

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2018 4:00 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 Zajkowski, Ard, Kittel, Jackson, Montello and Volkert

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Application for Temporary Class B License**

Alderman Kittel moved to approve the application for Temporary Class B Beer License from the New Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce for October 4, 2018 at 228 Paperjack Drive, seconded by Alderman Ard and carried.

**Correctional Center Update**

Craig Yehlik, Police Chief, explained that he attended a meeting at the Correctional Center and was notified they had been housing general population inmates and some of them had been serving time for violent crimes. Craig found an agreement with the St. Croix Correctional Center that was actually a deed restriction the limited the number of inmates and the nature of the crimes inmates could have. Captain Anderson explained that the eight general population inmates, some with violent criminal records were only there for a short time and they were on their way to a minimum security facility with less restrictions than the Correctional Center. The total population at the Correctional Center is 114 males at this time. The Challenge Incarceration Program is now 48 months in length. Craig Yehlik has been working with Captain Anderson to get pictures of all inmates and their backgrounds. Captain Anderson stated the inmates have learned to crochet and have made hats for the cancer patients. They have nearly 200 names on the snow removal list. The inmates have also started a backpack program and have donated personal hygiene items and writing supplies for the backpacks. Craig Yehlik and Captain Anderson will keep in communication so everyone is aware of any changes at the Correctional Center.

**VFW MOU**

This item will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

**Deer Update**

Craig Yehlik explained that at the last meeting, Council members asked to have the public comment on the deer issue at this meeting. No one was in attendance to discuss the deer. Kyle Wells has updated the bow hunting map and it is available to anyone interested in hunting in the City limits. The next step will be to educate the public that there is an ordinance against feeding deer and to let them know about hunting within City limits. We could also list suggested deterrents.

**2019 Budget Review**

Rae Ann Ailts reviewed the proposed General Government portion of the 2019 budget. Department heads reviewed their portions of the budgets as well. The emphasis for this budget is on technology. Considerable discussion followed.

### **Capital Improvement Plan 2018-2022**

Rae Ann Ailts gave an overview of the Capital Improvement Plan and presented some financial scenarios. Considerable discussion followed.

### **Food Truck Fee for Roger Keopple**

The City Council previously approved a request from Roger Keopple to bring his food truck to Freedom Park during football practice from now until October 31, 2018. There was discussion regarding the amount of the fee for this. Staff is working on an ordinance and application process for food trucks that will be completed and in place before spring of 2019. Alderman Ard moved to set the fee for Roger Keopple at \$25 plus the \$7.00 Police investigation fee for the month he will be there as a test case, seconded by Alderman Jackson and carried.

### **Communications & Miscellaneous**

Alderman Ard reminded everyone of the Candidate Forum on October 11, 2018. Anyone interested in submitting questions can do so directly to Tom Lindfors with the New Richmond News.

### **Closed Session**

Alderman Ard moved to go into Closed Session per State Statute 19.85 (1)(c)(e) – Potential Sale of City-Owned Property; Redevelopment of 243 Paperjack Drive and Potential Investment of Public Funds; and Employee Compensation and Benefits, seconded by Alderman Jackson and carried.

### **Open Session**

Alderman Ard moved to proceed as discussed in Closed Session with Item b, seconded by Alderman Kittel and carried.

Alderman Montello moved to proceed as discussed in Closed Session with Item c, seconded by Alderman Ard and carried.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Tanya Batchelor  
City Clerk