

City of Richmond
Regular City Council Meeting
45 Hall Ave SW

August 7, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Item #1: Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

(Roll Call) Mike-Tim-Chuck -Pat-Jim

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

Members noted as being present: Mayor Jim Hemmesch, Councilor Pat Evens, Councilor Mike Mathiasen, Councilor Tim Paczkowski, Councilor Chuck Merten

Also present was Stacy Kalthoff; City Administrator; Jen Rausch, Deputy Clerk; Dave Blommel, SHE; Jason Blum, Police Chief

Item #2: Open Public Forum (Those interested in addressing Council whom did not previously request to be on the agenda may address Council for up to 3 minutes. If action is requested, it will be considered at a later Council Meeting.)

-None-

Item #3: Approval of Agenda with any additions/deletion

Removal of items 10 and 11c.

Motion made by Councilor Merten to approve the agenda with the deletion of #10 and #11c, Seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed.

Item #4: Approval of the Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2024

Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to approve the meeting minutes from the July 18th meeting, Seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed.

Item #5: Approval of Bills Paid

A few questions brought up about bills. All bills were resolved.

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the bills paid, Seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed.

Item #6: Consent Agenda (approved by one motion)

- a. **Resolution 139-24:** Approval of July 2024 Journal Entries
- b. **Resolution 140-24:** Approval of June and July Contributions/Donations
- c. **Resolution 141-24:** Approval of LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for Rockville Area Sportsman's Club Inc., at Jerry's Pub Grille on October 6, 2024
- d. **Resolution 142-24:** Approval of 1 to 4 day temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Cold Spring Area Maennerchor on September 14, 2024 at River Lakes Civic Arena
- e. **Resolution 143-24:** Approval of no turn on or turn off of water after normal working hours

- f. Approval of LG555 for Use of Gambling Funds from the Richmond Lions to the Richmond Lions Park for landscaping for \$12,000.00

Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilor

Mathiasen . Motion passed.

Item #7: SEH Update – Dave Blommel

- a. Approval of Application of Payment #7 for the 2023 Utility Improvements Project

Discussions on the 2023 street project. The final bids and repairs are into the FEDS for final approval. It is scheduled for early September. Dave was asking for a payment application from council in the amount of \$463,020.17. Also discussed looking at October for the public hearing.

Motion made by Councilor Evens to the approve application number seven, Seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed.

Item #8: Building Permit Update

Enclosed in packet

Item #9: Discussion of future growth

Discussed Natalie, the City Planner, going to National Night Out and how much interaction she received from the public. Mentioned the meeting on future growth on 8/8/24.

Item #10: Discussion of City Landmark

Item #11: Department Reports

- a. Police Department
i. 2025 Police Agreement

Chief Blum discussed the new police contract after he presented a rough draft to the council. Proposed a 5year contract verses a 1year contract. Mayor Hemmesch stated approving the 5year contract would help the city budget as well.

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the police contract for one year, no second was made.

*Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to approve the police contract for five years, Seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion Passed. Roll call – Councilor Paczkowski, Councilor Mathiasen, Mayor Hemmesch, Councilor Merten – Yes
Councilor Evens – No*

- ii. Police Budget

September 5th will be the Cold Spring Budget meeting.

- b. Fire Department

Mayor Hemmesch read the report for Chief Mueller. During hose testing last week the testing company found 18 hoses that can no longer be in service. The fire Department applied for the State Farm Grant worth \$50,000. One of the tornado sirens in town doesn't sound so that will need to be fixed.

- ~~c. Public Works~~

- d. PeopleService

Will have a report next week

e. Administrator

Elections coming up next Tuesday, August 13th as well as the last Music in the Park on Tuesday, August 20th. Discussions about the property Jack Stang would like to purchase by the trail. Planning commission discussed taking the money from the sale of the property and putting it towards the pontoon monument. Jack is willing to spend .75 per square foot which would estimate around \$6,000 for the property. Stang is willing to pay all legal fees

***Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to the approve the sale of the property to Jack Stang with Jack paying all legal fees, Seconded by Councilor Mathiasen . Motion passed. Roll call –Councilor Paczkowski, Councilor Mathiasen, Mayor Hemmesch, Councilor Merten – Yes
Councilor Evens – No***

i. Utility Letter

City Administrator spoke about a business that will be getting a letter about their water meter that needs to be moved in order to be read for their utility bill.

Item #12: Council Reports

- b. EDA- Next Meeting: Moved to August 27, 2024
- c. Planning Commission- Next Meeting: August 22, 2024
- d. Rocori Trail- Next Meeting: September 5, 2024

Item #13: Next Council Meeting: August 8, 2024 Special Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
August 15, 2024 Workshop at 6:30 p.m.

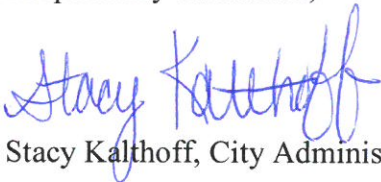
Item #14: Other Matters

Councilor Evens would like information on drones and if there are ordinances on them. PFAS issue on wells 3 & 4 should be discussed at the workshop as well as the purchase of new water meters.

Item #15: Adjournment

Mayor Hemmesch asked for any additional items. Hearing none, Mayor Hemmesch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stacy Kalthoff, City Administrator

