

Meeting Minutes of the Richmond City Council
August 4, 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, and Chuck Merten

Council Members noted as being absent: Emily Monnens

Also, present were: Tesa Tomaschett, City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer; Dave Blommel, SEH; Jesse Kollmann, Fire Chief; Tammy Paczkowski; Jason Blum, Police Chief; Greg Stang, People Service; Kevin Mooney, Parks Director; Jim Schleper; Jeff Kraemer

Item #2: Open Forum- Greg Stang, People Service, stated that Justin is leaving People Service. They will find someone to replace his position as there has been some interest. Stang also brought up that the reed beds have to be taken care of to protect the environment and spreading. He has been in touch with U of M.

Item #3: Approval of Agenda with additions/deletion

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

Remove: Item #9: Gilk Plumbing properties

- a. Resolution No. 175-21: A Resolution Terminating the Purchase Agreement and Development Agreement between the City of Richmond & Gilk Plumbing Heating & A/C

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

Item #4: Approval of the Meeting Minutes July 7 and July 22, 2021

Mayor Hemmesch asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes.

Mayor Hemmesch asked for a motion of approval

Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the Meeting Minutes of July 7 and July 22, 2021 minutes with corrections, seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed.

Item #5: Approval of Bills Paid

Mayor Hemmesch asked if there were any questions or comments.

Mayor Hemmesch asked for a motion of approval of Bills Paid.

Evens questioned the amount of Blue Cross Blue Shield for \$9,500. Is this amount monthly or bi-monthly? This amount is a monthly amount for city staff.

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

Item #6: Consent Agenda (approved by one motion)

- a. Resolution 171-21: Approval of July 2021 Journal Entries
- b. Resolution 172-21: Approval July 2021 Donations
- c. Resolution 173-21: Approval of LMC Waiver Form- Liability Coverage
- d. Acknowledge PeopleService July 2021 Written Report

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

Item #7: Public Hearing- Changes to Ordinances- EDU Calculation

- a. Open Hearing for Public Comment: Dave Blommel commented that simplifying the EDU calculations would strongly be in the interest of the city. The original formula was meant for a much larger city and should be changed to fit the size and needs of the city currently.
- b. Close Public Hearing

Motion made by Councilor Evens to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Motion passed.

Motion made by Councilor Mathiasen to approve the EDU calculation table as presented, seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed.

Item #8: Richmond Business Park

- a. Resolution 174-21: Resolution Approving Final Plat of Richmond Business Park

Motion made by Councilor Merten to approve Resolution 174-21 approving final plat for Richmond Business Park, seconded by Councilor Mathiasen. Jim, Mike, Chuck- yes; Pat- no. Evens expressed his no vote is because easement doesn't show the road to be standard size. Motion passed.

Item #9: Gilk Plumbing properties

- a. ~~RESOLUTION NO. 175-21: A RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF RICHMOND & GILK PLUMBING HEATING AND A/C~~

Item #10: MTH Real Estate Enterprises LLC Agreement

Formal agreement and terms that were approved in June for Merry Moose and what the city are responsible for.

Motion made by Councilor Mathiasen to approve formal agreement with MTH Real Estate Enterprise LLC. Agreement, seconded by Councilor Merten. Motion passed.

Item #11: Department Reports

- a. **Police Department** – Chief Blum presented a written report. There were 116 incidents for the month of June, 5 medicals, 7 suspicious activities, 18 traffic and 86 misc. calls. River Lakes Days was a busy weekend and was well attended. Near future will be an invite for Richmond representation for a community outreach committee regarding a open case in Cold Spring. National Night Out was a success and was a beautiful night.
- b. **Parks/Arena-** Kevin Mooney presented that September 13th, 2021 will be the start date for the arena season with Sept 9th as the start of cooling. Playground equipment is on order and due to ship on August 31st and installation of the fence has begun. Mooney is requesting set up by Midwest Playscapes and was giving a bid. Soccer season ended at the end of June. Little League completed their season last weekend. Pavilion rentals at Centennial Park will continue through the summer. Royals Park has had some work done this year. Music in the park has two concerts left. Phase 3 of ROCORI trail has passed at the Capital with final designs and bidding will be done this winter.
Motion made by Councilor Mathiasen to approve Midwest Playscapes install playground at Centennial Park, seconded by Councilor Evens. Motion passed.
- c. **Fire Department** – Chief Jesse Kollmann presented for the month of June there were 5 medicals, 2 fires and 1 accident. All trucks in working order. Are still able to carry a few meds on the trucks.
- d. **Public Works/Streets-** Written report was available for review
- e. **Emergency Management-** Written report was available for review

Item #12: Council Reports

- a. EDA- Next Meeting: August 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- b. Planning Commission- Next Meeting: August 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
- c. Rocori Trail- Next Meeting: September 2, 2021

Item #13 Next Council Meeting: August 19, 2021 Workshop at 6:30 p.m.

Item #14: Adjournment

Mayor Hemmesch asked for any additional items.

Mayor Hemmesch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tesa Tomaschett

City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer