

Meeting Minutes of the Richmond City Council
April 29, 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 Richmond City Hall

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

Also present were: Tesa Tomaschett, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; Dave Blommel, SEH Engineer; Traci Ryan, EDA Consultant; Doug Boser; Jim Schleper; Dawn Niewind; Terry & Tyna Meemken; John Kuhl; Mark Haffley; Jeff Kramer; Tucker Plantenberg; Jason Murray, David Drown Associates; Gordon Dingmann; Hele Prill, Ken Gertken; Melissa Vincent; Tyna M. Horn

Item #2: Approval of Agenda

Mayor Hemmesch informed the council of no changes to the Agenda.

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed

Item #3: Richmond Business Park

Jason Murray gave a presentation showing potential debt for both the street project and business park. Murray showed different scenarios with different variables of growth and tax capacity rates. He never suggested more than a 3% levy increase to help pay for the debt. Projected total debt for both projects is \$220,000. Evens expressed that he pro development but doesn't feel the taxpayers should have to pay for it. He called Eden Valley, Rockville, Avon, and Albany; these cities only offer TIF or tax abatement. Mayor Hemmesch corrected Evens, Cold Spring did pay for the infrastructure for a business and resident development which both are doing good at this time. Monnens let the council know she made some calls and hear nothing but good things about Inventure Real Estate and the quality of their work. The comment was made, if we don't invest in Richmond now with this opportunity, then when will we. Mayor Hemmesch said, it's now or never.

Motion made by Councilor Mathiasen to move forward with final design, form developer's agreement, and finalize annexation for the Richmond Business Park, seconded by Councilor Monnens. Roll Call: Hemmesch, Monnens, Mathiasen, and Merten- yes; Evens- no. Motion passed

Item #4: Other Matters of Concerns and Related Items:

- a. Next Council Meeting May 5, 2021 Workshop at 6:30 p.m.

Item #5: Adjournment

Mayor Hemmesch asked for any additional items.

Hearing none Mayor Hemmesch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tesa Tomaschett
City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer