

**Meeting Minutes of the Richmond City Council**  
**March 16, 2023**  
**City Council Workshop**

**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 and Chuck Merten

Also present were: David Konshok, City Administrator/Treasurer; Stacy Kalthoff, City Clerk; Chief Blum, Cold Spring/Richmond Police; Sargent Spoden, Cold Spring/Richmond Police; Bob Wieber, Patrick Bartz & son Quinn Bartz, Kevin Mooney, Parks/Arena; William Lemke, John Kuhl, Ron Willenbring, Scott Zieke & Mike Mathiasen.

**Item #2: Open Public Forum** – Bob Wieber 545 Main Street W, came to say “Thank You” for the medical assistance he received from the Fire Department.

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

Addition of Item 8a Tree Removal and Item #4 Fred Holthaus requested to be withdrawn from the City Council applicant pool.

*Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to approve the Agenda with additions/deletion, seconded by Councilor Evens. Motion passed.*

**Item #4: Applicants for Council - Each applicant will have 5 minutes to explain why they would like to be on the Richmond City Council.**

(in alphabetical order)

Patrick Bartz – Has lived in Richmond for 5 years and described why he choose to live in Richmond and why he would like to be on Council.

~~Fred Holthaus~~ – Withdrew application.

William Lemke – Born and raised in Richmond, Military, Lions, Rocori Food Shelf, previous road construction worker. Will be a voice for the people in Richmond and would like to see growth.

Mike Mathiasen – previous council member for Richmond for 16 years, developed EDA, Music in the Park, Community involvement, would like to see growth in business and residential.

Discussion between council members as to who would be the best candidate for the open council position.

Councilor Evens made a motion to nominate Bill Lemke to fill council position  
(No second was made)

Councilor Paczkowski made a motion to nominate Mike Mathiasen to fill council position  
(No second was made)

More discussion between council to determine who should fill the position.

Councilor Evens made a motion to nominate Bill Lemke to fill council position,  
Councilor Merten seconded (Roll Call: Chuck – Y, Pat – Y, Tim – N, Jim – N)

More discussion as the roll call was a tie.

*Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to nominate Mike Mathiasen to fill council position, seconded by Mayor Hemmesch. (Roll Call: Chuck – Y, Pat – N, Tim – Y, Jim – Y). Motion passed.  
(Oath of office was performed then Mike joined the other council members at the table)*

**Item #5: Consent Agenda**

- a. Resolution 115-23: Approval of 2023 Liquor License for Richmond Baseball Club

*Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to approve the Liquor License for Richmond Baseball Club, seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed.*

**Item #6: Department Reports**

- a. Parks/Arena – No written report, only verbal. Figure skating shows then ice out in a few days, lacrosse will be starting shortly, post season maintenance and discussed future events coming up.
- b. Police Department – Chief Blum spoke and report enclosed in packet

**Item #7: Bonding and Investment Discussion**

Update on USDA loan and HUD grant for the street project. MRWA will be the interim finance, when all the grant money is used then the USDA load will go into effect.

**Item #8: Road Construction Update**

- a. Tree Removal -  
Eleven trees will be removed, letters were issued to affected property owners. Trees have to be removed by 03/31/23 due to nesting of bats. Two bids were obtained, one from Barry's Western Tree Service in the amount of \$5700.00 and Scherping Tree & Stump Removal in the amount of \$4000.00.

*Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to approve Scherping Tree & Trunk Removal, seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed.*

**Item #9: Next Meeting:** April 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm

**Item #10: Other Matters**

Dave gave clarification on the new fire truck payment process and also updated council on the audit process. Reminder that opening bids for the upcoming street project is on April 5, 2023 at 10:00am. Council discussed some concern with Tik Toc and social media.

**Item #11: Adjournment**

Mayor Hemmesch asked for any additional items.  
Hearing none Mayor Hemmesch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Kalthoff  
City Clerk