

**Meeting Minutes of the Richmond City Council**  
**March 9, 2021**  
**City Council Meeting**

**Item #1: Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Hemmesch called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Olde Coliseum.

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

Also present were: Joanie Engquist, Deputy Clerk; Dave Blommel, SEH Engineer; Jason Spode, Cold Spring/Richmond PD; Jesse Kollmann, Fire Chief; Ryan Pierskalla, Jan and George Dingmann, Scott Kron, Charles and Darlene Theel; Jim and Kathy Fouch, Duane and Theresa Rieland, Chad Vogt, Julie Clinton, Chris Hopfer, Tucker Plantenberg, Dawn Niewind, Laura Nathan, Dennis Heying, Tim Evens, June and Al Ricke, Allen and Doris Schaefer.

**Item #2: Approval of Agenda with additions/deletion**

Mayor Hemmesch asked if there were any additions or changes to the Agenda

*Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the Agenda seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed*

**Item #3: Open Public Hearing – 2021 Street Improvement Project**

Open Public Hearing: Mayor Hemmesch opened Public Hearing at 6:31 p.m.

**City Engineer, Dave Blommel of SEH made the presentation of the 2021 Street Improvement Project and asked if there were any questions.**

1. Mayor Hemmesch read a written comment that was sent in from Lloyd Lucken (614 Main St. East). Mr. Lucken felt the costs were too high because the sidewalk and curb were done already and shouldn't have to do it twice. He was told that it would get looked into.
2. Julie Clinton (148 3<sup>rd</sup> St. SE) had asked what happened from the 2019 project, Mayor Hemmesch expressed that the council was not happy with the funding, and it was decided to do an overlay on Ivy Ave instead of doing the whole project.
3. Dawn Niewind (141 2<sup>nd</sup> St NW) had stated that they had issues with sewer backup in 2002, when Junior was still working for the city, would they have to pay for it again? Would they receive credit for previous work? Unfortunately, this has not been past practice for the city but the city will look into it more before the project.
4. Scott Kron (231 3<sup>rd</sup> St SW) mentioned that 3<sup>rd</sup> Street SW was assessed in 2004, why the overlay again? Blommel stated we would look into past assessments and discuss the possible of changing the improvement type for this street.
5. Tim Evens asked how would the payment terms/interest work for paying? Blommel expressed it is typically 1 ½ - 2% higher than bond.

**Item #4: Close Public Hearing**

Mayor Hemmesch asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing Meeting.

*Motion made by Councilor Merten to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilor Monnens. Motion passed.*

Mayor Hemmesch announced that the Public Hearing is closed at 7:26 p.m.

**Item #5: Other Matters of Concern and Related Items**

Mayor Hemmesch asked if there were any questions or comments.

Chuck Theel had asked what type of drains are being put in for 1<sup>st</sup> St SE. The plan is to use cement over plastic.

Councilor Evens stated that residents can call City Hall prior to March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting with any questions/concerns.

**Next Council Meeting:** March 18, 2021 Workshop at 6:30pm

**Item #6: Adjournment**

Mayor Hemmesch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanie Engquist  
Deputy Clerk