

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, OCTOBER 14, 2025

PRAYER: Bryan Round

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, October 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

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

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, Community Development Director Lisa Hastings, Human Resource Manager Courtney Williams, Parks and Recreation Director Haley Williams, and City Attorney Chris Williams, along with his assistant Jackson Auer.

WELCOMING REMARKS: Mayor Wright welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: September 23, 2025, regular meeting minutes approved as printed.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- State Representative Terry Thompson highlighted a few areas that he campaigned in this last election: Faith and Family. He continues to urge 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 reviewed the process of the last legislative session in his opinion. There were 1700 bills filed in the House of Representatives and 900 from the Senate. Only 42 bills make it to the Governor's desk. He is discouraged by the way amendments are tacked on to bills. It may be a good bill, but none of the amendments are agreeable to him. In his committee, he accepts no amendments. He wanted to apologize to the City for not even getting a public safety tax or transit tax to a committee this year. It was asked why the State has to approve the tax to even be presented to residents in an election. He did not know either. In his opinion, it should only be the residents' vote and opinion. He commended the city on passing its FY26 budget because, like public safety, the state mandates public safety, but does not provide any funding for it. He reiterated the fact that we need to hear all sides and hold the State more accountable.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Appointment to the agenda. Motion to adopt by Councilor Bond, seconded by Councilor Peterson. Roll Called: AYES: Bond, Peterson, Hardwick, Guy, Paige, Williams, Kinnard, and Brash. 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: Barb Hardwick. – The Committee has not met.
- E. Park Board Liaison Deanna Guy. – The Park Board met on Monday, October 6th. Haley updated us on the progress of the Parks Master Plan and used skate park equipment from Raytown.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mike Wright.

- Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. I think they have been doing this for 10 years now.
- Reminder that the Household Hazardous Waste Event is this Saturday, October 18th, from 8 am to 12 pm. All volunteers, please be present at City Hall by 6:45 am.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Tonya Willim. C/A Willim's report is included in the packet. She stated that the report is pretty lengthy, but she does not have anything to add, other than highlighting the other information that has dates of upcoming events. She answered any questions.

Councilor Hardwick did ask about when the Ray County Board of Services will complete its sewer easement. C/A Willim let her know has been approved and recorded, so they are ready to complete it at any time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: No comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Authorization of Purchase HP DesignJet XL3600 MFP** – Large Format Printer/Scanner- City Administrator Willim reminded the Council of the approved one-time purchases approved in the FY 26 budget. The current HP DesignJet T2300PS, purchased in April 2013, is not operational, and parts are no longer supported for repairs. The Drexel Technologies HP Design Jet LC 3600 Multifunction Printer has high-speed printing, integrated scanning, and secure digital file management. This purchase is able to be made under the Missouri State contract #CT241929002 through the NASPO Master Agreement #187822, ensuring cooperative purchasing compliance and competitive pricing. This proposal includes delivery, installation, user training, removal of old equipment and a box of paper at no additional cost. The total purchase cost is \$15,788.00. Councilor Bond motioned for the approval of the HP DesignJet XL3600 from Drexel Technologies with a not-to-exceed cost of \$15,788. Councilor Paige seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Bond, Paige, Peterson, Hardwick, Guy, Brash, Kinnard, and Williams. NAYS: None. Purchase of printer/scanner approved 8-0.

B. Authorization of Purchase Four Snowplows – City Administrator Willim highlighted in the FY 26 budget the one-time purchase of four snowplow blades. The current plows are several years old and have become increasingly costly to maintain and repair. Staff obtained three quotes. The lowest and responsible quote was by Law & Leisure of Lee's Summit in the amount of \$27,485.28 for four 9-foot Wester plows, including assembly and light kits. The staff would like to sell the current plows on Purple Wave. Western Plow holds Sourcewell Contract #062222-DDY for *Snow and Ice Handling Equipment, Supplies, and Accessories*. Western is the manufacturer used by all three quoting vendors, ensuring compatibility with the City's existing plow systems and simplifying maintenance and parts procurement. Councilor Guy motioned for the approved purchase of four snowplows, authorizing the City Administrator to purchase four Wester snowplows with assembly and light kits from Lawn & Leisure of Lee's Summit in an amount not to exceed \$27,485.28 and sell the four old plows on Purple Wave. Councilor Peterson seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Peterson, Hardwick, Paige, Brash, Williams, Bond, and Kinnard. NAYS: None. Purchase of four snowplows approved 8-0.

ADJOURN: A motion was made at 6:58 p.m. by Councilor Guy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Brash, Kinnard, Bond, Williams, Paige, and Peterson. NAYS: None. Motion approved 8-0.




City Clerk, Saige Mason