utilities with \$4,596 coming from the 2016 operating budget. Alderman Ard moved to accept the bid from Superior Sealers and have the work completed in 2016, seconded by Alderman Montello and carried.

Police Detective Vehicle Bids

Craig Yehlik, Police Chief, explained that the council approved the addition of a drug detective to be hired in 2016 and this person needs a vehicle. Since this position was approved this year, a vehicle is not in the budget for 2016. Craig Yehlik and Rae Ann Ailts have been looking into the options to either purchase or lease a vehicle. The vehicle will need to be available October 1, 2016. Alderman Montello moved to approve the request for quotes for this vehicle, seconded by Alderman Jackson and carried.

Police Squad Car Bids

There was discussion regarding the ages of the current squad cars and the amount of miles on them. Craig Yehlik and Rae Ann Ailts have been looking at ways to save money and looking at replacing squad cars right after the first of the year. In the past, the Police Department has waited until October to request quotes, ordering them in October or November with delivery in March. There are more expenses on the older squad cars, so an idea of how to save costs would be to put the quotes out to dealerships in mid August to be due in September and delivered just after January 1st. Alderman Montello moved to approve sending a Request for Quotes for this vehicle in mid August with a due date of mid September and delivery after January 1, 2017, seconded by Alderman Ard and carried.

Work Session on August 29, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Communications and Miscellaneous

Jeremiah Wendt stated that the work session on August 29 will include a tour to look at projects and budget ideas. Mike Montello commended Mayor Fred Horne for the reading program.

Closed Session

Alderman Ard moved to go into Closed Session per State Statute 19.85 (1)(c)(e) to discuss Police Chief's Contract and the Borst Agreement, seconded by Alderman Montello and carried.

Open Session

No action was taken regarding the Police Chief's contract.

Alderman Montello moved to approve the Borst Agreement as discussed in Closed Session, seconded by Alderman Ard and carried.

Alderman Montello moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Ard and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Tanya Reigel
City Clerk