

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, AUGUST 25, 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 25, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council Present: Mayor Mike Wright, Barb Hardwick, Deanna Guy, June Paige, Rodney Williams, Brittanie Lee, Dale Aksamit, Rob Brash, and Rob Kinnard. 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 Heather Robertson, City Attorney Chris Williams, and Associate Jackson Auer.

WELCOMING REMARKS: Mayor Wright welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: August 11th, 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 Paige, seconded by Councilor Hardwick. Roll Called: AYES: Paige, Hardwick, Lee, Kinnard, Guy, Aksamit, Brash and Williams. 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 met prior to council with an item on the agenda and an additional proposed ordinance discussion.
- C. Public Works: Rob Peterson. – The Committee has not met.
- D. Public Safety: Rob Kinnard. – The Committee met this evening prior to council in conjunction with the Ordinance Committee.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mike Wright.

- Appointment of Leroy Blount as Richmond Police Officer. Roll Called: Paige, Lee, Brash, Guy, Williams, Hardwick, Aksamit, and Kinnard.
 - o **SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER** At this time, City Clerk Saige Mason swore in Police Officer Blount.
- Attended the Planning and Zoning meeting last week.
- Spoke with Tonya a few times regarding City business.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Tonya Willim. C/A Willim's report is included in the packet. We have been winding down from the summer. FY 27 budget is coming along. I have met with some departments to work through some areas. The pool season has wrapped up, and closure procedures will begin. Just finishing up projects such as Happy Hollow lift station project has started. The fencing project around the water wells will continue. As she had stated, finishing up summer projects.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Public Hearing Tax Levy:** Setting Tax Rate. A public hearing regarding the 2026 property tax rates proposed to be set on the August 25th, 2026, Council meeting was opened by Mayor Wright at 6:40 pm. Mayor Wright asked if there were any questions concerning the tax rates that were posted at the Ray County Library, the bulletin board at City Hall, and published in the Richmond Newspaper on Friday, August 14, 2026. There were no questions or comments made. Mayor Wright adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

Bill No. 26-18: AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO THE SETTING OF THE TAX LEVY FOR GENERAL REVENUE, PARK PURPOSES, AND GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI FOR THE YEAR 2025 IN ACCORDANCE TO THE LAWS AND STATUTES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE. Councilor Hardwick made the motion for 1st and 2nd reading of Bill No. 26-18. Councilor Guy seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Hardwick, Guy, Kinnard, Lee, Brash, Aksamit, Paige, and Williams. NAYS: None. Motion for 1st and 2nd reading approved 8-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 26-18. Councilor Guy asked for confirmation that the amount taken for debt service was only the .41 on \$100 assessed. City Administrator Willim confirmed more is allowed to be taken, but the .41 is all that is needed to service the debt. Councilor Kinnard motioned for acceptance of Bill No. 26-18 into ordinance. Councilor Lee seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Kinnard, Lee, Paige, Hardwick, Aksamit, Guy, Brash, and Williams. NAYS: None. Bill No. 26-18 approved 8-0.

- B. **Bill No. 26-19 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE II, PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI TO AMEND CHAPTER 215 OFFENSES ARTICLE V OFFENSES CONCERNING PUBLIC PEACE.** The Ordinance and Public Safety Committees met and discussed the safety, health, and well-being regarding the tents/camping in City parks, streets, alleys, and other property in temporary structures within the City. This ordinance will provide a permitting process for appropriate circumstances and special events approved by the City Administrator or designee, subject to requirements. Both committees agreed to recommend to City Council. Councilor Paige made the motion for 1st and 2nd reading of Bill No. 26-19. Councilor Kinnard seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Paige, Kinnard, Hardwick, Guy,

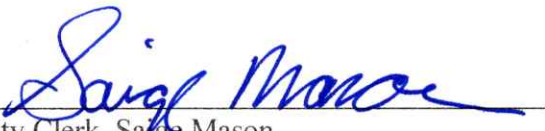
Lee, Aksamit, and Williams. NAYS: Brash. Motion for 1st and 2nd reading approved 7-1. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 26-19. Councilor Kinnard motioned for acceptance of Bill No. 26-19 into ordinance. Councilor Lee seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Kinnard, Lee, Paige, Hardwick, Aksamit, Guy, and Williams. NAYS: Brash. Bill No. 26-19 approved 7-1.

- C. **New Liquor License** – After discussion of requirements of the building structure, it was determined to table this item until all City building requirements are met and the occupant is closer to operating her business. No action taken.
- D. **Bill No 26-20 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR FARRIS SECOND ADDITION; DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SUBDIVISION PLAT; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.** Heather stated that Freedom Real Estate Consulting LLC, Michael and Dana Harding submitted a final plat application for their three (3) (405,407,409) properties on Farris Street with the purpose of this replat would be to make better buildable infill lots. The application was presented to the Planning and Zoning on August 18th, 2026. The application was approved and recommended to City Council. Councilor Lee made the motion for 1st and 2nd reading of Bill No. 26-20. Councilor Kinnard seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Lee, Kinnard, Paige, Hardwick, Guy, Aksamit, Brash and Williams. NAYS: Motion for 1st and 2nd reading approved 8-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 26-20. Councilor Kinnard motioned for acceptance of Bill No. 26-20 into ordinance. Councilor Hardwick seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Kinnard, Hardwick, Lee, Paige, Aksamit, Guy, Brash and Williams. NAYS: Brash. Bill No. 26-20 approved 8-0.
- E. **Bill No. 26-21 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT FOR SOUTHERN ADDITION; DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SUBDIVISION PLAT; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.** Heather stated that Caral Hogan submitted a final plat application for 506 S Thornton Street. The replat was presented to Planning and Zoning on August 18, 2026. The purpose is to sell part of the existing lot to the neighboring property to the south to be left as a separate parcel. Planning and Zoning approved and recommends to City Council. Councilor Kinnard made the motion for 1st and 2nd reading of Bill No. 26-21. Councilor Lee seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Kinnard, Lee, Paige, Hardwick, Guy, Aksamit, Brash and Williams. NAYS: Motion for 1st and 2nd reading approved 8-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 26-21. Councilor Kinnard motioned for acceptance of Bill No. 26-21 into ordinance. Councilor Hardwick seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Kinnard, Hardwick, Lee, Paige, Aksamit, Guy, Brash and Williams. NAYS: Brash. Bill No. 26-21 approved 8-0.

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, Williams, Brash, Aksamit, Paige, Lee and Kinnard. NAYS: None. Motion approved 8-0.



Mayor, Mike Wright


City Clerk, Sarge Mason