

Regular City Council Meeting
April 11, 2017
7:30 PM

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

Council Members Present: Karen Peters, Helen Feuerborn, Verlin Springer and Doug McIntosh.

Staff present: Doyle Sobba and Marla Gadelman.

Guests Present: Tyler Pjesky and Trent Capraro from Bartlett and West, Rick Howard, Franklin County Commissioner, and Travis Altic, Franklin County Sheriff's Department.

B. Public Comment: Rick Howard updated the council on items the Franklin County Commission is working on at this time, including still trying to hire a finance officer; starting on the 2018 budget; recently gave the Chamber a two month contract on tourism; and considering putting a STOP sign at Eisenhower Road and Allen Road since there has been several accidents at that intersection and Anderson County has a STOP sign on their side of the road.

Doug McIntosh asked Mr. Howard if the City could piggyback on the county's cost for chip and sealing roads when the county does their roads. Mr. Howard will check to see if that is possible so that the City could get the same pricing as the County.

The Consent Agenda was moved to the end of the meeting to accommodate out of town guests from Bartlett and West for an item to be heard under any other necessary city business on the agenda.

D. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Bartlett and West. Tyler Pjesky contacted Doyle Sobba on Tuesday, April 11, requesting to be placed on tonight's agenda so they could explain the structural issues and needed repairs at the water plant. Council was provided photographs of the current conditions at the water plant and an updated bid proposal from Bettis Contractors, Inc. after inspecting the water plant. Serious deterioration is happening on the large clarification tank and the media filters. Due to structural concerns Bettis revised the proposal price up to \$39,790 from the original proposal of \$23,431. Recoating the entire tank could exceed \$100,000. Making the structural improvements will only be a temporary fix and something else will need to be done within a few years.

Other options, after completing the current needed work, include: a) a package unit which is a prebuilt unit to be brought in and building a structure around the unit and hopefully using the current media filters; b) purchasing water from another supplier; c) make all the repairs necessary and sandblast and recoat the entire tank and filters. Replacing the entire clarifier is not an option in the current building. Getting a package unit with 100-150 gallons per minute may cost between \$75,000-\$125,000. No firm numbers were available for the meeting tonight.

It is Bartlett and West's recommendation to do the necessary structural repairs so that we don't have the failure situation and do a study to determine our best future options. After extensive discussion, it was determined that Bartlett and West will prepare a proposed bid to conduct an engineering study to determine our needs and cost estimates. KDHE will need to be involved if we determine a package unit is the best option.

After further extensive discussion, Doug McIntosh made a motion to hire Bettis Contractors, Inc. to make the structural repairs needed at the water plant listed in the revised proposal in the amount of \$39,790. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. Tyler Pjesky will instruct Bettis Contractor to prepare a contract and submit it to the City for review and approval.

2. Consider renewal of City's property and liability insurance. Council was provided a Commercial Insurance Proposal from Elliott Insurance Group. The comparisons from the prior year values and the current year values are listed in the proposal. The Clerk informed Council that Charlie Brenzikofer informed her that an additional classification for water companies was added to the work comp classifications and that he anticipates the dividends for the current year to be near what they were in 2016, or around \$3,600. After discussion, Verlin Springer made a motion to renew the city's property and liability insurance with Elliott Insurance in the amount of \$25,051. Helen Feuerborn seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

3. Ball park mowing. The Clerk was contacted by Mark Stevenson concerning whether the city would hire someone to mow the ball fields or if the Recreation Commission was to hire someone. The clerk asked Mark to talk to people he believed would be interested and to have them get written bids to the Clerk. Council was provided two bids from Jennifer Kimball and Jordan Horstick to mow the ball fields and surrounding areas at the Lake. After lengthy discussion, including the need to hire a full time employee since there was little interest in the part time employee position, the Clerk was instructed to contact Lester Wuertz to invite him and any others on the Recreation Board to attend the May 9, 2017, council meeting to help problem solve the mowing situation at the ballfields. Thereafter, Verlin Springer made a motion to hire Jordan Horstick to mow the ballfields at the rate of \$200 per mowing. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

4. Other necessary city business.

a) Verlin Springer expressed that we need to hire another full time employee since we only had one application for the part time position. Larry Morrow was the only applicant for the part time position. The Clerk reported that we had no phone calls or other contact from the recent ad in the newspaper. Doug McIntosh has a relative that would like a full time position. After extensive discussion, Karen Peters made a motion to offer the full time position to Larry Morrow for 40 hours per week at the rate of \$13.50 per hour, plus KPERS, single health insurance policy, and city will pay for required Hepatitis shots. After 90 days rate of pay will be evaluated. Verlin Springer seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. The Clerk will contact the Franklin County Health Department to arrange for payment of the Hepatitis shots. If Mr. Morrow does not accept the position, the Clerk will immediately place another ad in the newspapers for one week only and contact the mayor to call a special meeting of the council for interviews.

b) Doyle reported that he has heard back from Patchen's where he delivered the mixer motors. Patchen's can put parts from the two 230 volt mixers together and some other parts to make one working mixer motor. The cost would be \$600. The cost to replace the 110 volt motor would be \$1,200 because the existing 110 volt motor is not repairable. After discussion, Helen Feuerborn made a motion to authorize Patchen's to repair the mixer motor at the cost of \$600. Doug McIntosh seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

C. Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes of Meetings: Karen Peters made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2017 regular meeting as written. Helen Feuerborn seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

Approval of Expenses: Karen Peters made a motion to approve the expenses paid since the March 14, 2017 meeting. Verlin Springer seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

E. STAFF REPORTS:

a) Doyle Sobba reported that he continued to have problems with the carbon in the water and he could not get any settlement out of the water. Hawkins suggested that if we were getting settlement with our previous chemicals that we should go back to those chemicals. Within just a few days of switching chemical companies again, the water and turbidity tests are great.

b) Roy Baker did provide a name of an inspector to Marla and she has spoken to Jim Sherman at the City of Ottawa about contracting with us as our Building Inspector. He was very interested and hopeful that we can work something out but he needed to talk to Ottawa's City Manager. He will get back in touch with the City Clerk. Larry Walrod with the County also provided a name but Marla is waiting to hear from Jim Sherman.

c) Marla asked whether we had to hold the pet clinic like we have done in previous years. Due to such low turnout she does not believe it is worth the time and trouble to have a vet come to town for only a few residents of the city and several out-of-town people that bring their pets. The Council does not believe it is necessary to continue the pet clinic.

d) City-wide Clean Up is scheduled for the last weekend of April. Signs have been posted around town and it was noted on the water bills.

e) The final or "as built" plans from our waterline project should be completed by the end of this week or next week. A digital file will also be provided to the City and also to Roy Baker. The digital file will not include the GIS coordinates as mentioned at the last meeting. The City will need to contract with Kansas Rural Water Association or some other firm to have the GIS mapping completed. Marla has learned that there is no longer any grant funds

available to help with the costs of the mapping. Marla has received an estimate from KRWA and is waiting on another company that she knows does such mapping for an estimate.

f) Marla reported that the last payment we made for Richmond Consolidated Fire Department insurance was August 19, 2015, so the payment requested last month was for 2016 had not previously been paid.

g) The Mayor and two other positions currently held by Doug and Helen, will be up for election in November 2017. Any candidate desiring to run for election must file their application with the Franklin County Clerk by noon on June 1, 2017, and pay the required filing fee or file the nomination petition with 2% of the registered voters. Marla will be certifying to the County Clerk the Mayor and two positions in addition to one unfilled vacancy, for a total of four openings.

F. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND/OR REPORTS. None

Adjournment: Helen Feuerborn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug McIntosh seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. 9:40 PM

APPROVED:

By: _____
Shelden Snow, Mayor

ATTEST:

Marla Gadelman, City Clerk