

Regular City Council Meeting
May 13, 2014
7:30 PM

A. Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order by President Verlin Springer.

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

Staff present: Doyle Sobba.

Guests Present: Betty Bowlby and Sister Loretta Roeckers.

B. Public Comment: Betty Bowlby raised concerns about horses in town. Doyle Sobba stated that he was not aware of any horses but he would address the concern.

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes of Meetings: Doug McIntosh made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the April 8, 2014, regular meeting. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, motion passed.

Approval of Monthly Expenses: Helen Feuerborn made a motion to approve the expenses paid since the April 8, 2014, meeting. Doug McIntosh seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, motion passed.

D. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Re-appointment City Officials:

City Attorney: After discussion Doug McIntosh made a motion to table the reappointment of the City Attorney until further information is gathered.

City Judge: After discussion, Doug McIntosh made a motion to reappoint Constance Sams as City Judge. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, motion passed.

City Treasurer: Helen Feuerborn made a motion to reappoint Sister Loretta Roeckers as City Treasurer. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, motion passed.

City Clerk: Doug McIntosh made a motion to reappoint Marla Gadelman as our City Clerk. Helen Feuerborn seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, motion passed.

2. Prairie Paws request for donation. Prairie Paws has requested a donation of \$515.00 for its 2015 budget year. Doyle Sobba reported that he has been unable to take an animal into Prairie Paws without making an appointment. He may need to hold an animal for 3-4 days before he can get the animal in. Doyle reported that if we catch a vicious dog we will immediately take it to Countryside Veterinary Hospital; if we catch a small dog that may be

adoptable we try to take it to Prairie Paws for possible adoption. There is a discrepancy in the number of dogs Prairie Paws reported that we took in as 16 and what we have records of taking were six. Anyone with a Richmond address that takes a dog there is apparently reported as dogs the City has taken. In 2013 we donated \$500.00 and Prairie Paws is requesting a 3% increase. After further discussion, Karen Peters made a motion donate \$100.00 to Prairie Paws for the 2015 budget. Doug McIntosh seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, motion passed.

E. Staff Reports. Doyle Sobba reported that the water plant is running smoothly and the tree trimming was successful.

Doyle Sobba reported that a dam inspection will be required between May 1, 2014 and April 30, 2015. Doyle recommends that we use BG Consultants as the engineer.

F. Council Comments and/or Reports.

Doug McIntosh wondered if the City could sponsor a potluck dinner for the community. Doug will talk to the City Clerk about sending flyers out in the mail. He thinks it would be good for the City. If it's possible, use the Community Building or the City Park if it's a nice day. Verlin Springer suggested a BBQ with hamburgers and hot dogs and games or whatever. A wiener roast was also suggested. Rental of the Community Building for tables, kitchen, bathrooms, entertainment, etc. would be helpful. This would be a community event not limited to city residents. Saturday, September 6 and September 13 were suggested as dates. Doug McIntosh made a motion that we tentatively set September 6, 2014, as a city sponsored wiener roast, potluck, covered dish for anybody and everybody in the Richmond area community with the times to be determined at later date. Helen Feuerborn seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, motion passed. Doug McIntosh indicated that his wife, Sandy, would love to be in charge and would accept any help she could get. Helen Feuerborn offered to help Sandy McIntosh.

Doug McIntosh voiced his concern about:

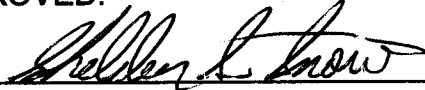
- a) lack of understanding about our expenditures and expenses for repairs, if they are wear and tear or are mishandled or just that they break down;
- b) employees wages, number of hours each employee works;
- c) whether Doyle Sobba had already been made Superintendent. Doyle Sobba reported that no one has ever told him he is the Superintendent. Doyle Sobba requested the title be put on the record of minutes in open session.
- d) employees refusing to do what is asked of them;
- e) who is responsible for our city employees. If we were to lose Marla or Doyle, does anybody have any idea of what they do?
- f) since we only meet once a month, we have no idea of what has gone on in the city unless the employees decided to tell us; we have no idea what they really do; we have no idea when they come to work or when they go home;
- g) we have a big riding lawnmower which we have had for about five years and we have 15 blades that have been torn up, which seems excessive. If we mow the same place time after time we shouldn't be tearing up that many blades;

Doyle reported that he writes on each receipt that he gets exactly what the item is for. He also writes on each receipt what department should be charged, such as parts for jetter is charged to sewer; if its water plant it is charged to water. Some items are split between departments.

- i) how do employees record their time;
- j) job descriptions of employees

Adjournment: Karen Peters made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug McIntosh seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, motion passed.

APPROVED:

By: 
Shelden Snow, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marla Gadelman, City Clerk