

**Meeting Minutes of the Richmond City
Council January 4, 2023
City Council 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, Pat Evens, Tim Paczkowski, Chuck Merten and Emily Monnens.

Also present were: David Konshok, City Administrator; Stacy Kalthoff, City Clerk; Jason Blum, Cold Spring/Richmond Police Chief; Dave Blommel, SEH

Item #2 Oath of Office -Mayor James Hemmesch, Patrick Evens and Tim Paczowski sworn into office for council.

Item #3 Open Public Forum - None

Item #4 Approval of Agenda with any additions/deletion

Mayor stated that any people at home or at the meeting may address the council with any questions or concerns.

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the agenda with two deletions, seconded by Councilor Monnens. Motion Passed.

Item #5 Approval of the Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2022

Mayor Hemmesch asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. Mayor Hemmesch asked for a motion of approval.

Motion made by Councilor Merten to approve the Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2022, seconded by Councilor Evens. Motion passed.

Item #6 Approval of Bills Paid

Mayor Hemmesch asked if there were any questions or comments.

- i. Discussion of bill from Gilk Plumbing and Heating regarding salt for streets.
- i. Check #22281 Regarding repair of fire department rescue truck fuel issue.

Mayor Hemmesch asked for a motion of approval of Bills Paid.

Motion made by councilor Evens to Approve the Bills, seconded by Councilor Paczkowski. Motion passed.

Item # 7 Consent Agenda (approved by one motion)

- a. Resolution 100-23: Approval of December 2022 Journal Entries
- b. Resolution 101-23: Approval of December 2022 Donations
 - \$100.00 from Richmond Lanes
 - \$50,000.00 from Foundation 94 for design of the addition to the Arena
- c. Resolution 102-23: 2023 Corporate Resolution with Falcon Bank
- d. Resolution 103-23: Accepting 2023 Fee Schedule

e. Resolution 104-23: LMC Limits of Liability
****Comment by Counselor Evens regarding Garbage Haulers. Councilor Evens asked for research on the topic of having 2 or 3 garbage haulers and asked what other cities are doing. *Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilor Paczkowski. Motion passed.***

Item #8 Resolution 105-23: Approval of 2023 Annual Resolution

- i. Appoint Councilor Merten as acting Mayor for 2023.
- i. Rocori Area TV- Mayor James Hemmesch and Councilor Tim Paczkowski
- i. Rocori Trail - Councilor Tim Paczkowski and Kevin Mooney
- i. Police Advisory and Personnel - Councilor Evens and Councilor Merten
- i. Stearns County Municipal - Mayor Hemmesch
- i. Fire - Mayor Hemmesch and Fire Chief
- i. EDA and Planning Commission - Open spot - accepting applications
- i. Dave Konshok commented on assets and money market accounts
- i. Discussion regarding new EDA members
- i. Counselor Monnens asked a question regarding Chief Law Enforcement Officer.

Motion made by Council Evens to Approve the 2023 Annual Resolution. Seconded by Councilor Monnens. Motion passed.

Item # 9 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

- i. Bring discussion regarding financial government assistance to fund charging stations to Workshop.
- i. Hauler fee in other cities. Change fee for 2024

Item #10 Engineer Report - Dave Blommel

- i. Water tower logo sample presented to council and asked for opinions on the design. Blommel stated that the color will be white on the water tower and design of logo will be on two sides on water tower.

- i. Agreement for design of locker rooms for SEH. \$50,000.00 donation will be used.
- i. Discussion of city streets.

Motion made by councilor Evens to Approve the Supplemental Letter Agreement for consultant work on the Arena Locker Room Addition, seconded by Councilor Monnens. Motion passed.

Item #11 Department Reports

- a. Police Department - Jason Blum reported incident report. Blum talked about stopping for crosswalks and to stop for people in crosswalks. Blum talked about transient individual living in Richmond who refused any assistance. The person since has moved out of Richmond.
- b. Fire Department - No person attending. The report from the Fire Department Chief was read. Catfish Committee and removal of snow around fire hydrants. Refer to the report for detail.
- c. ~~Public Works/Streets~~
- d. ~~PeopleService~~—Will attend Workshop.
- e. Administrator - Refer to packet for details.
 - i. Annual Council Orientation - David Konshok presented a printout of slideshow of Council Orientation.
 - i. Plowing has had some repair issues with pick up truck.
 - i. New snow blower has not yet been received.
 - i. The outdoor ice rink is up and running and has been very busy over the holidays.
 - i. The official population of Richmond is 1,475.
 - i. Councilor Evens asked for a speed report. Dave will look into it.
 - i. Councilor asked for information on the sewer weed issue. He asked if the U of M might help with a solution for weeds for WWTP.

Item #12: Council Reports

- a. EDA - Councilor Monnens reported on the meeting on December 13, 2022. Refer to report for details. Next meeting January 17th 2023
- b. Planning Commission- No December meeting, Next meeting January 26, 2023
- c. Rocori Trail - No December meeting, Next meeting January 5, 2023
- d. TriCity Cable - Meeting on October 26, 2022. Renamed to Rocori Area TV.

Item # 13: Next Council Meeting: January 19th, 2023 Workshop at 6:30 p.m.

Item #14 Adjournment

Mayor Hemmesch asked for any additional items.
Mayor Hemmesch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Kalthoff
City Clerk

