

Meeting Minutes of the Richmond City Council
Wednesday, August 7, 2013
City Council Meeting

Item #1: Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

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

Council Members noted as being present: Pat Evens, Jeff Mackedanz, Scott Kron, Mike Mathiasen, Tim Paczkowski

Also present were: Martin Bode, City Administrator; Randy Jenniges, City Engineer, S.E.H.; Tammy Paczkowski, Cold Spring Record; Gordy Dingmann, Public Works Director; Chuck Merten, Fire Chief; Jason Donabauer, Channel 10. Jennifer Klenert, Dorothy Schmitz, Mark Haffley, Michael K. Spleiss, Delbert Christen, Ronette Christen, Barb Noll, Hilde Ruegemer, Dorrine Schreifels, Ruth Schloeder, Krista Weyer, Howard Weyer, Nancy Stang, Kate Nienaber, Greg Revering, Howard L. Hemmesch, Charles Theel, Mike Donnelle, Bill Lindenfelser, Miles Thormodson, Susan Thormodson, Jeff Tellock, Steve Kascht, Julie Schulte, David Dols, Bob Schaefer, Les Bertram, Arne Frank, Jenny Roering, Kurt Klassen, Dolores Braegelmann, Dolores Rohe, Rita Rothstein, D Kammermeier, Joseph Furman, Dave Rausch, John Sundet, Mark Hermen, Jeff Bertram, Don Williamson, Erich Koester,

Item #2: Approval of Agenda

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

Mayor Kron asked for the Approval of Agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Evens to Approve Agenda, seconded by Councilor Mackedanz. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3: Approval of the Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2013 and July 25 2013

Mayor Kron asked for any corrections or additions to the July 2nd and July 25th, 2013 minutes, hearing none, Mayor Kron asked for a motion of approval.

Motion made by Councilor Evens to Approve the Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2013 and July 25 2013, seconded by Councilor Paczkowski. Motion passed unanimously

Item #4: Approval of Bills

Mayor Kron asked for a motion of approval of Bills.

Motion made by Councilor Mackedanz to Approve the Bills, seconded by Councilor Evens. Motion passed unanimously

Item #5: Consent Agenda

- A. Resolution 172-13 Approval of July 2013 Journal Entries
- B. Resolution 173-13 Approval of July 2013 Donations

- C. Resolution 174-13 Approval of 1-4 Day Temporary Liquor License Richmond Fire Relief Association
- D. Resolution 175-13 Approval of WHP Plan Implementation Consultant Bayerl Water

Motion made by Councilor Mackedanz, to approve Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Evens. Motion carried.

Item #6: Public Hearing: Garbage Hauling- Resolution of Intent to Organize Collection

Mayor Kron opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Mayor Kron, Council and Attorney outlined what the purpose of tonight's public hearing.

Mayor Kron asked if there were anyone who would like to make a comment.

Dave Rausch- stated he would like to know what the rates would be if we went to one hauler.

David Dols - Gave statement of support for moving forward with this process.

Kent Kolzer – asked what is the timeline for the process and what is it going to do for small town Richmond.

John Sundet – stated that he believes the city has more important issues to deal with and does not want the city telling him which garbage company he can use.

Mike Spliers – He stated that he does not want anyone negotiating his garbage bill.

Tammy Paczkowski – spoke about her thoughts about eliminating the choice of garbage haulers.

Katie Nierenbauer – stated she does not support moving forward

Howard Weyer – stated that he would prefer that he make the decision of who to use.

Miles Thormodson – stated that he prefers competition, likes the idea that the city meet with the 3 haulers but wants to keep the choice for himself.

Joe Furman – states that he thinks the city should take the time to get the facts together.

Jeff Tellock – states that he thinks it is a great idea to work with the haulers and try and make it more efficient but allow the individual to make their own choice.

Jeff Bertram – spoke about his company being happy providing services to Richmond.

Don Williamson – state that his company is more than willing to work with the council.

Hilde Ruegemer - what is this going to do to the rates, would like to continue with competition

Krista Weyer – stated she likes having the choice

Delbert Christen- stated he would like keep the choice of haulers.

Mayor Kron asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak, hearing none, Mayor Kron closed the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.

Consideration of Resolution 179-13 – Resolution of Intent to Organize Collection

Council stated that in order to look at the rates, wear and tear of the streets and work with the haulers we need to move forward with this process. Council discussed the benefits to moving forward or not.

City Attorney Matt explained that if the Council passes this resolution they are stating that they wish to move forward and allow staff to meet with the garbage haulers and begin developing a plan of organized hauling that is best for the City of Richmond. He stated it does not mean they will be reducing the number of haulers.

Mayor Kron asked if there are any more comments. Council asked if there were any other haulers in the audience. Waste Management and Advantage (Veolia) both had representatives attending. Council asked if the staff could meet with the haulers without the resolution. Attorney Matt stated that the resolution keeps the Council on a time table and offers guideline.

Mayor Kron asked for a motion regarding Resolution of Intent to Organize Collection. *Motion made by Councilor Evens, to approve Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion failed – Roll Call Vote: Yes – Evens, Mathiasen No: Kron, Paczkowski, Mackedanz.*

Item #7: 2013 Main Street Project

A. Update – Randy Jenniges, City Engineer

Phase I – the underground work is done, Kremers will be in to work on the streets and within 2 weeks Phase 1 should have curbs and all cement work complete. The next step is to connect all the temporary waters on Main Street; then start on Grant and Main Street and pull the deep storm sewer main and then the water main up thru Hall Avenue. Next week (14th) Xcel will be in to take down overhead wiring and then take down the poles. Over the next 5 weeks or so there will be no street lights on Main Street. The sidewalk on Main Street will be removed and new put in. Mayor Kron stated that it was reported at the C & C meeting that businesses said that some of them would keep on their lights on.

B. Resolution 178-13 Approving Pay Request No. 1

Mr. Jenniges stated he reviewed the items for payment of \$101,945.00 and needs Approval of Resolution to send to Stearns County to make first payment.

Mayor Kron asked for a motion approving Resolution 178-13 Approving Pay Request No.1

Motion made by Councilor Mackedanz, to approve Resolution 178-13 Approving Pay Request No. 1 seconded by Councilor Evens. Motion passed.

C. Resolution 177-13 Approving Change Order No. 1

Mr. Jenniges stated that they needed to drill a directional conduit and put in a new gate valve on Main Street. Mr. Jenniges stated he reviewed it and it was a fair price for work. The work has been completed.

Mayor Kron asked for a motion approving Resolution 177-13 Approving Change Order No. 1

Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski, to approve Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed.

D. Resolution 176-13 Resolution Accepting the Offer of the Minnesota Public Financing Authority to Purchase a \$875,104 General Obligation Water Revenue Note, Series 2013, Providing for its Issuance and Authorizing Execution of a Project Loan Agreement.

Mayor Kron asked for a motion regarding 176-13 Resolution Accepting the Offer of the Minnesota Public Financing Authority.

Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski, to approve Resolution 176-13, seconded by Councilor Evens. Motion passed.

Item #8: Water Waster Water Report- Chad Johnson, PeopleService- Written Report

Item #9: Fire Department Report – Chief Merten

Chief Merten gave the July report. He reminded everyone that Oktoberfest is coming up September 14th.

Item #9B: Fema Meeting –Steve Kascht, Assistant Fire Chief

Steve Kascht reported on the FEMA meeting that he attended along with Jesse Kollmann, EMS Director and Martin Bode, City Administrator. Mr. Kascht reported that they are moving forward with applying for a FEMA grant.

Item #10: Other

- A. Main Street Parking – Administrator Bode stated that he will have the ordinance revision at the August workshop meeting for discussion and review and then for approval at the September Council meeting.
- B. Ordinance Violation- 41 Main St W: Attorney Loven stated that he did speak with Mr. Schaefer owner of the property. The next step is to verify that the front of the building is being used for a business. Mr. Loven will keep the Council informed.

Item #11: Council Reports

- A. EDA – Councilor Evens reported that the EDA is working on the revolving loan program. He stated they also discussed the banner poles being put into Main Street. Mr. Jenniges reported that the cost would be about \$550.00 per pole base.
- B. Planning Commission- Council Mackedanz reported that the Planning Commission discussed selling the maintenance building and getting it back on the tax rolls and moving the current maintenance operations to a new location. Next meeting is scheduled for August 8th at 6 pm.
- C. Parks/Rocori Trail – Administrator Bode gave report. He stated that phase II is moving forward. DNR told Mr. Mooney that the Glacial Lake Trail will be done in October and the City does not have any control over the date the work is completed.
- D. Tri City Cable – Jason Donabauer is working interim until they hire there full time person. Jason stated that he has been working with Tri City Cable for the past 3 years. Councilor Mackedanz reported that they are still in the process of getting the new equipment.

Item #12: Request for Council Action – none at this time.

Item #13: Other Matters of Concern and Related Matters –

- A. Next Council Workshop meeting August 22nd at 6:30p.m.
- B. Mayor Kron reminded the Council to let the City Administrator deal with the Contractor about the Main Street project.
- C. County Property on Main Street – they are planning on tearing down the building
- D. New Police Chief hiring process – was reported that the committee has been established.

Item #14: Adjournment:

Mayor Kron asked for a motion to adjourn.

Councilor Paczkowski made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mackedanz. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Kron declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martin M. Bode
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer