

Meeting Minutes of the Richmond City Council
August 16, 2018
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, Michael Ricke; Larry Hokanson; Mike Mathiasen

Also present were: Tesa Tomaschett, City Administrator-Clerk; Gordon Dingmann, Public Works Director; Tammy Paczkowski, Cold Spring Record; Karen Heying; Rick Cameron; Rebecca Cameron; Angela Simon; Chuck Theel; Scott Kron; Tucker Plantenberg; Hank Braegelmann; Allen Schaefer; Jenn Wilke; David Wilke; Duane Rieland; Terri Rieland; Harold Hansen; Nam Hansen; June Ricke; Chuck Merten; Cliff Johnson; Duane Gretsche; Joyce Gretsche; Dennis Heying; Lou Heuring; Bernice Evens; Eileen Thomes; Tim Evens; Marilyn Zenner; Clay Zenner; Barb Noll; Rosie Rooney; Terry Meemken; Tyna Meemken; Kristi Warne; Julie Clinton; Dawn Niewind; Troy Niewind; James Worm

Item #2: Approval of Agenda

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

Item #3: Open Forum – will not be held due to all attending are here for the public hearing.

Item #4: Improvement Public Hearing – 2019 Street Improvement Project

Open Public Hearing:

Mayor Hemmesch opened the public hearing at 6:32 pm

Overview of Project: Dave Blommel, City Engineer

Blommel explained all parts of the project: street, water, sewer, curb and gutter

Blommel defined Assessments: Street – per foot; Sewer/Water – assessed for each; 25% of the assessment is for the adjacent homeowners. Assessments are for the long side of the corner lot.

Blommel explained that there will be a final assessment hearing – each property owner will receive a notice indicating the date of hearing and the dollar amount.

He explained that once the Council decides to move forward, they will begin surveying, look for funding, (Council may change decision If no funding comes through) then put out for bids, accept bids, project next summer.

Comments:

1. Kristi Warne – 107 Ivy Ave SE: Discussed the 2002 cost of assessment; concerns with drainage; heavy traffic on the street
2. Troy Niewind – 141 2nd St: please no sidewalk
3. Lewis Heuring – Maple Ave: was concerned about a road being put in between he and Murphy Granite. Was told that it is water and sewer only not a street.
4. Marilyn Zenner - 59 Jay Ave NE: ask if curbed on 1st street; reminded them that she was assessed in the past and should be taken into consideration.
5. Tim Evens – 249 1st ST NE (on behalf of Bernice Evens) – asked for a copy of the power point. Asked if the City has a detailed explanation of what is under the streets. He asked about how many complaints of water (3) and sewer (1) in 2018 due to failure of pipes. He asked what the material of each is and Blommel responded that he would be happy to meet with him and go over that at another time, as he does not have the information in front of him. Evens asked how the Council prioritized the project.
6. Julie Clinton – 148 3rd ST SE: She stated that she believes that most won't happen because it hasn't happened for years.

Mayor Hemmesch explained that the Council, Engineer, Public Works Director and Administrator have been meeting and prioritizing all streets, water and sewer to determine what needs to be fixed and if adequate funding is available; this map outlines the areas that need to be fixed.

7. June Ricke – 304 1st ST SE: backyard is flooded every year and would like to see it fixed.
8. Cliff Johnson – 1st ST SE (on behalf of daughter's property): he stated that he did not see any curb and was curious what this will do to water run off for her property. Blommel stated that they will be addressing the runoff.
9. Unidentified person asked about Lions avenue. Another unidentified person asked about restoring driveways. Blommel stated that the driveway will be replaced with what is currently there.

Mayor Hemmesch asked 3 x's if there were any further questions or comments.

Close Public Hearing:

Motion by Councilor Hokanson to close public hearing, seconded by Councilor Mathiasen to close public hearing. Motion carried.

Mayor Hemmesch closed the public hearing at 7:42 pm

Item # 6: Resolution 159-18 – Ordering Improvement and preparation of plans

Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to approve Resolution 159-18 Ordering Improvement and preparation of plans, seconded by Councilor Ricke. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #7: Other Matters of Concern and Related Matters

- a. City hall will be closed Sept. 3 for Labor Day
- b. Next Council meeting September 5, 2018.
- c. Music in the Park – August 21 at 6:30 Centennial Park

Item #16: Adjournment

Mayor Hemmesch asked for any additional items.

Hearing none Mayor Hemmesch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tesa Tomaschett
City Administrator Clerk-Treasurer