

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, AUGUST 11, 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, August 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

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

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, Parks and Recreation Director Haley Williams, Human Resource Manager Courtney Williams, City Attorney Williams and Campo Associate Jackson Auer.

WELCOMING REMARKS: Mayor Wright welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: July 28, 2026, regular meeting minutes approved as printed.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The Official Special Election Results are certified by the Ray County Clerk. Motion to adopt by Councilor Peterson, seconded by Councilor Kinnard. Roll Called: AYES: Peterson, Kinnard, Paige, Guy, Hardwick, and Williams. 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 has not met.
- E. Parks Liaison: Deanna Guy – The Committee rescheduled our meeting to August 17th.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mike Wright.

- I have discussed FY 27 budget with City Administrator Willim.
- 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. As the Mayor said, the FY 27 budget preparations are in full swing. ClearGov meetings have been held regularly. Public Works, as their other projects have wound down, is getting ready for school by repainting crosswalks, trimming trees, and making concrete patches.

Councilor Guy complimented C/A Willim on the streets and how she had heard others compliment them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Bill No. 26-16:** AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE OFFICIAL RESULTS ON THE FACE OF THE RETURNS OF THE JUDGES AND CLERKS OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION HELD IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, ON AUGUST 4, 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). After the special election on August 4th, 2026, Brittnie Lee received sixty-eight (68) votes. Dale Aksamit received one hundred forty-four (144). Councilor Peterson made the motion for the 1st and 2nd reading of Bill No. 26-16. Councilor Kinnard seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Peterson, Kinnard, Hardwick, Guy, Paige, Williams. NAYS: None. Motion for 1st and 2nd reading approved 6-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 26-16. Councilor Peterson motioned for acceptance of Bill No. 26-16 into ordinance. Councilor Paige seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Peterson, Paige, Kinnard, Hardwick, Guy, and Williams. NAYS: None. Bill No. 26-16 approved 6-0.
- B. Recognition of Ward 1 – Bob Bond and Ward -4 Ron Peterson – Mayor Wright recognized Ron Peterson for his 12 years of dedicated service to the Richmond community as a Council Member. The Mayor presented Mr. Peterson with a Proclamation recognizing his years of service and commitment to the community. Mayor Wright also recognized Bob Bond for his continued service as the Ward 1 Council Member, including an additional one-year term following his previous years of service. Mr. Bond was absent from the meeting; therefore, his proclamation will be mailed to him. No action was taken.

ADJOURN: A motion was made at 6:39 p.m. by Councilor Guy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Williams, Peterson, Paige, and Kinnard. NAYS: None. Motion approved 6-0.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS: At this time, City Clerk Saige Mason swore in Councilmembers Brittnie Lee and Dale Aksamit.

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 August 11, 2026, at 6:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Wright, Brittnie Lee, Dale Aksamit, Barb Hardwick, June Paige, Deanna Guy, Rodney Williams, and Rob Kinnard. COUNCIL ABSENT: Rob Brash.

MAYOR APPOINT COMMITTEES/COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- A. Finance Committee: Chairperson Deanna Guy, Barb Hardwick, June Paige.
- B. Public Works Committee: Chairperson Barb Hardwick, Rodney Williams, Dale Aksamit.

- C. Ordinance Committee: Chairperson Rob Brash, Rodney Williams, Brittne Lee.
- D. Public Safety Committee: Chairperson Rob Kinnard, Rob Brash, June Paige.
- E. Park Board Liaison: Deanna Guy.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion to approve second part of the agenda as printed by Councilor Paige, seconded by Councilor Kinnard. AYES: Paige, Kinnard, Lee, Aksamit, Guy, Hardwick, and Williams. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.

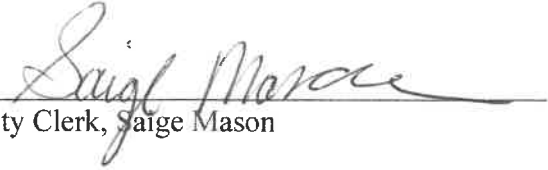
NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Bill No. 26-17: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS.** This conflict-of-interest ordinance is adopted each August in order to comply with the Missouri Ethics Commission (MEC). Councilor Hardwick made a motion for first and second reading of Bill No. 26-17. Councilor Guy seconded this motion. Roll Called: AYES: Hardwick, Guy, Paige, Kinnard, Lee, Aksamit and Williams. NAYS: None. 1st and 2nd reading of Bill No. 26-17 approved 7-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 26-17. Councilor Guy motioned for acceptance of Bill No. 26-17 into ordinance. Councilor Paige seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Paige, Kinnard, Hardwick, Lee, Aksamit and Williams. NAYS: None. Bill No. 26-17 approved 7-0.
- A. **Streetlight - Morningside Circle – Morningside area** has been identified with three locations to improve visibility and better coverage on Morningside Circle cul-de-sac, E. Lexington Street and Morningside Terrace Intersection, and Morningside Terrace and Morningside Circle Intersection. City Administrator Willim contacted Evergy representative for the process for adding street lights. It was advised that the City will provide the locations and type of lights requested and additional monthly charges that will be added to the City's existing street light account. Councilor Lee made the motion to approve with Evergy to evaluate and install additional street lighting at the three locations identified and the associated monthly service charges added to the City's existing account. Councilor Hardwick seconded this motion. Roll called. AYES: Lee, Hardwick, Guy, Aksamit, Kinnard, Paige, and Williams. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.
- B. **Special Permit – 9/11 Memorial Tribute Ride – Firestorm Charities** has requested approval for a special event to take place at Branded Outdoor Theater on September 5, 2026. The event will include participants in the ride arriving at Branded Outdoor Theater, where vendors and live music will start at 12:30 p.m. This year, there will be no fireworks. The event organizers will be responsible for coordinating the event activities, vendors, parking, security, and other necessary logistics associated with the event. Councilor Lee made the motion to approve the Special Event permit for the 9/11 Memorial Tribute Ride at Branded Outdoor Theater. This motion was seconded by Councilor Guy. Roll called. AYES: Lee, Guy, Paige, Kinnard, Hardwick, Aksamit, and Williams. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.

ADJOURN: A motion was made at 6:52 p.m. by Councilor Guy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Hardwick, Paige, Lee, Kinnard, Williams, and Aksamit. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.



Mayor, Mike Wright



City Clerk, Saige Mason