

Meeting Minutes of the Richmond City Council
July 22, 2021
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, Emily Monnens and Chuck Merten

Also, present were: Tesa Tomaschett, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer, Traci Ryan, Tyna Meemken, Heidi, Jeff Kraemer, Doug Boser, and Jim Schleper

Item #2: Open Forum- Tyna Meemken from River Lake Days committee stepped forward and thanked everyone for their help.

Item #3: Approval of Agenda with additions/deletion

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

Add: Item #8 Watering Ban restriction

Motion made by Councilor Merten to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Councilor Evens. Motion passed

Item #4: Consent Agenda (approved by one motion)

- a. Acknowledge 2020 TIF Report and Management Letter, Jason Murray of David Brown Associates, Inc.
- b. Resolution 169-21: Authorization for Lawful Gambling Exempt Permit Application by Country Snow Cruisers on November 28, 2021, at Corky's Bar.

Motion made by Councilor Monnens to approve Consent seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed.

Item #5: Richmond Business Park developers agreement/abatement agreement

Traci Ryan reviews the developer's agreement/abatement which is attached in the packet. Council members discussed details such as utilities, parking, building fronts, landscaping, possible occupants and signage.

Motion made by Councilor Monnens to approve the agreement seconded by Councilor Mertens. Roll Call: Jim, Chuck, Emily- yes; Pat- no. Motion passed.

Item #6: Solar Garden agreement

One change in the agreement is the number of kilowatts from 814,000 will change to 1.2 million that are allowed to use. Both the City Attorney and the League of Minnesota Cities have reviewed the agreement and there are no issues noted.

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the Solar Garden agreement seconded by Councilor Mertens. Motion passed.

Item #7: EDU calculation discussion

Discussion whether or not the EDU calculations should be changed or keep the same. Depending on whether a unit is a single-family home, apartment complex, small business or large business, a calculation will be calculated.

Motion made by Councilor Evens to open a public hearing to discuss EDU calculations; seconded by Councilor Mertens. Motion passed.

Item #8: Water ban restriction

- a. Resolution 170-21: resolution restricting water usage within the city of Richmond

Restrict lawn watering however, gardens, shrubs, flowers and trees are an exception. Those with private wells should limit their use. The ban will stay in effect until October 1st, 2021.

Motion made by Councilor Monnens to approve Resolution 170-21; seconded by Mayor Hemmesch. Motion passed.

Item #9: City Hall / library cleaning services

Looking for cleaning services for City Hall and the Richmond Library with a max of 3 hours per week at \$18.00 per hour with no benefits.

Motion made by Councilor Evens to hire for cleaning services; seconded by Mayor Hemmesch. Motion passed.

Item #10: Next Meeting: August 4th 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Item #11: Adjournment

Mayor Hemmesch asked for any additional items.

- Budgets will be printed and put in appropriate boxes.
- Question on why the handicap decal was painted blue and not white.
- Question on resident Heath Berg's complaint to the city regarding the smell at his home which was possibly coming from the sewer plant. Currently working on why there is such a strong smell and how to avoid that.

Mayor Hemmesch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tesa Tomaschett
City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer