

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, MARCH 24, 2026

PRAYER: Dave Donaldson

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, March 24, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL: Staff Present: City Administrator Tonya Willim, City Clerk Saige Mason, Public Works Director Dale Shipp, Fire Chief Mark Sowder, , Finance Director Ashley Bennett, Police Chief Scott Bagley Permit and Compliance Technician Heather Robertson, Human Resource Manager Courtney Williams, Parks and Recreation Director Haley Williams, City Attorneys Chris Williams and Jackson Auer.

WELCOMING REMARKS: Mayor Wright welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: February 24, 2026, regular meeting minutes approved as printed.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

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

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Finance: Deanna Guy. – The Committee met in conjunction with Public Works before Council meeting this evening with a number of items on the agenda.
- B. Ordinance: Barb Hardwick. – The Committee prior to tonight's meeting, several items on agenda.
- C. Public Works: Barb Hardwick. – The Committee met in conjunction with the Finance Committee prior to tonight's meeting with items on the agenda.
- D. Public Safety: Rob Kinnard. – The Committee has not met with nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mike Wright.

- Welcomed Ashley Bennett to her first council meeting as the Finance Director.
- Reappointment of Barb Hardwick as Building Commissioner Roll Called: Paige, Guy, Bond, Hardwick, Kinnard, Williams and Brash.
- Attended Chamber After Hours.
- Attended the joint committee meeting with Finance and Public Works Committees.
- Attended the Ordinance Committee meeting.

- Signed 13 Proclamation for the Eagle Scouts.
- I sat in on a Police Department interview
- Business has been routine.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Tonya Willim. C/A Willim's report is included in the packet. She wanted to bring attention to the Happy Hollow rehab that is currently just waiting for piping and a lid which will be installed as soon as Public Works has equipment available after completing current projects. MB Construction have installed 4 new inserta valves. The Street Reconstruction and Overlay project had five (5) bidders, they are still under review but looking promising with tentative start date in June.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Bill No. 26-03 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE II, PUBLIC HEALTH, SAEFTY AND WELFAR, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI TO AMEND CHAPTER 220 NUSIANCES ARTICLE I IN GENERAL, AND ARTICK III WEEDS, HIGH GRASS OR OTHER VEGETATION. Councilor Guy made the motion for 1st and 2nd reading of Bill No. 26-03. Councilor Hardwick seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Kinnard, Paige, Williams, Guy, and Bond. NAYS: Brash. Motion for 1st and 2nd reading approved 6-1. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 26-03. Councilor Hardwick motioned for acceptance of Bill No. 26-03 into ordinance. Councilor Guy seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Hardwick, Guy, Kinnard, Bond, Paige, and Williams. NAYS: Brash. Bill No. 26-03 approved 6-1.

- B. Bill No. 26-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE V, BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI TO AMEND CHAPTER 510 STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY, ARTICLE I IN GENERAL. Councilor Guy made a motion for 1st and 2nd reading of Bill No. 26-04. Councilor Paige seconded the motion. Roll Call: AYES: Guy, Paige, Hardwick, Kinnard, Bond, Williams, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 26-04. Councilor Bond motioned for acceptance of Bill No. 26-04 into ordinance. Councilor Kinnard seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Bond, Kinnard, Guy, Hardwick, Paige, Brash and Williams. NAYS: None. Bill No. 26-04 approved 7-0.

- C. Bill No. 26-05 AN ORDINANCE APPROVEING THE FINAL PLAT FOR STONE RIDGE; DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTEE THE SUBDIVISON PLAT; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE; REPLEAING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH. Councilor Hardwick made a motion for 1st and 2nd reading of Bill No. 26-05. Councilor Guy seconded the motion. Roll Call: AYES: Hardwick, Guy, Paige,

Kinnard, Bond, Williams, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 26-05. Councilor Paige motioned for acceptance of Bill No. 26-05 into ordinance. Councilor Kinnard seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Paige, Kinnard, Guy, Hardwick, Bond, Brash and Williams. NAYS: None. Bill No. 26-05 approved 7-0.

- D. Application for Encroachment – Bumper to Bumper – City Administrator Willim explained that the sign on the front of Bumper to Bumper’s building will encroach on the city’s right way over head. Councilor Hardwick made a motion to approve the encroachment request for the sign at 209 S. Thornton Street. Councilor Kinnard seconded the motion. Roll Call: AYES: Hardwick, Kinnard, Paige, Guy, Bond, Williams, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.
- E. Watermain Replacement – Change Order #2 – Staff, contractors and engineers identified a need to reconfigure the water line tie-in on Holly Loane and T Highway. The change includes approximately 175 LF of 6-inch waterline, a 6”x6” tee, valve, pavement replacement, and associated materials necessary to complete the revised connection. Councilor Hardwick made a motion to approve Change Order No. 2 with VF Anderson in the amount of \$28,094 and acceptance of the revised substantial completion date of April 21, 2026. Councilor Guy seconded the motion. Roll Call: AYES: Hardwick, Guy, Kinnard, Paige, Bond, Williams, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.
- F. Skate Park Concrete and Drainage Additions – In October of 2025, Parks purchased additional skate park equipment from Raytown, Missouri. With the additional equipment more concrete was needed to accommodate. The additional concrete identified a drainage need addressed. The Park Board recommends the additional concrete and drainage need to the Full Council. Councilor Paige made a motion to approve the Park Board request and authorize budgeting and use of Park Reserve Funds for the additional concrete and drainage improvements at the skate park. The motion was seconded by Councilor Kinnard. Roll Call: AYES: Paige, Kinnard, Guy, Hardwick, Bond, Williams, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.
- G. Emergency Purchase of (2) VFDs at North Lift Station – Previously at the February 24th, 2026, Council meeting Council approved the purchase of one VFD for the North Lift Station. Since that meeting a second VFD has failed and needs to be replaced. The existing VFD is the same age as the other two failed ones, confirming the likelihood of continued issues with the remaining equipment. The additional cost for two VFDs is \$31,250.00. Councilor Guy made a motion to acknowledged the emergency purchase of two additional VFDs at the North Lift Station in the amount of \$31,250 and made a motion to approve the associated budget adjustment and line-item transfer. Councilor Hardwick seconded the motion of acknowledgment and the associated budget adjustments. Roll Call: AYES: Paige, Kinnard, Guy, Hardwick, Bond, Williams, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.
- H. WWTP Sludge Blower No. 7 Replacement – City Administrator Willim stated that the Sludge Blower No. 7 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant has locked up/bearing fail and is

no longer operable. This blower is needed for the aeration process and without it the plant is operating at a reduced capacity. Three quotes were obtained with United Blower, Inc being the lowest bid at \$13,500 plus approximately \$250 for freight. Staff will install the blower as it is a direct drop-in replacement, matching existing performance and is in stock with the delivery time of 3-5days. Councilor Guy made a motion to approve the purchase of the replacement blower from United Blower, Inc in the amount of \$13,500 plus freight. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paige. Roll Call: AYES: Guy, Paige, Kinnard, Hardwick, Bond, Williams, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.


- I. Henrietta Flow Meter Purchase – Durkin Equipment Company worked with staff for an appropriate replacement of the flow meter at the Wastewater Treatment Plant that measures the volume of sewage entering the plant from Henrietta. Their recommendation is ABB WaterMaster electromagnetic flow meter which is designed for water and wastewater applications and is well suited for the conditions at the wastewater plant as it is rated for submergence. The cost of the new flow meter is \$8,500.00. Durkin will assist with final termination and set with the staff. Councilor Hardwick made a motion to approve the purchase of the ABB magnetic flow meter in the amount of \$8,500 and the associated budget transfer. Councilor Guy seconded the motion. Roll Call: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Paige, Kinnard, Bond, Williams, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.

ADJOURN: A motion was made at 7:00 p.m. by Councilor Guy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Brash, Paige, Kinnard, Bond, and Williams. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.





Mayor, Mike Wright



City Clerk, Saige Mason