MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, OCTOBER 13, 2026

PRAYER: Steve Nicholas

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, October 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Council Present: Mayor Mike Wright, Deanna Guy, June Paige, Dale Aksamit, Rob Brash, and Rob Kinnard. Absent: Barb Hardwick, Rodney Williams, Brittnie Lee.

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, and City Attorney Chris Williams.

WELCOMING REMARKS: Mayor Wright welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: September 22nd, 2026, regular meeting minutes approved as printed.

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE: Trista Bray, Tracy Bray, Mike Harrison, Tim Leach, Bob Taylor, and Steve Nicholas.
COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion to adopt by Councilor Kinnard, seconded by Councilor Oaige. Roll Call: AYES: Kinnard, Paige, Guy, Aksamit, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 5-0.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF CHRIS WILLIAMS – City attorney Chris Williams will be retiring this month. City Administrator Willim read a Proclamation that the Mayor presented to Mr. Williams. There was a small reception with cupcakes and punch. We all got the chance to thank Mr. Williams for his 17 years of service to the City of Richmond.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Finance: Deanna Guy. – The Committee has not met.
B. Ordinance: Rob Brash. – The Committee met jointly with the Public Safety Committee and has an item on the agenda.
C. Public Works: Barb Hardwick. – The Committee has not met.
D. Public Safety: Rob Kinnard. – The Committee met jointly with the Ordinance Committee and has an item on the agenda.
E. Park Liaison: Deanna Guy – The Board did not meet in October and will not meet again until March 1st, 2027.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mike Wright.

A. Appointment of Joe Thompson, Park Board Roll Called: Paige, Kinnard, Aksamit, Brash and Guy.

- Attended Joint Ordinance and Public Safety Committee Meeting,
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce Gala,
- Rode with Richmond Police Department in the Homecoming Parade
- Attended the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast this morning.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Tonya Willim. C/A Willim's report is included in the packet. She had nothing to add, but would take any questions. No questions were asked.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Bill No. 26-26** - Intergovernmental Agreement between MARC and the City of Richmond for the 2027 Household Hazardous Waste. City Administrator Willim reminded the City Council of the many years that the city has participated in the Regional Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. It provides residents with safe and environmentally responsible disposal of household hazardous materials. Funding for the program is included in the FY27 budget (51-00-00-7500).Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign the 2027 intergovernmental agreement with the MARC Solid Waste Management District for participation in the Regional HHW Collection Program. Councilor Guy made the motion for 1st and 2nd reading of Bill No. 26-26. Councilor Brash seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Brash, Paige, Aksamit, and Kinnard. NAYS: None. Motion for 1st and 2nd reading approved 5-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 26-26. Councilor Paige motioned for the acceptance of Bill No. 26-26 into ordinance. Councilor Kinnard seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Paige, Kinnard, Guy, Brash, and Aksamit. NAYS: None. Bill No. 26-26 approved 5-0.

B. **Bill No.: 26-27** Amending Title III, Traffic Code, Of The Municipal Code Of The City Of Richmond, Missouri To Amend Chapter 385 Bicycles, Motorized Bicycles And Electric Bicycles. The proposed ordinance was developed in response to the increased use of e-bikes, electric scooters, and similar motorized devices within the community. The ordinance establishes definitions and operating requirements intended to clarify where these devices may be operated and the rules applicable to their use. A Public Safety and Ordinance Committee meeting was held jointly on August 25, 2026. Following the committee discussion and Council comments, the Committees met again on September 29, 2026, to discuss roadway speed restrictions. The revised ordinance now limits Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes to roadways posted at 25 mph or less, with specified exceptions, and restricts motorized play vehicles on roadways posted at 25 mph or more. The primary goal is to educate children, parents, and the community on the safe and responsible operation of these devices to help prevent accidents and injuries. A municipal ordinance violation and fine may be issued to the parent, legal guardian, or custodian of a person under the age of 16 who

operates an electric bicycle without a helmet, or operates a motorized play vehicle in violation of City Code Section 385.100. Councilor Kinnard made a motion for the 1st and 2nd reading of Bill No. 26-27. Councilor Aksamit seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Kinnard, Aksamit, Paige, Guy, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion for 1st and 2nd reading approved 5-0. City Clerk Saige Mason continued with the twice-repeated title-only reading of Bill No. 26-27. Councilor Kinnard motioned for the acceptance of Bill No. 26-27 into ordinance. Councilor Aksamit seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Kinnard, Aksamit, Guy, Paige, and Brash. NAYS: None. Bill No. 26-27 approved 5-0.

C. UV System Replacements – Wastewater Treatment Plant – Public Works Director Dale Shipp addressed the City Council for the approval of UV system bulb replacement. The FY 2027 budget includes the replacement of the UV bulbs and drives, which are used to disinfect wastewater before leaving the plant is a critical part of the treatment process. The bulbs have a life expectancy of 5000 hours and were last replaced in 2023. Staff recommends that City Council approve the motion to purchase the budgeted UV bulbs and drives from Trojan Technologies in the amount of $75,574.72. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Brash, Kinnard, Paige, and Aksamit. NAYS: None. Approved 5-0.

D. Liquor License Application – Hideaway Tavern - On August 20, 2026, Trista Bray, on behalf of Hide-A-Way Tavern LLC, located at 113 Shotwell Street, submitted an application for a liquor license. At the August 25, 2026, City Council meeting, the Council tabled consideration of the liquor license until all applicable City requirements had been completed. Since that time, the applicant has completed all outstanding City requirements, including obtaining the Certificate of Occupancy, City Occupational License, and required health inspection. At this time, all previously outstanding City requirements have been satisfied, and the application is complete for City Council consideration. Councilors did express concern about being open on a Sunday to sell alcohol. Councilor Brash did ask Ms. Bray if she would be selling food, and she said that the Hideaway Tavern LLC would be selling food. Roll Called: AYES: Paige, Aksamit, Brash, and Kinnard. NAYS: Guy. Motion approved 4-1.

E. Special Event Permit – Fire Auxiliary – Bingo in the Bay – A Special Event Permit was submitted by the Fire Auxiliary to host their annual Bingo in the Bay. The event is scheduled for November 7th, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Councilor Kinnard made the motion to approve the event and use of the Fire Station. Councilor Guy seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Kinnard, Guy, Aksamit, Paige, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 5-0.

F. Special Event Permit – Chamber of Commerce – Christmas Extravaganza and Parade The Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce has submitted a Special Event Permit application for its annual Christmas Parade and Festivities on Friday, December 11, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The festivities will take place downtown, including the north and west sides of the Ray County Courthouse. The Chamber requests street closures and assistance from the Richmond Police Department with traffic control.

Street closures requested: West North Main Street from North Thornton to North College, North College Street from West Main Street to West North Main Street, Summit Street from College to Thornton, Thornton Street from Summit to North Main Street, West North Main Street from North Thornton to North College Street, and College Street from West North Main Street to Summit Street. Councilor Kinnard made the motion to approve the requested street closures. Councilor Guy seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Kinnard, Guy, Aksamit, Paige, and Brash. NAYS: None. Motion approved 5-0.

ADJOURN OPEN/ENTER CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made at 6:58 p.m. by Councilor Guy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Brash. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Brash, Kinnard, Paige, and Aksamit. NAYS: None. Motion approved 5-0.

Real Estate - Pursuant to Section 610.021 (2) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri pertaining to leasing, purchase or sale real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor.

ADJOURN CLOSED/ENTER OPEN: At 7:25 p.m., Councilor Guy made a motion to adjourn closed session and entered open session with one action taken. Councilor Brash seconded the motion. Roll Called: AYES: Guy, Brash, Aksamit, Kinard, and Paige. NAYS: None. Motion Approved 5-0.

One action taken.

ADJOURN: A motion was made at 7:25 p.m. by Councilor Guy to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilor Brash. Roll called: AYES: Guy, Brash, Kinnard, Aksamit, and Paige. NAYS: None. Motion approved 5-0.

SEAL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND COUNTY, MISSOURI

Mayor, Mike Wright

City Clerk, Saige Mason