

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, APRIL 14, 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, April 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

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

**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, Community Development Lisa Hastings, Human Resource Manager Courtney Williams, City Attorney Chris Williams.

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

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Motion to adopt by Councilor Bond, seconded by Councilor Peterson. Roll Called: AYES: Bond, Peterson, Paige, Guy, Hardwick, Kinnard, Williams, 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: Rob Peterson. – The Committee has not met.
- D. Public Safety: Rob Kinnard. – The Committee has not met.
- E. Parks Liaison: Deanna Guy – The Committee met on April 6<sup>th</sup> for a work session to discuss future Park Master Plan improvements.

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

- Appointment of Bryan Scott as Richmond Police Officer. Roll Called: Paige, Brash, Guy, Williams, Bond, Hardwick, Peterson, and Kinnard.
  - o **SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER.** At this time, City Clerk Saige Mason swore in Police Officer Scott.
- I've had other meetings with City Administrator Willim and other staff.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Tonya Willim. C/A Willim's report is included in the packet. She noted the purchase of a budgeted Public Works vehicle, a 2019 Ford Ranger,

acquired for approximately \$27,000 with 10,000 miles, which came in under the allocated budget. This vehicle will replace the current meter reader truck, which will, in turn, be reassigned to the Animal Control Officer. Additionally, MB Construction has provided a comprehensive update. Six additional valves were expensed at a total cost of \$87,000 from project funds, and no further valve installations are anticipated at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Bill No. 26-06:** AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE OFFICIAL RESULTS ON THE FACE OF THE RETURNS OF THE JUDGES AND CLERKS OF THE REGULAR ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, ON APRIL 7, 2026, AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS PURSUANT TO SECTION 115.5117. RSMO, DUE TO TIE VOTES FOR WARD I COUNCILMAN (ONE-YEAR TERM AND WARD IV COUNCILMAN (TWO-YEAR TERM). City Attorney Chris Williams explained the election results and actions to be taken due to the tied votes in Ward I and Ward IV. This ordinance will be brought back once the City Council accepts the results and the City Clerk reaches out to the tied individuals to find out if they are interested not only in the positions, but also in either a lottery drawing or a special election. The questions for the ballot have to be given to the Ray County Election Authority by May 26<sup>th</sup>, for an August 4<sup>th</sup> election date. Current councilors will hold seats until new councilors are elected. Councilor Peterson made the motion for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Bill No. 26-06. Councilor Paige seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Peterson, Hardwick, Guy, Kinnard, Paige, Williams, Brash, and Bond. NAYS: None. Motion for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading approved 8-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 26-06. Councilor Peterson motioned for acceptance of Bill No. 26-06 into ordinance. Councilor Kinnard seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Peterson, Kinnard, Hardwick, Guy, Bond, Brash, Paige, and Williams. NAYS: None. Bill No. 26-06 approved 8-0.

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made at 6:37 p.m. by Councilor Bond to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Guy. Roll Called: AYES: Bond, Guy, Williams, Peterson, Hardwick, Paige, Brash, and Kinnard. NAYS: None. Motion approved 8-0.

**SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:** At this time, City Clerk Saige Mason swore in Councilmembers June Paige, Rob Brash, and Barb Hardwick.

**SEATING OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Mayor Wright reseated the Council.

Mayor Wright called to order the second part of the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Richmond, Missouri, on April 14, 2026, at 6:45 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Wright, Ron Peterson, Barb Hardwick, June Paige, Rob Brash, Deanna Guy, Rodney Williams, Bob Bond, and Rob Kinnard. **COUNCIL ABSENT:** None.

**VOTE MAYOR PRO TEM** – 4 votes for Barb Hardwick, 3 votes for Deanna Guy, and 1 vote for Rob Kinnard. Councilor Hardwick was elected as Mayor Pro Tem.

## **MAYOR APPOINT COMMITTEES/COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

- A. Finance Committee: Chairperson Deanna Guy, Ron Peterson, Barb Hardwick
- B. Public Works Committee: Chairperson Ron Peterson, Barb Hardwick, Bob Bond
- C. Ordinance Committee: Chairperson Barb Hardwick, Rodney Williams, June Paige
- D. Public Safety Committee: Chairperson Rob Kinnard, Bob Bond, Rob Brash
- E. Park Board Liaison: Deanna Guy.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve second part of the agenda as printed by Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Kinnard. AYES: Peterson, Kinnard, Guy, Hardwick, Williams, Paige, Brash, and Bond. NAYS: None. Motion approved 8-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Resolution 471:** Building Safety Month Proclamation – Lisa Hastings highlighted that the International Building Code Safety Month is May. She would like Community Development to meet with students to talk a little bit about building safety and have color books, presentations, and brochures to help teach a little about the importance of building safety. Councilor Paige made the motion to recognize the month of May as Building Safety Month. This motion was seconded by Councilor Peterson. Roll Call: AYES: Paige, Peterson, Hardwick, Kinnard, Guy, Bond, Williams, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 8-0.
- B. Special Permit – Annual Mushroom Festival Street Closures – Sherry Smith from the Farris Theater (Friend of the Farris) addressed the council regarding the street closures for the 45<sup>th</sup> Mushroom Festival this year. The parade route will be the same as last year. Sherry expressed a thank you to the council and expressed how this is a wonderful opportunity for the Farris Theater. Street closures, relocation of the carnival rides, and closing of City Hall parking lot for car show motion to approve by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Kinnard. Roll called. AYES: Peterson, Kinnard, Paige, Hardwick, Williams, Bond, Brash, and Guy. NAYS: None. Motion approved 8-0.
- C. Special Permit – Chamber of Commerce 250 Celebration – Sharon Donat from the Richmond News and Chamber of Commerce addressed the council regarding the street closure for the America 250 Celebration taking place on N. College and W. North Main Streets. This event is scheduled for June 13, 2026, and will have family-friendly outdoor fun, including food, music, games, and a bike parade. The street closures requested are W. North Main Street from N. Camden Street to N. Thornton Street and N. College Street from W. Main Street to W. North Main Street. Councilor Peterson motioned to approve the street closures and the special event permit for the American 250 Celebration. This motion was seconded by Councilor Paige. Roll called. AYES: Peterson, Paige, Kinnard, Hardwick, Williams, Bond, Brash, and Guy. NAYS: None. Motion approved 8-0.
- D. Bid Selection – Street Reconstruction & Overlay Project- City Administrator Willim stated that the City released Request for Proposal (RFP) 06-2026 for the Street Overlay and Reconstruction Project (2026). The project includes milling and overlays of designated streets, along with full-depth patching (as needed) and full base reconstruction

on select streets impacted by prior utility work. The project includes full base reconstruction on S. Camden Street (W. Lexington to W. South) and S. Second Street (W. Royle to S. Camden) due to prior utility work and waterline replacement that impacted the roadway base. A total of five bids were received. Based on the bid tabulation, Emery Sapp & Sons, Inc. is the lowest responsive bidder with a total base bid of \$773,283.00 and a total project cost including alternates of \$1,393,821.00. Their unit pricing, including \$1.80 per square yard for milling and \$79.00 per ton for asphalt, was the most competitive among the bidders. (Valley Drive) is in the amount of \$85,674.00 and will be funded through a partnership with the Special Road District, with the City responsible for 50% (\$42,837.00) and the Special Road District responsible for the remaining 50%. Alternate 4 (Maurice Roberts Park parking lot) is in the amount of \$25,423.00 and will be funded through the Parks Fund. A motion was made by Councilor Peterson for the approval of Emery Sapp & Sons Inc. In the total amount not to exceed \$1,393,821.00 (including base bid and all recommended alternates) and authorize the City Administrator to execute all necessary agreements. This motion was made by Councilor Peterson and seconded by Councilor Guy. Roll called. AYES: Peterson, Guy, Paige, Kinnard, Hardwick, Peterson, Williams, Bond, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 8-0.

E. **Bill No. 26-07: Cooperative Agreement with Special Road District – Valley Drive –** The City has partnered with Special Road District before on Valley Drive, as it is not a City-maintained road, but there are City residents on the East side of the road. The Special Road District has asked to partner with the City before in 2018. As outlined in the attached Cooperative Agreement, the City and the Special Road District will each pay 50% of the project cost, with the City's portion being \$42,837.00 and the Special Road District responsible for the remaining \$42,837.00. Councilor Peterson made the motion for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Bill No. 26-07. Councilor Hardwick seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Peterson, Hardwick, Guy, Kinnard, Paige, Williams, Brash, and Bond. NAYS: None. Motion for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading approved 8-0. City Clerk. Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 26-07. Councilor Peterson motioned for acceptance of Bill No. 26-07 into ordinance. Councilor Hardwick seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Peterson, Hardwick, Kinnard, Guy, Bond, Brash, Paige, and Williams. NAYS: None. Bill No. 26-07 approved 8-0.

F. **HSP Rehabilitation – FTC Repair –** Back on December 9, 2025, Council approved the use of FTC Equipment, LLC (FTC) to perform the rehabilitation of one High Service Pump (HSP) per year over a three-year period. After disassembly and inspection, Pump #3 at the Water Treatment Plant was found to have several components that needed replacement to return the pump to operating condition. Staff was able to save some cost by rehabilitating a motor from a different pump by having it evaluated by Sedalia Electric, and repairs were less than \$1,500.00. By utilizing the existing motor rather than purchasing a new one included in the FTC quote, the City can reduce the total project cost by \$5,886.11, resulting in an adjusted estimated project cost of approximately \$19,525.72. (FTC \$18,025.72 and Sedelia Electric \$1500). Funding for this work will be completed through a line-item transfer within the Water Fund. The FY26 Budget included \$150,000 in line item 52-52-00-6030 (Sludge Removal/Lagoon Maintenance),

with the Reed Environmental project cleaning of lagoon coming in at \$127,000, leaving approximately \$23,000 under budget. In addition, the FY26 Budget includes \$3,500 in line item 52-52-00-6025 (Equipment Maintenance) earmarked for High Service Pump rehabilitation. These funds will be transferred as needed to cover the cost of this repair. The motion for the approved quote from FTC Equipment and repair work by Sedalia Electric for a total project cost of \$19,525.72 , and authorize line-item transfer was made by Councilor Peterson and seconded by Councilor Kinnard. Roll Call: AYES: Peterson, Kinnard, Hardwick, Paige, Guy, Bond, Williams, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 8-0.

**ADJOURN OPEN/ENTER CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made at 7:06 p.m. by Councilor Guy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Paige, Peterson, Brash, Kinnard, Williams, and Bond. NAYS: None. Motion 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 7:30 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, Brash, Peterson, Paige, Williams, and Kinnard. 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 7:31 p.m. by Councilor Guy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Peterson, Brash, Paige, Kinnard, Bond, and Williams. NAYS: None. Motion approved 8-0.



Mayor, Mike Wright



City Clerk, Saige Mason