

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, JANUARY 13, 2026**

**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, January 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

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

**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, Parks & Recreation Director Haley Williams, Human Resource Manager Courtney Williams, and City Attorney Chris Williams.

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** December 9, 2025, regular meeting minutes approved as printed.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Motion to adopt by Councilor Bond, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll Called: AYES: Bond, Hardwick, Peterson, Guy, Williams, Kinnard, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

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

- Council's staff Christmas breakfast was a success. It is nice to look out at the staff we have and be fortunate for them and all they do for the city.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Tonya Willim. C/A Willim's report is included in the packet. She highlighted that the excavation at the cemetery's reflection pond is completed. The compost pile has been ground up. VF Anderson is on Benton and starting on Ralph streets, progressing with the waterline replacement project. The Teams call that was held last week with MODOT to get permits should be received this week. Ross Construction plans to return to the water plant to install the new spheres for the filter media by the end of the month. It is hoped that both the water plant and the waterline replacement projects will be wrapped up by April.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. American Celebration – Fireworks and Waivers – The American Celebration will be scheduled for Wednesday, July 1, 2026, this year. The proposal from J&M Display is attached. The contract reflects an \$800 increase due to industry-wide increases. The FY26 budget allows for the increase. The City will continue to seek and accept donations as well for the show. To accommodate the celebration, please waive the ordinances for Loud and Unusual Sounds and Noises Prohibited, and Prohibiting the sale of items in city-owned parks. Motion to approve the contract with J&M Displays in an amount not to exceed \$16,700, authorize the City Administrator to sign, and waive the above requirements was made by Councilor Peterson, and seconded by Councilor Kinnard. Roll Called: AYES: Peterson, Kinnard, Bond, Guy, Williams, Hardwick, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.
- B. Termination of Well Maintenance Contract with USCI – The City was notified by Utility Service Co., Inc. that they are no longer servicing water wells. The City has been in a water wells agreement with them since 2017. To ensure continuity of professional maintenance services, staff will proceed with issuing a Request for Proposals in the FY27 budget cycle. USCI will continue to maintain, as per the agreement, the City’s towers, tanks, and AI meters. Motion to approve acceptance of the Termination Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign was made by Councilor Peterson and seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll Called: AYES: Peterson, Hardwick, Bond, Kinnard, Williams, Guy, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.

**ADJOURN OPEN/ENTER CLOSED:** A motion to adjourn open/enter closed session was made at 6:39 p.m. by Councilor Guy, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Bond, Williams, Peterson, Kinnard, and Brash. NAYS: None. Approved 7-0.

**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 6:41 p.m. Councilor Guy made a motion to adjourn the closed session and enter open session. Councilor Hardwick seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Bond, Brash, Williams, Peterson, and Kinnard. 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 6:42 p.m. by Councilor Guy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Peterson, Kinnard, Bond, Williams, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.



Mayor, Mike Wright

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City Clerk, Saige Mason