

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, February 11, 2025

PRAYER: Rob Kinnard

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mark Sowder

Mayor Mike Wright called to order the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Richmond, Missouri on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council Present: Mayor Mike Wright, June Paige, Bob Bond, Rodney Williams, Barb Hardwick, Rob Brash, Ron Peterson, Rob Kinnard and Deanna Guy. Absent: None.

ROLL CALL: Staff Present: City Administrator Tonya Willim, City Clerk Saige Mason, Police Chief Scott Bagley, Fire Chief Mark Sowder, Public Works Director Dale Shipp, Finance Director Misti Holloway, Director Human Resources Courtney Williams, Parks and Recreation Director Haley Williams and City Attorney Chris Williams.

WELCOMING REMARKS: Mayor Wright welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: January 28, 2025, regular meeting minutes approved as printed.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Appointment to the agenda Motion to adopt by Councilor Bond, second by Councilor Paige. Roll Called: AYES: Bond, Paige, Guy, Williams, Brash, and Hardwick. NAYS: None. Motion approved 8-0.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Finance: Deanna Guy. – The Committee has not met.
- B. Ordinance: Barb Hardwick. – The Committee has not met.
- C. Public Works: Ron Peterson. – The Committee has not met.
- D. Public Safety: Rob Kinnard. - The Committee has not met.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mike Wright.

- Appointment of Matthew Evans to Police Officer. Roll Called, Paige, Williams, Bond, Brash, Kinnard, Hardwick, Guy, and Peterson. NAYS: None. Appointment approved.
- **SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER.** At this time City Clerk Saige Mason swore in Police Officer Evans.
- Appointment of Colene Zeeman to Park Board. Roll Called: Bond, Kinnard, Peterson, Hardwick, Brash, Williams, Paige, and Guy. NAYS: None. Appointment approved.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Tonya Willim. C/A Willim stated her report is included in the packet. Again, the primary focus remains on the audit. We had a brief Zoom meeting regarding the introduction Community grant. We will follow up with you regarding the grant information as we learn more. Saige and I attended the MML West Gate Regional meeting, the topic was on the World Cup coming to Kansas City, Missouri in 2026. They are predicting that people will be searching for places to stay and seeking transportation as far out as the Richmond area. There are more meetings to come to learn more about their execution plan. Overall extremely busy, Public Works has gotten trucks, sanders, salt, ready for the anticipated weather coming.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Proposal for City Facilities – Exterior Door Replacement and Repair- The City put out to bid a replacement for the exterior doors and minor repairs for the east gym door, City Hall front doors and the chemical room door at the Water Treatment Plant. The Eastside gym entrance door and the chemical room door are to be replaced, and the minor repairs to the double door latch at City Hall's front entrance. John Dorton Construction LLC was the only bid submitted totaling \$13,700 to complete the project. The funds have been allocated for line items for Capital Improvements and Building & Ground Maintenance Repairs. The recommendation from staff is to accept John Dorton Construction's bid for the door replacements and minor repairs not to exceed \$13,700 and direct the City Administrator to execute the contract. Councilor Guy made the motion to accept John Dorton Construction's bid for the door replacements and minor repairs not to exceed \$13,700 and direct the City Administrator to execute the contract. The motion was seconded by Councilor Peterson. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Peterson, Williams, Kinnard, Bond, Brash, Paige, and Hardwick. NAYS: None. Motion to approve door replacement and repairs not to exceed \$13,700 and direct the City Administrator to execute approved 8-0.
- B. Evergy Business Demand Response – The City has been asked to participate again in Evergy's Demand Response Program. This incentive program requires the City to operate the water well pumps, water plant, wastewater plant, north wastewater pump station, Hill Street pump station, 210 pump station and fire department on generators for a period of time during the week, excluding holidays, throughout the summer. Evergy calls out these "events" based on the overall energy usage. Evergy holds a maximum of eight events. There is no penalty for the City if they do not participate, but just do not receive the incentive. Councilor Paige motioned to approve the City Administrator to sign a three-year agreement with Evergy Demand Response Incentive Program. Councilor Peterson seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Paige, Peterson, Hardwick, Williams, Kinnard, Brash, Guy, and Bond. NAYS: None. The motion to approve the City Administrator to sign a three-year incentive agreement with Evergy approved 8-0.

ADJOURN OPEN/ENTER CLOSED: A motion to adjourn open/enter closed session was made at 6:48 p.m. by Councilor Guy, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Kinnard, Bond, Peterson, Williams, Paige, and Brash. NAYS: None. Approved 8-0.

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.

Personnel - Pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri pertaining to hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.

Personnel Records - Pursuant to Section 610.021 (13) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri pertaining to individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment.

ADJOURN CLOSED/ENTER OPEN: At 7:14 p.m. Councilor Guy made a motion to adjourn closed session and entered open session, Councilor Hardwick seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Bond, Peterson, Brash, Kinnard, Williams and Paige. NAYS: None. Motion Approved 8-0.

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

ADJOURN: A motion was made at 7:14 p.m. by Councilor Guy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Paige, Williams, Bond, Brash , Peterson and Kinnard . NAYS: None. Motion approved 8-0.



Mayor, Mike Wright

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