

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, APRIL 28, 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 28, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Council Present: Mayor Mike Wright, Rob Brash, Barb Hardwick, Deanna Guy, June Paige, Rob Kinnard, and Bob Bond. Absent: Rodney Williams and 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, Community Development Heather Robertson, Human Resource Manager Courtney Williams, City Attorney Chris Williams, and Jackson Auer.

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

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** April 14, 2026, regular meeting minutes approved as printed.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** None.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Motion to adopt by Councilor Guy, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Paige, Bond, Kinnard, 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: Rob Peterson. -- The Committee has not met.
- D. Public Safety: Rob Kinnard. -- The Committee met earlier this evening regarding a couple of traffic studies, which resulted in no action taken.

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

- I attended the Public Safety Committee Meeting earlier this evening.
- I would like to thank all departments involved in cleaning up after the storms this last week. Thank you to Public Works for opening the compost site for residents to drop off debris.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Tonya Willim. C/A Willim's report is included in the packet. She did not have anything else to add, but would take any questions. No questions were asked.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Valley Drive Water Tower – United Fiber Agreement – City Administrator Willim reminded the council that in 2008, the City entered into a lease agreement with TurboNet for communication equipment located on the Valley Drive Water Tower. United Fiber purchased TurboNet in 2025 and took over operations. This agreement allows United Fiber to continue operating and maintaining its equipment on the water tower, but outlines responsibilities. As the City Attorney drafted the agreement for the following responsibilities of United Fiber. United Fiber will pay the City \$250 per month (\$3,000 annually) in revenue for use of the tower. United Fiber is responsible for its equipment and any excess electrical usage. The company is required to carry liability insurance and name the City as the certificate holder. The agreement includes standard indemnification protections for the City. The term is one (1) year with the option to renew annually. Councilor Paige motioned for the approval of the agreement with United Fiber for the use of the Valley Drive Water Tower and authorization for the Mayor to execute the agreement. Councilor Kinnard seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Paige, Kinnard, Hardwick, Guy, Bond, and Brash. NAYS: None. Valley Drive Agreement approved 6-0.
- B. Surplus Equipment for Sale – City Administrator Willim wanted to bring attention to the FY26 budget regarding the several pieces of equipment to be sold following the arrival of replacement items. Following the City's Surplus Property Disposal Policy, any item with an estimated value exceeding \$5,000.00 must be approved by Council prior to sale. The recommended items to sale are 2004 Ford F-150 – Animal Control Truck, 2015 Ford F-550 – Water Crew Truck, 2002 Floater Sludge Truck, 2014 Dodge Charger – Police Vehicle, 2018 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor, 1990 John Deere 1070 Tractor, (2) 8' Snow Plows, 2016 John Deere Z930M Commercial ZTrak Mower, 9' Western Pro Snow Plow, along with, Toddler Half-Bucket Swings, (3) Child Swings with Straps, Briggs & Stratton 625 Series Billy Goat Leaf Vacuum, (2) Used/Worn Slides – Approximately 10' Long, Solar Lighting System and Accessory Items, and (1) Arena Rascal Attachment. Prior years' items have been sold by auction on either [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) or [www.purplewave.com](http://www.purplewave.com) successfully. Councilor Hardwick made the motion to approve the sale of surplus items exceeding \$5,000.00 in value and acknowledged the disposal. Councilor Kinnard seconded the motion. Roll Call: AYES: Hardwick, Kinnard, Paige, Guy, Bond, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 6-0.
- C. **Bill No. 26-08** – Final Plat Shotwell's Addition – Community Development Heather Robertson explained that Tom Williams requested a final plat for his property at 306 Hill Street. His request is for the property to be divided into two lots. These lots meet the requirements. He plans to build houses on these lots. Councilor Paige made the motion for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Bill No. 26-08. This motion was seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll called. AYES: Paige, Harwick, Kinnard, Bond, Brash, and Guy. NAYS: None. Motion approved 6-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on Bill No. 26-08 title only. Councilor Bond made the motion to accept Bill No. 26-08 into ordinance. Councilor Kinnard seconded the motion. Roll called. AYES: Bond, Kinnard, Paige, Hardwick, Brash, and Guy. NAYS: None. Motion approved 6-0.

- D. Purchase of One Commercial Zero-Turn Mowers – FY26 budget allocated funds for the purchase of a new commercial zero-turn mower to replace an existing mower that was purchased in 2016 for use at the North Barn. City staff obtained three quotes for the purchase of the mower: Dorton’s Tire (Bad Boy): \$10,978.56, Nerds of Lexington (Bad Boy): \$11,617.12, and Ag-Power (John Deere): \$11,700.00. All quotes were obtained through cooperative purchasing programs or reflect government discount pricing. Motion was made by Councilor Guy to accept Dorton’s Tire (Bad Boy) mower for a total cost of \$10,978.56. The motion was seconded by Councilor Paige. Roll Called. AYES: Guy, Paige, Kinnard, Hardwick, Bond, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 6-0.
- E. Bids for Grass Cutting and Baling at South Wastewater Plant Land/Cemetery – City Administrator Willim explained that the year has come to rebid (RFP 07-2026) the hay harvesting on the 73 acres by the wastewater treatment plant and the 5 acres at the cemetery. The bid requested pricing to mow and bale the hay/grass, with the contractor purchasing the City’s one-third share after baling. Perry Vandiver was the only bidder at \$46.00 per bale. Historically, the site has yielded approximately 173 – 208 bales per season; however, actual revenue will vary depending on total yield. Bidders were allowed to submit either a per-bale price (not to exceed 1,600 pounds per bale) or a lump sum payment for the entire area. This motion was made by Councilor Guy and seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll called. AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Paige, Kinnard, Bond, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 6-0.
- F. Pool Computers – Credit Card Terminal Upgrades Finance Director Ashley Bennett shared with the Council that the FY26 budget allows for an allocated amount for 2 pool computers. However, after discussing with the contracted service, HighTek Solutions, it has been determined that all existing pool computers need to be replaced. Also, the current credit card terminals are not PCI compliant, making the cardholder data at risk for fraud. The total cost is \$2,748, while the budgeted cost is \$2,400.00; there are remaining funds in the Training and Travel line item to cover the additional cost of \$348.00. Staff is recommending the purchase of 3 laptops, two PCI-compliant credit card terminals, an Ethernet installation, and associated labor, along with the line-item transfer. Councilor Hardwick made the motion to approve the purchase of three laptop computers, two PCI-compliant credit card terminals, ethernet installation, and associated labor, along with the line-item transfer. This motion was seconded by Councilor Guy. Roll Called: AYES: Hardwick, Guy, Kinnard, Bond, Brash, and Paige. NAYS: None. Motion approved 6-0.

**ADJOURN:** A motion was made at 6:47 p.m. by Councilor Guy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Brash, Paige, Kinnard, and Bond. NAYS: None. Motion approved 6-0.



  
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City Clerk, Saige Mason