

**Meeting Minutes of the Richmond City Council**  
**August 20, 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, Emily Monnens, and Chuck Merten.  
Not present were: Council Member Mike Mathiasen

Also present were: Stacy Kalthoff, Deputy Clerk; Dave Blommel, SEH Engineer

**Item #2: Open Public Forum** – None

**Item #3: Approval of Agenda with additions/deletion**

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

**Additions:** Item #4 Consent Agenda and Item #6 Richmond Business Park Bond

**Deletion:** Item #7 Fire Relief

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

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

- a. Approval of Amendment to Sts. Peter & Paul Gambling Permit for August 29, 2021
- b. Approval of Road Closure for 5<sup>th</sup> St. NW
- c. Resolution 177-21: Authorization for Lawful Gambling Exempt Permit Application by River Lakes Hockey Assn. on December 20, 2021, at River Lakes Civic Arena
- d. Resolution 178-21: Hire for Cleaning Position

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

**Item #5: City Engineer- Dave Blommel**

- a. Resolution 176-21: Accepting bids for Richmond Business Park

Dave stated that there were 12 total bidders for the Business Park. Lowest bid goes to Breitbach Construction in Elrosa, which was under the original estimate. Counselor Evens asked why the Business Park is progressing faster than the Street and Sewer project from 2018. Dave explained that funding is the difference in the progression of the Business Park project and the Street and Sewer project. Federal vs local funds.

- b. Richmond Business Park

Dave explained that due to the sandy soil and flat ground, the construction crew should find the work area very appealing and easy to work with.

*Motion made by Councilor Merten to approve accepting the bid to Breitbach Construction for Richmond Business Park, seconded by Councilor Monnens. Motion passed*

**Item #6: Richmond Business Park Bond**

- a. Resolution 179-21: PROVIDING FOR THE COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATED SALE OF \$1,455,000 G.O. IMPROVEMENT BONDS, SERIES 2021A

*Motion made by Councilor Evens to approve the Business Park Bond, seconded by Councilor Merten.  
Motion passed*

**Item #7: Fire Relief**

**Item #8: 2022 Budget:** Questions for Council Workshop Meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Why was the Economic Development budget raised about \$15,000?

Why is there no dollar amount for Richmond Business Park when funding was approved?

Why is the sewer budget less if we are growing?

Why does the Arena have a budget of \$10,000 higher than last year?

Why isn't a dollar amount proposed for the GO bond in 2022? Was it paid off?

Should money be budgeted for TIF District??

Why is the election budget so low this year?

Why is the budget lower for streets and roads?

Why did the budget increase for Lions Park?

What is the plan for style of lighting, mail, sidewalks, and curbs at the Richmond Business Park?

Why did the budget decrease at Royals Park?

Is \$108,000 sufficient when the pickleball court is built?

Should money be budgeted if COVID were to cause a shutdown again?

Should all city employees be mandated to get the COVID vaccine?

**Item #9: Next Meeting:**

- a. September 1, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Check wells and determine if the watering ban should stay in effect or not.

**Item #10: Adjournment**

Mayor Hemmesch asked for any additional items.

Hearing none Mayor Hemmesch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Stacy Kalthoff

Deputy Clerk