

Meeting Minutes of the Richmond City Council
Thursday, October 24th 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: Scott Kron, Pat Evens, Jeff Mackedanz, Tim Paczkowski
Council Members Absent: Mike Mathiasen

Also present were: Martin Bode, City Administrator; Randy Jenniges, City Engineer, S.E.H.; Matt Loven, City Attorney; Andrew Nelson, Karen Studanski, Brad Studanski, Roger Bruemmer, Gordy Ginter, Karen Ginter, Ruth Schloeder, Elizabeth Dingmann, Mark Haffley, Kent Kulzer, Randy Schackmann, Tucker Plantenberg, James Hemmesch, Kathy Schultz, Kurt Wenner, Jim Bruner, Anita Reichert

Item #2: Approval of Agenda

Mayor Kron asked for the Approval of the Agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to Approve Agenda, seconded by Councilor Evensz. Motion passed unanimously.

Item #3: Public Hearing 2013 Main Street Project Proposed Final Special Assessment

Mayor Kron opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

Randy Jenniges, City Engineer presented an overview of the 2013 Main Street Project Assessments.

Mayor Kron asked if there were anyone who wished to speak:

Ruth Schloeder, 62 Hall Ave: She asked about the sewer assessment on her property. Mr. Jenniges stated that he had discussed this with his on site project manager and that assessment would be removed from this assessment roll.

Karen Studanski, 59 Central Ave S: She asked why they were not assessed in 2008 and why are they being assessed this time. Mr. Jenniges explained that the water main, water service and sewer service were replaced and their property is being assessed for the work being done this year.

Andrew Nelson, 14 1st St SE: He submitted a written objection to his assessment. He stated he did not agree with this assessment because he believed that he had been told he would not be assessed. Mr. Jenniges explained that he is being assessed for 71 feet minus his half already paid for the sidewalk. in regards to past assessments, he paid for 79 feet of the work.

James Hemmesch, 72 Main St: He asked why he is being charged for the sewer, when he did not he did not get the sewer and why is he paying for 50 feet of streets when last time he paid 142 feet of streets. Mr. Jenniges stated he would look into the sewer assessment and if sewer was not done he would make the adjustment. Mr. Jenniges also explained that with commercial property they are benefitting from the work being done on Main Street and so he is being charged for the 50 feet on Main Street. Mr. Hemmesch stated he did not think this was fair.

Kent Kulzer, 160 Grant Ave: He stated that he can't afford the assessment and that he did not know about this assessment as the mailings came in his deceased grandfather's name. Mr. Jenniges stated that he would check into the name on the property.

Karen Ginter, 46 Central Ave S: She stated that she thought they had been told that this would not go into affect until November of 2014. Administrator Bode explained that they can pay it off without interest by November 25, 2013 and that it would be placed on their 2014 tax rolls.

Roger Bluemmer, 11 E Main St: He asked if they actually did both water and sewer in front of his property. Mr. Jenniges stated that he was sure they had, but he would check into this.

Kurt Wenner, Main Street; He asked why they stubbed in 3 water and 3 sewer hookups, when he only uses one. Mr. Jenniges stated that he has 3 sellable properties and that is why they did the work and why he is being assessed for the 3.

Mayor Kron asked (3 times) if there were any others who wished to speak, hearing none, Mayor Kron closed the public hearing.

Item #4: Consideration of Resolution 196-13 Approving 2013 Main Street Project Final Special Assessments

Mayor Kron asked if any Council member had any questions or comments. Council asked to have an explanation given for the procedure if anyone disagreed with their assessment. City Attorney, Mr. Loven explained that those who had submitted a written objection have 30 days to appeal to the County. Others who would like to appeal can file with the district courts. He recommended they ask the County for filing details.

Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to Approve Resolution 196-13 Approving the 2013 Main Street Final Special Assessments, seconded by Councilor Mackedanz: Roll Call Vote; Voting Yes; Kron, Paczkowski, Mackedanz, Abstaining Evens, Motion passed.

Item #5: Request for Council Action –

None

Item #6: Other Matters of Concern and Related Matters –

Administrator Bode informed the Council that the cement will be laid at the Pavilion at the cost of \$1500.00. Consensus of the Council is to have the work done.

Item #7: Adjournment:

Mayor Kron asked for a motion to adjourn.

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

Mayor Kron declared the meeting adjourned at 8.27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martin M. Bode
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer