

# **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, NOVEMBER 26, 2024**

**PRAYER:** Rob Kinnard

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mark Sowder

Mayor Wright called to order the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Richmond, Missouri on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Present: Mayor Mike Wright, June Paige, Rob Kinnard, Ron Peterson, Rodney Williams, Rob Brash, Bob Bond, and Deanna Guy. Absent: Barb Hardwick.

**ROLL CALL: Staff Present:** City Administrator Tonya Willim, City Clerk Saige Mason, Police Chief Scott Bagley, Fire Chief Mark Sowder, Finance Director Misti Holloway, and City Attorney Chris Williams.

**WELCOMING REMARKS:** Mayor Wright welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** November 12, 2024, regular meeting minutes approved as printed.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

- State Representative Terry Thompson highlighted a few areas that he would like to work on focusing on in his next term in office. Some of his agenda includes encouraging communication between local entities, city, county, and school districts, to give more power back to local governments and fewer regulations from the state government. He also discussed his goal to be on the budget committee to help hold elective officials accountable for utilizing money to the best of their ability for better use of taxpayer's money. He discussed his work with the Mid America Regional Council (MARC) to move forward on working on Highway 210. Lastly, he noted the frustration he has for the proposals of bills that could be statutes releasing the need to amend the Missouri Constitution with unnecessary and tacked-on other issues that do not pertain to the main reason for the proposal change. He finished by homing in on local governments working together through communication while having more control and the need to use the money they have in all governments and organizations to benefit the taxpayers to the best of their ability.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Appointment to the agenda Motion to adopt by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Paige. Roll Called: AYES: Peterson, Paige, Guy, Williams, Bond, Brash and Kinnard. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. Finance: Deanna Guy. - The Committee has not met therefore has nothing to report.

- B. Ordinance: Barb Hardwick. - The Committee has not met therefore has nothing to report.
- C. Public Works: Ron Peterson. - The Committee has not met therefore has nothing to report.
- D. Public Safety: Rob Kinnard. - The Committee has not met therefore has nothing to report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mike Wright.

I attended, with many other council and city staff, Karl Carter's retirement celebration which was held on November 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a heartfelt event memorializing all the dedication and commitment Karl made to the city and the Fire Department. I also attended City Hall's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cookoff. All the chili was delicious making it a tight race; however, Wendy upheld her 1<sup>st</sup> place spot, Haley got 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Aaron placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was a well-enjoyed event with many of the city staff. I also attended the ribbon cutting for Wrisinger Online Auctions, Wrisinger Homes Team, and The Market at Our Place. It was well attended with many of the council in attendance.

- The City Council's Annual Staff Christmas Breakfast date will be held on December 17, 2024. It is a wonderful thank you from the City Council to the City staff for all they do for the city.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Tonya Willim. C/A Willim stated her report is included in the packet. City Clerk, Saige, will send an email and calendar reminder for the Christmas Breakfast coming up to help sort out what to bring. I really want to bring your attention to the schedule that is included in my report for the Water Treatment Plant. Originally the completion date was March 2025, but due to setbacks, we are now looking at a completion date of June 2025. The north silo is hopefully going up tomorrow. After Thanksgiving, they plan on working on replacing 22 valves along with both clarifiers and 4 filter medias. We will probably have to run it as half a plant for about a week. Due to this, we are going to do a test to make sure we are maintaining and have everything in order to do so. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has already approved a backup plan to use a bypass if needed so we can make sure that the city is provided with water.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. American Celebration – Fireworks and Waivers - J&M Displays has had a price increase of \$900.00 but maintains the same number of fireworks, discounts, and overall quality displays. The FY25 budget allows for \$20,000 under the Park Fund to support this event. However, we will still seek and accept donations to sponsor the fireworks. The celebration is a cherished community tradition, and we are committed to making it a success. A few waivers are needed to accommodate the celebration and city ordinances. The recommendation asked of Council to approve by motion the contract with J&M Displays in an amount not to exceed \$15,900.00 and authorize the City Administrator to sign the agreement and waive the necessary requirements was made by Councilor Peterson and seconded by Councilor Guy. Roll Called: AYES: Peterson, Guy, Kinnard, Williams, Brash, Bond and Paige. NAYS: None. Approval of the amount to not exceed \$15,900.00 and authorization of

the City Administrator to sign the agreement with J&M Displays and waive requirements approved 7-0.

- B. Street Closures for Christmas Parade and Extravaganza - December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024, is the Richmond Chamber of Commerce's annual Christmas Parade. The floats will line up in the City Hall parking lot and proceed down North Thornton Street to North Main Street. North Main Street and College Street will be the focus of the extravaganza from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm and the Chamber has requested street closures. The Event Street Closures requested are West North Main Street from North Thornton to North College and North College to West Main Street to West North Main Street. Parade Street closures requested are Summit Street from College to Thornton. Thornton Street from Summit to North Main Street to West North Main Street from North Thornton to North College, and College Street from West North Main Street to Summit Street. The recommendation to the Council is to approve by motion the street closures requested. The motion was made by Councilor Paige, seconded by Councilor Kinnard. Roll Called. AYES: Paige, Kinnard, Peterson, Guy, Williams, Brash, and Bond. NAYS: None. Motion for event and parade street closures approved 7-0.

**ADJOURN OPEN/ENTER CLOSE:** Motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m. by Councilor Guy, second by Councilor Peterson. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Peterson, Paige, Williams, Kinnard, Brash and Bond. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.

**Legal** - Pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri pertaining to legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communication between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.

**ADJOURN CLOSED/ENTER OPEN:** At 7:17 p.m. Councilor Guy made a motion to adjourn closed session and enter open session, Councilor Peterson seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Peterson, Williams, Paige, Brash, Kinnard, and Bond. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.

No actions were taken on any of the above matters by the Council during the closed session.

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made at 7:18 p.m. by Councilor Guy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Peterson. Roll called: AYES: Guy, Peterson, Paige, Williams, Bond, Kinnard, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.

  
Mayor, Mike Wright

  
City Clerk, Saige Mason