

**Meeting Minutes of the Richmond City Council
February 21, 2019
City Council Workshop and Meeting**

Item #1: Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hemmesch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Richmond City Hall.

Council Members noted as being present: Jim Hemmesch; Tim Paczkowski; Pat Evens

Council Members absent: Mike Mathiasen

Also present were: Tesa Tomaschett, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; Jason Spoden, Cold Spring/Richmond Police; Steve Kascht, Fire Chief; Gordie Dingmann, Public Works Director; Tammy Paczkowski; Emily Monnens, Kymberly Craven

Item #2: Open Forum - none

Item #3: Approval of Agenda

Mayor Hemmesch asked if there were any additions or changes to the Agenda.

Add Item # 6: Resolution 119-19: Approving Satisfaction of Mortgage for Granite Realty, LLC.

Add Item #7: Resolution 120-19: Approving the Stearns County Mutual Aid Agreement for use of Fire Personnel and Equipment

Add Item # 8: Resolution 121-19: Authorization for Lawful Gambling Tax Exempt Off Site Lease and Gambling Permit – Richmond Lions on March 23, 2019 at The Olde Coliseum

Councilor Evens asked about the standard of the Stearns County Mutual Aid Agreement, if it was new or had been like this for a while. Fire Chief Kascht informed him that it had been like that for a few years now.

Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to approve the Agenda with additions, seconded by Councilor Evens. Motion passed

Item #4: Council Interviews

The City received 3 applications for the city council position. One was not able to make the interview so pulled the application out. The city council interviewed Emily Monnens and Kymberly Craven.

Mayor Hemmesch thanked all of the applicants for interviewing.

The council had discussion on the two applicants. They reviewed education, involvement with the community, and length of residency.

Motion made by Councilor Evens to appoint Emily Monnens, Mayor Hemmesch asked three times for a second. Motion fails due to a second.

Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to appoint Kymberly Craven, Mayor Hemmesch asked three times for a second. Motion fails due to a second.

Mayor Hemmesch explained that he would not be voting on an applicant. He told the council from the beginning that this decision will be left for them to decide since he can work with whoever they pick. Since both motions failed, this will be added to the council meeting agenda in hope so to make a decision when Councilor Mathiasen will be back.

(Temporary Recess for Council workshop)

Workshop Agenda

Item #5: Fire Officer Info

Council reviewed the Fire officer pay, area covered, training hour pay, meeting hour pay, call hour pay, and if they charge for calls from the cities of Albany, Avon, Cold Spring, Eden Valley, Kimball, Rockville, and St. Martin. After reviewing the data, discussion was to look at lower the salary amount but raise the training hour pay since Richmond was the lowest.

Motion made by Councilor Evens to decrease fire officer pay to \$4000 annually and increase training hour pay to \$10 hour Mayor Hemmesch asked three times for a second. Motion fails due to a second.

Item #6: Resolution 119-19: Approving Satisfaction of Mortgage for Granite Realty, LLC.

Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to approve Resolution 119-19: Approving Satisfaction of Mortgage for Granite Realty, LLC., seconded by Councilor Evens. Motion carried.

Item #7: Resolution 120-19: Approving the Stearns County Mutual Aid Agreement for use of Fire Personnel and Equipment

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve Resolution 120-19: Approving the Stearns County Mutual Aid Agreement for use of Fire Personnel and Equipment seconded by Councilor Paczkowski. Motion Carried.

Item #8: Authorization for Lawful Gambling Tax Exempt Off Site Lease and Gambling Permit – Richmond Lions on March 23, 2019 at The Olde Coliseum

Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to approve Authorization for Lawful Gambling Tax Exempt Off Site Lease and Gambling Permit – Richmond Lions on March 23, 2019 at The Olde Coliseum, seconded by Councilor Evens. Motion Carried.

PUMPER (this topic was not approved for the agenda)

Councilor Evens asked about the status of Pumper 2 which is a 1980 model. It has been looked at by staff; some repairs made, but the vehicle is currently sitting at the shop. There are concerns of the safety since wiring could be bad. Gordie did a lot of work on this vehicle on his own personal time. Councilor Evens has some questions and concerns of the vehicle in which he will direct them to the city administrator so further discussion can happen at the next council meeting. The biggest question is; if it is in working condition then it should be put back in the fire hall to be used or else sell it.

Motion made by Councilor Evens to have a certified electric mechanic look at the pumper for diagnosis but spend no more than \$500.00. Mayor Hemmesch asked three times for a second. Motion fails due to a second.

(Reconvene Council Meeting)

Item #9: Other Matters of Concern and Related Matters

- a. Next Council meeting March 6, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Item #10: Adjournment

Mayor Hemmesch asked for any additional items.

Hearing none Mayor Hemmesch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tesa Tomaschett
City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer