

Regular City Council Meeting
November 12, 2013
7:30 PM

A. Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Shelden Snow.

Council Members Present: Claire Blackburn, Verlin Springer, Karen Peters and Doug McIntosh. Helen Feuerborn was absent from the meeting.

Staff present: Doyle Sobba.

Guests Present: John Taylor, Claude Ferguson, Ken Manwarren, Rick Howard and Charlie Brenzikofer.

B. Public Comment: Ken Manwarren, Richmond Public Library, invited everyone to the Christmas Fest on December 14, 2013. The Library raffle will also be held at that time. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00.

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes of Meetings: Doug McIntosh made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the October 8, 2013, regular meeting. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

Approval of Monthly Expenses: One additional item was added to the expenditure approval report. The Mayor announced that it was necessary to replace a blower motor and resistor on the red truck, and an oil change was also done by Penka Auto Repair. The amount is \$227.45. Verlin Springer made a motion to approve the expenses paid since the October 8, 2013, meeting. Doug McIntosh seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

D. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. **Renewal of City's Property and Liability Insurance.** Charlie Brenzikofer announced that Continental Western, the city's current provider, will no longer insure municipalities after this year. Mr. Brenzikofer asked EMC to provide a quote also. EMC provided a quote in excess of \$25,000 with a higher deductible and they refuse to insure the dam due to the engineering report. They would insure the lake for liability, but not insure the dam if it broke. Continental Western's bid was less than EMC although it did increase 4% but it did offer a renewal. Insurance companies nationwide do not want to insure property. The deductible on wind and hail damage increased to \$2,500 from \$1,000. The work comp premium decreased. EMC offers a dividend program which is an advantage but it is not a guarantee. The dividend varies from year to year. After discussion, Doug McIntosh made a motion that we renew our property and liability coverage with Continental Western for one year. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

2. **Consideration of Solid Waste Contract.** John Taylor and Claude Ferguson with Ottawa Sanitation stated our current contract expires at the end of the year and they would like

to renew the contract. An additional rate for single senior citizens will be offered. Franklin County Transfer Station will increase its rates on January 1, 2014. The rate increase to each household within the City will be 70 cents per month or an increase to \$10.80 per month. Single senior citizens will be charged \$9.80 per month. Cart charges will remain the same.

A proposal was also received from L & K Services from Louisburg. The proposed rates of L & K Services were provided to the council.

After discussion, Karen Peters made a motion to renew the trash service contract with Ottawa Sanitation. Claire Blackburn seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

Doyle Sobba reported that Marla Gadelman, City Clerk, needs to know for Blaine Finch the duration of the contract and the rates for the contract. The contract renewal is for a term of three years. John Taylor reported that the rates provided are their rates to the City and what we charge our residents is up to us. The discount rate for the single senior citizen is for single senior citizens only and it's up to the city to keep them honest.

The monthly rates to be charged our citizens will be determined at the next monthly meeting to be effective January 1, 2014.

3. Consideration of entering into new Community Fisheries Assistance Program (CFAP). A copy of the contract has been provided to the council. The Mayor announced that it will be for a ten-year period. The previous contract was also for ten years. If accepted, the City will receive from the State \$1,313.25 per year to offset the costs for keeping our lake fishable. The original purpose of the contract was so cities would stop selling fishing licenses and only a state fishing license would be required. Fish food, a portion of the mowing expenses and porta-pots is charged to the Fishing Fund. This program provides for the State stocking the fish in our lake. This program only provides that fishing will be allowed at the lake; it is up to the city to determine if camping and boating is allowed and what will be charged. Karen Peters made a motion to renew the contract with Kansas Department of Wildlife for the Community Fisheries Assistance Program. Verlin Springer seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

Verlin Springer noted that other programs are available through Kansas Department of Wildlife which we might want to check into.

4. Any other necessary city business.

a. Effective November 15, 2013, Zito Media will no longer be providing cable service to Richmond.

E. Staff Reports. Doyle Sobba reported that everything is running smooth, including the sewer plant since the nursing home made changes to its system. Water plant is good.

The maroon truck has an exhaust leak that he would like to get repaired. After driving it, Doyle believes we need to have the transmission serviced and repaired also.

Doyle Sobba will be attending the Asset Management training on November 13 that Marla requested he attend at the last meeting.

Doyle Sobba reported that Jake Strobel will need to be registered for the next water system training soon. He and Marla will be getting that completed when she returns from training.

Doyle Sobba reported that Gerald Scheckel questioned Jake about whether we could do anything about the trees hanging over the road going up the hill. Verlin Springer reported the same concern going east on Central Street. Several years ago Bill Stanford was hired to trim everything back to 13'6". This matter will be placed on the agenda for December.

F. Council Comments and/or Reports. Verlin Springer questioned whether anything has been completed with Anderson County Rural Water District. Doyle Sobba does not believe Marla has received any information

The Council was provided with an invitation to attend the Legislative Dinner on December 3, 2013.

Adjournment: Doug McIntosh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

APPROVED:

By: 
Shelden Snow, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marla Gadelman, City Clerk