

City of Richmond
City Council Workshop Meeting
45 Hall Ave SW

August 15, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES

(Roll Call) Mike-Chuck -Pat-Jim

Item #1: Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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 Chuck Merten. Councilor Tim Paczkowski absent

Also present was Stacy Kalthoff; City Administrator; Jen Rausch, Deputy Clerk; Gordie Dingmann, Public Works; Kevin Moonie, Parks Director; Vicki Holthaus, Abdo

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.)

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

Additions items #6d and #7

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the agenda with additions of #6d and #7, Seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed.

Item #4: Abdo 2nd Quarter Report

Vicki Holthaus from Abdo presented the 2nd quarter report and the 2025 budget. Q2 report shows that finances look consistent for this time of year. A discussion was held regarding enterprise funds. Next the budget was discussed, revenue and expenditures of 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 per department enclosed in the packet. By September 30th the county needs to have the preliminary levy sent to them. Between September and December, we can decrease the ceiling just not increase it. The 1st draft of the budget which demonstrates a 17% increase was discussed. After discussion regarding each department's budget, some adjustments were made, and Vicki was able to get the percentage down to an estimated 11.9%. Council will review and get back to Stacy, then adopt the budget on the September 4th Council meeting.

Item #5: Discussion regarding drones in city limits

Information in packet. Drones are regulated as small aircraft therefore they need to be registered. They are allowed in city limits if they are registered but can only fly at a certain height and can only fly within boundaries of private property.

Item #6: Department Reports

a. Parks/Arena – Kevin reported

The last Music in the park this Tuesday, August 20th. Very busy with cutting grass this summer with all the rain. Nature Park is currently closed due to the high water but should reopen next water once water subsides. The Girl Scouts want to take more responsibility for the flower bed on the trail so they will be weeding it more often. Octoberfest will be at the ice arena on September 14th. The ice will be going into the arena starting the week of September 15th. The 1st ice usage will be September 28th which is the old