

**City of Richmond
Regular City Council Meeting
45 Hall Ave SW**

July 5, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

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 Mike Mathiasen

Also present were: Greg Stang, PeopleService; Cliff Johnson, Cold Spring Historical Society; Tracy Ryan, Ryan Development Consulting; Dave Blommel, SEH

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.)

Cliff Johnson from the Cold Spring Historical Society spoke regarding changing the name of the History Center to not only include Cold Spring but the surrounding area also. A new room will be opening at the History Center having to do with local churches.

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

Addition of #7 - Approval of State MIF Grant Contract Agreement between City of Richmond and DEED for Renegade Truck Equipment.

Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to approve the Addition of #7 - Approval of State MIF Grant Contract Agreement between City of Richmond and DEED for Renegade Truck Equipment , seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed.

Item #4 Approval of the Meeting Minutes of June 7 and June 15, 2023

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the Meeting Minutes of June 7, seconded by Councilor Paczkowski. Motion passed.

Item #5 Approval of Bills Paid

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the Bills Paid, seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed.

Item #6 Consent Agenda (approved by one motion)

- a. **Resolution 141-23:** Approval of June 2023 Journal Entries
- b. **Resolution 142-23:** Approval of Application and permit for a 1 to 4 day temporary on-sale liquor license for Cold Spring Area Maennerchor at the River Lakes Civic Arena on September 16, 2023
- c. **Resolution 143-23:** Approval of LG220 Application for Exempt Permit for Rockville Area Sportsman's Club, Inc at Jerry's Pub and Grille on October 8th, 2023
- d. Approval of LG555 Government Approval or Acknowledgment for Use of Gambling Funds from Richmond Lions in the amount of \$7639.56

Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to approve the Consent Agenda, Seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed.

Item #7: Approval of State MIF Grant Contract Agreement between City of Richmond and DEED for Renegade Truck Equipment

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the State Grant Contract between the City of Richmond and DEED for Renegade Truck Equipment Contingent on Attorney Review, seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed.

Item #8: SEH – Dave Blommel

- a. Approval of Payment Application #1 for 2023 Utility Improvement Project

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the Payment of Application #1 for 2023 Utility Improvement Project in the amount of \$294,260.01. , seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed.

- b. Approval of Payment Application #2 for Centennial Park Improvement Project – Dave reported that the Pickle Ball courts are almost complete.

Motion made by Councilor Mathiasen to approve the Payment Application #2 for Centennial Park Improvement Project in the amount of \$126,617.14, seconded by Councilor Paczkowski. Motion passed.

- c. Approval of advertisement for bids for River Lakes Civic Arena

Motion made by Councilor Mathiasen to approve the advertisement for bids for the River Lakes Civic Arena, seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed.

- d. Other Updates – The street project is on schedule within one week of the projected time frame. There have been very few complaints regarding the street project. A discussion took place regarding other roads that need to be tarred or repaired.

Item #9: Department Reports

- a. Fire Department – Derek was absent from meeting. The Fire Department report is enclosed in packet.
 - i. Declaring cutter as excess property

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the old cutter and accessories (Hydraulic extrication equipment) as excess property, seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed.

- ~~b. Emergency Management – Sirens are working. One part was replaced.~~
- c. Police Department – will be at the workshop on July 20
- d. Public Works – Speed Sign through Seton will cost \$3500.00

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve purchase of one speed sign up to \$3500.00 through Seton, seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed.

- e. PeopleService – Refer to enclosed report for details. Greg spoke regarding Bryan leaving his position. The application process will continue to replace Bryan. Watering restrictions (odd/even days) will continue and in August the city will reassess the watering restriction situation. Reed beds were sprayed for weeds.

Item #10: Allowing chickens in the city discussion – Refer to report in packet. At this time chickens are not allowed in the City of Richmond. Residents have called asking what the rule is in having chickens in the city. A discussion to place regarding keeping chickens. Watkins is the only city of seven nearby cities that allows chickens in the city limits. There are many restrictions in raising chickens as indicated on the report. Another concern in raising chickens is that disease could occur because rodents and other small animals might be attracted to the chickens. Also, the smell can

cause issues. The Mayor and council stated that the chicken ordinance will stay the same and not allow chickens in the City of Richmond.

Item #11: Trail Pavilion – 50 amp service x 2 Permanent electric service will be installed for the pavilion for River Lake Days. There will be a shut off breaker in the building. – The cost will be \$2,530.00.

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the Trail Pavilion 50 amp service X2 for a cost of \$2,530.00, seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed.

Item #10: Council Reports

- e. EDA- Next Meeting: July 18, 2023 – Tim spoke regarding the last meeting. He stated that the 50 amp service be paid by the city or the park and not through the EDA. Joe from Channel 10 gave a plan for social media. There was a discussion about a public access option. WAC and SAC for new home builders was talked about. The new building at the business park as been started. Local businesses are using local grants.
- f. Planning Commission- Next Meeting: July 27, 2023
- g. Rocori Trail- Next Meeting: August 3, 2023 There was a grand opening on June 17th for the Rocori Trail. The Pedal Pub was available to show people the completion of the trail. The trail has been planned for 20 years and is now complete.

Item #11: Next Council Meeting: July 20, 2023 Workshop at 6:30 p.m.

Website, Electric Vehicle Charging System

Item #12: Other Matters

River Lake Days is next week. Garage sales start on Thursday. Stay safe. July 11th is Music in the Park. Venders will be selling crafts and art at Music in the Park. The auditors may have to come back one or two more days. The deadline was extended to August 15th to complete the audit. Water Restriction will continue every other day until August. The City website is being converted and will look different. The City of Richmond did not qualify for the grant for the Electric Vehicle charging system.

Item #13: Adjournment

Mayor Hemmesch asked for any additional items.

Hearing none Mayor Hemmesch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stacy Kalthoff, City Clerk