

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, MAY 12, 2026

PRAYER: Bryan Guy

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, May 12, 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: Rob Brash, 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, Parks and Recreation Director Haley Williams, 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 28, 2026, regular meeting minutes approved as printed.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

Audience Attendance – Jimmy Rippy, Brandon Bines, David Bond, Bryan Guy, and Shawn Roney with Richmond News.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Mayor Wright stated that the closed session is not needed and will be removed from the agenda. Motion to adopt the agenda with the removal of closed session was made by Councilor Guy, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Paige, Bond, and Kinnard. NAYS: None. Motion approved 5-0.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Finance: Deanna Guy. – The Committee met prior to this meeting to consider a couple of items on the agenda.
- 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.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mike Wright.

- I attended the P&Z meeting with a couple of items on the agenda.
- I attended the Council Retreat.
- I attended the Finance Committee meeting this evening.
- I also heard the Mushroom festival went well.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Tonya Willim. City Administrator Willim's report is included in the packet. She stated that the five-year plans, Capital Improvement Plans, and FY 27 kickoff will begin on May 19, 2026. She also reported that the FY 25 audit information has started in communication with the auditors and that Public Works Director Dale Shipp completed the final walk-through with VF Anderson on the water main project.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Bill No. 26-09** – Ordinance Ordering A Special Election Pursuant To Section 115.517, RSMO. City Attorney Chris Williams reminded the Council of the municipal election on April 7th, 2026, that resulted in a tie for Ward 1 (one-year term), seven individuals got one vote. Two individuals have asked not to be on the ballot and have signed affidavits expressing their disinterest in the position. Ward IV had a tie between two individuals with nine votes each. The special election was decided and will be held with the primary election on August 4th, 2026. Motion for first and second title only reading was made by Councilor Guy and seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll Call: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Kinnard, Paige, and Bond. NAYS: None. Motion approved 5-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the first and second readings of the title only of Bill No. 26-09. Motion was made by Councilor Paige and seconded by Councilor Guy to approve Bill No. 26-09. Roll Called: AYES: Paige, Guy, Harwick, Bond, and Kinnard. NAYS: None. Bill No. 26-09 approved 5-0.
- B. **Bill No. 26-10** – Rezoning Request – 795 Diamond Interim Community Development Director Heather Robertson addressed the Council with the information regarding the rezoning request for 795 Diamond Drive. This request was brought by the Richmond R-XVI School District with the intent to rezone to sell the parcel. Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the full Council. Motion for first and second title only reading was made by Councilor Hardwick and seconded by Councilor Guy. Roll Call: AYES: Hardwick, Guy, Kinnard, Paige, and Bond. NAYS: None. Motion approved 5-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the first and second readings of the title only of Bill No. 26-10. Motion was made by Councilor Hardwick and seconded by Councilor Guy to approve the rezoning request. Roll Called: AYES: Harwick, Guy, Paige, Bond, and Kinnard. NAYS: None. Bill No. 26-10 approved 5-0.
- C. **Bill No. 26-11** – Rezoning Request – 805 E. Main Street Interim Community Development Director Heather Robertson continued with the second rezoning request for 805 E. Main, made by Apple Tree Development, with the intent to rezone to sell. The parcel had been zoned commercial years ago for the use of a Real Estate office. The Planning and Zoning Commission approves and recommends to full Council. Motion for first and second reading was made by Councilor Hardwick and seconded by Councilor Kinnard. Roll called. AYES: Hardwick, Kinnard, Paige, Bond, and Guy. NAYS: None. Motion approved 5-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the first and second readings of the title only of Bill No. 26-11. Motion was made by Councilor Bond and seconded by Councilor Paige to approve the rezoning request. Roll Called: AYES: Harwick, Guy, Paige, Bond, and Kinnard. NAYS: None. Bill No. 26-11 approved 5-0.

D. **Resolution No. 472** Police Chief Bagley approached the council with the Resolution asking for the acceptance of Resolution No. 472, as once approved, the Police Department would like to apply for the Missouri Blue Shield Public Safety Accreditation Program. The program will make the department eligible for up to \$50,000 to apply for grants relating to law enforcement training, equipment, and public safety initiatives. Councilor Paige made the motion to accept the Resolution No. 472 this was seconded by Councilor Kinnard. Roll Called. AYES: Paige, Kinnard, Guy, Hardwick, Bond, and Brash. NAYS: None. Resolution No. 472 approved 5-0.

E. **Enterprise Lease Recycle and Replace Vehicles** – Finance Director Ashley Bennett addressed the Council regarding the opportunity to recycle and replace seven of the City's eleven leased vehicles through Enterprise. She explained that, since joining the Enterprise program, vehicle availability had limited the City's ability to rotate the fleet. With vehicles now available and enough equity, the seven trucks are ready to be replaced. Public Works has three 2022 Ford F-250s, three Chevrolet Silverado 2500HD, and Parks has one Ford F-150 Super Crew Cab. All seven trucks will be replaced with 2026 Chevy Silverado 2500HDs: four with plow mounts and two without, and the park's truck will be an extended cab with a plow mount. The estimated annual lease cost would decrease annual lease cost by \$7,937. Motion to approve the recycling and replacement was made by Councilor Guy, and seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll was called. AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Paige, Kinnard, and Bond. NAYS: None. Motion approved 5-0.

F. **WEX/Enterprise Fuel Program** – Finance Director Ashley Bennett wanted to also bring to the attention of the council the WEX fuel program that is offered free of charge for Enterprise customers. The program offers fuel cards that are assigned to the vehicles, and employees have a PIN to identify the usage. This would help track fuel purchases for budget and auditing purposes. Also, there is a 5%-7% discount on fuel at Conoco, Phillips 66, and Casey's. Motion to approve the participation in the WEX Fuel program was made by Councilor Paige and seconded by Councilor Guy. Roll Called: AYES: Paige, Guy, Hardwick, Kinnard, and Bond. NAYS: None. Motion approved 5-0.

ADJOURN: A motion was made at 6:56 p.m. by Councilor Guy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Paige, Kinnard, and Bond. NAYS: None. Motion approved 5-0.



Mayor, Mike Wright


City Clerk, Sage Mason