

# **MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, AUGUST 26, 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, August 26, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** August 12, 2025, regular meeting minutes approved as printed.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Appointment to the agenda. Motion to adopt by Councilor Bond, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll Called: AYES: Bond, Hardwick, Kinnard, Paige, Williams, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 6-0.

## **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: Barb Hardwick. – The Committee has not met.
- D. Public Safety: Rob Kinnard. – The Committee has not met.

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

- Everything has been routine.
- I had several conversations with City Administrator Willim this last week on different issues.
- I have also spoken with a couple of Commissioners recently on a few things.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Tonya Willim. C/A Willim's report is included in the packet. I've continued to work on the budget. Other than that, I do not have more to add at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Public Hearing Tax Levy: Setting Tax Rate.** A public hearing regarding the 2025 property tax rates proposed to be set on the August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Council meeting was opened by Mayor Wirght at 6:34 pm. Mayor Wright asked if there were any questions concerning the tax rates that were posted at the Ray County Library, the bulletin board at City Hall, and on the City's websites, and published in the Richmond Newspaper on Friday, August 15, 2025. There were no questions or comments made. Mayor Wright adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

**Bill No.: 25-17** AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO THE SETTING OF THE TAX LEVY FOR GENERAL REVENUE, PARK PURPOSES, AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI FOR THE YEAR 2025 IN ACCORDANCE TO THE LAWS AND STATUTES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE. Councilor Bond made the motion for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Bill No. 25-17. Councilor Kinnard seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Bond, Kinnard, Hardwick, Brash, Paige, and Williams. NAYS: None. Motion for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading approved 6-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 25-17. Councilor Bond motioned for acceptance of Bill No. 25-17 into ordinance. Councilor Paige seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Bond, Paige, Hardwick, Kinnard, Brash, and Williams. NAYS: None. Bill No. 25-17 approved 6-0.

- B. **Wastewater Treatment Plant – Sludge Blower No. 5 Repair –** Public Works Director Dale Shipp explained to the Council that the sludge blower #5 was making excessive noise. City staff removed the blower and sent it the Pathfinders Systems in Kansas City for inspection and cost estimates. United Blower was also contacted for pricing for a new replacement unit. Pathfinders Systems provided a quote of rebuilding the existing blower at \$12,871 and a new blower at \$19,228. United Blower provided a quote of \$18,960 for a new blower. Staff recommends the rebuild option from Pathfinders Systems as it is the most cost-effective solution. Councilor Hardwick asked how old the blower was. Shipp recalled that the blower was refurbished from the North Wastewater plant. Councilor Paige inquired about a warranty on a rebuilt blower vs a new blower. Shipp clarified that the warranty would be the same for both. Councilor Hardwick made the motion to approve the expense of \$12,871 for Pathfinders Systems to rebuild the blower, and Councilor Kinnard seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Hardwick, Kinnard, Bond, Brash, Williams, and Paige. NAYS: None. Approved 6-0.

- C. **Special Event Permit – Fireworks – 9/11 Memorial Tribute Ride –** Kyle Harrison with Firestorm Charities, Branded Outdoor Theater, and Gail Worth submitted a Special Event Permit for a fireworks display following the benefit ride and concert on September 6, 2025, in honor of 9/11. The display will be non-commercial grade and last approximately 10 minutes. Council is asked to waive paragraph 205-160: Use of Fireworks Restricted. Discharge of fireworks by anyone in the city is only allowed

between July 1 and July 5. Police and Fire Chiefs have had a meeting with Kyle Harrison regarding the plans for the ride. Councilor Paige made the motion, Councilor Bond seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Paige, Bond, Hardwick, Kinnard, Williams, and Brash, NAYS: None. Motion to allow fireworks at Branded Outdoor Facility on September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 6:00 pm approved 6-0.

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made at 6:41 p.m. by Councilor Brash to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll called: AYES: Brash, Hardwick, Bond, Williams, Paige, and Kinnard. NAYS: None. Motion approved 6-0.



Mayor, Mike Wright

  
City Clerk, Salge Mason