

City of Richmond
Regular City Council Meeting
45 Hall Ave SW
September 6, 2023 at
Special Meeting 5:30 p.m.
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Item #1: Discussion on Preliminary Budget for 2024 – Abdo

A special meeting was held regarding the Preliminary Budget. Meeting was called to order at 5:35. Meeting was adjourned at 6:24. Refer to “BUDGET MEMO” in packet.

Present at the meeting were council members Jim Hemmesch, Pat Evens, Chuck Merten and Mike Mathiasen. Counselor Tim Paczkowski was not in attendance.

Item #2: Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hemmesch called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. at Richmond City Hall

Council Members noted as being present: Jim Hemmesch, Pat Evens, Chuck Merten and Mike Mathiasen.

Tim Paczkowski arrived at 6:40.

Also in attendance were: Vicki Holthaus, Jim Schleper, Doug Boser, Gordy Dingman, Dave Blommel, and Jason Blum.

Item #3: 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.) – None.

Item #4: Approval of Agenda with any additions/deletions

Add item 7e.

Motion made by Councilor Mathiasen to approve the Agenda with additions/deletion, seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed

Item #5: Approval of the Meeting Minutes of August 2 and 17, 2023

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the Meeting Minutes from August 2 and 17, 2023, seconded by Councilor Merten.

Item #6: Approval of Bills Paid

Motion made by Councilor Mathiasen to Approve the Bills Paid, seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed

Item #7: Consent Agenda (approved by one motion)

- a. Resolution 147-23: Approval of August 2023 Journal Entries
- b. Resolution 148-23: Approval August 2023 Donations
- c. Resolution 149-23: Approval of LG220 Application for Lawful Gambling Exempt Permit for Richmond Area Chapter / Midwest Outdoors on January 23, 2024 at Haffley’s Bar
- d. Resolution 150-23: Approval of LG220 Application for Lawful Gambling Exempt Permit for Country Snow Cruisers, Inc on November 26, 2023 at Corky’s
- e. Approval of State Loan Agreement for Renegade Truck Company

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the State Loan Agreement for Renegade Truck Company, seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed

Item #8: SEH – Dave Blommel Update – Dave gave a report on the completed street projects. The street utility work has been done on time and with good quality. He stated that the new pickleball courts are complete. There have been many compliments on the pickleball court project. He talked about future projects also.

- a. Approval of Payment Application #3 for 2023 Utility Improvements

Motion made by Councilor Evens to pay Northdale the amount for the sewer and water project minus the water tower painting costs of \$73,897.35, seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilor Mathiasen to approve future paving projects, seconded by Councilor Paczkowski. Motion passed

- b. Approval of Payment Application #3 for 2022 Centennial Park Improvements

Motion made by Councilor Mathiasen to approve the Payment Application for 2022 Centennial Park Improvements, seconded by Councilor Paczkowski.

Item #9: Approval of First Amendment to Development Agreement for Richmond Business Park New Road

Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to accept the First Amendment to Development Agreement for Richmond Business Park New Road, seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to approve the RV dump station at an estimated cost of \$10,000.00, seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilor Paczkowski to approve the Tarring of 2nd Street NE and Pine seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed.

Item #10: Department Reports – Jason Blum, Police Chief gave report. Refer to report in packet. He spoke regarding smoking cannabis in public areas. He said that Lion’s Park is not monitored, however signs can be posted. Budget discussion for Cold Spring will be held. Cold Spring/Richmond is in the top 10 safest cities in Minnesota. He talked about school starting and bus safety.

- a. Police Department
 - i Approval of THC amended ordinance

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the THC amended ordinance, seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed

- b. Fire Department – Mayor Hemmesch reported that the fire department assisted a turkey farmer in cooling down his barn/buildings to cool them down. The cost of the water would be from \$215.00 to \$400.00. The farmer said he would donate money for the cost.

Motion made by Councilor Evens to not bill the turkey farmer for water used, seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed

- c. Emergency Management – Refer to report in packet. AED pads expired and are not replaced with new pads. Trucks – a hose pumper was repaired. A new fan motor was fixed.
- d. PeopleService – Greg Stang spoke. New employee Jim Hemmesch was introduced. Refer to report in packet regarding water operation and maintenance. He said there is a need for Traut Wells to use a

camera at the cost of \$4,500.00 to send in well pipes to inspect them. The attorney determined that there is not a conflict of interest with the mayor working for PeopleService.

i New Employee – Jim Hemmesch is new employee for PeopleService.

Motion made by Councilor Merten to approve Traut Wells to use a camera at a cost of \$4,500.00 to inspect well pipes with cost coming out of water fund, seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed.

Item #11: Council Reports

- c. EDA- Next Meeting: September 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- d. Planning Commission- Next Meeting: September 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
- e. Rocori Trail- Next Meeting: September 7, 2023 in Rockville

Item #12: Next Council Meeting: September 21, 2023 Workshop at 6:30 p.m.

Item #13: Other Matters - Music in the Park and ribbon cutting had a great turn out of attendance. The city of Richmond continues to have road construction which will continue with new roads being tarred.

Item # 14: Adjournment

Mayor Hemmesch asked for any additional items.

Hearing none Mayor Hemmesch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.