

Regular City Council Meeting
August 12, 2014
7:30 PM

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

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

Staff present: Doyle Sobba, Marla Gadelman and Jake Strobel.

Guests Present: Ken Manwarren, Barbara Lane, Sister Loretta Roeckers, Betty Bowlby and Mark Stevenson.

B. Public Comment: Mark Stevenson thanked the City Council for its handling of the Recreation Commission matter at the special meeting last week.

C. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of Minutes of Meetings: Doug McIntosh made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the July 8, 2014, regular meeting. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0 with Claire Blackburn abstaining due to being absent from meeting, motion passed.

Karen Peters made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the July 28, 2014, special meeting. Doug McIntosh seconded the motion. Vote 5-0, motion passed.

Approval of Monthly Expenses: After discussion Verlin Springer made a motion to approve the expenses paid since the July 8, 2014, meeting. Helen Feuerborn seconded the motion. Vote 5-0, motion passed.

D. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Consider Recreation Commission's request to receive the 40% retained by City from tax proceeds. This matter was discussed at the Special Meeting held on July 28, 2014. Previously the Rec Commission has only been allowed, by state statute, to levy not more than one mill since the council has not in the past voted to increase the mills. Mr. McIntosh inquired about having the city employees mow the ball fields to save the amount paid by the Rec Commission for mowing. Mr. McIntosh also suggested that the parents of the children playing run the concession stand. Mr. Stevenson informed the Council that there are five members on the Rec Commission: Lester Wuertz, Mark Stevenson, Dana Hollman, Mark Lee and Todd Burroughs. (Claire Blackburn resigned from the City Council at 8:00 P.M. and left the meeting.) After

discussion, Doug McIntosh made a motion to give 100% of the 2015 levied tax money to the Parks and Rec Commission. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. Karen Peters made a motion that the City employees start mowing the ball fields. Helen Feuerborn seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

Next was considered Resolution No. 2014-6. Doug McIntosh made a motion to pass Resolution No. 2014-6 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-6

WHEREAS, the Richmond Recreation Commission has adopted a resolution declaring it necessary to increase the annual property tax levy for the use of such Commission to operate a public recreation system and has requested the City to authorize a maximum mill levy of not to exceed 2 mills; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1927 provide for such an increase, subject to a petition of the voters for a referendum thereon;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the City of Richmond, that the Richmond Recreation Commission be authorized to levy a tax of not to exceed 2 mills in the year 2015 and thereafter, subject to such petition and referendum requirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper and that an amount not exceeding said maximum mill levy may be levied by the Recreation Commission unless a petition requesting an election upon the proposition, signed by a least five percent of the qualified voters of the City shall be filed with the county election officer within 30 days following the date of the last publication of this resolution.

Verlin Springer seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. The Resolution will be published for two consecutive weeks in The Ottawa Herald.

2. Firemen's Relief Fund – Mark Stevenson. The Mayor announced that this was an annual request. The Firemen's Relief Fund pays for 85% of the required insurance coverage for the volunteer firemen. The remaining 15% is paid by the township and the city with each paying 7-1/2%. This year the amount requested from the city is \$238.13. Doug McIntosh made a motion to pay the 7-1/2% or \$238.13 for the Firemen's Relief Fund for the year 2015. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

3. Propane Contract Proposals. The email quote received by the City Clerk from S & S Propane for a 4,000 gallon contract is \$1.54 per gallon. A formal written proposal was requested by the Clerk, but no proposal was received. Lybarger Oil's proposal for either a one-year 5,000 gallon contract or a two-year 10,000 gallon contract is \$1.66 per gallon, with the first fill or fall fill at \$1.54 per gallon. Our average usage is less than 4,000 gallons. After discussion, Helen Feuerborn made a motion to accept Lybarger Oil's proposal for the two-year option for 10,000 gallons at \$1.66 per gallon. Verlin Springer seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

4. Consider appointment of City Attorney. The Clerk reported that she had requested proposals from Anderson & Byrd, Bezek, Lowry & Hendrix, Terry Solander, James Campbell, and Gleason & Doty. A thanks but no thanks letter was received from Terry Solander. Bob Bezek from Bezek, Lowry and Hendrix, and Jeffrey Wilson from Anderson & Byrd submitted proposals. After discussion, Doug McIntosh made a motion to appoint Jeffrey Wilson of Anderson & Byrd, LLP, for the remainder of the term. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

5. **Other necessary City Business.** None

E. Staff Reports. Marla Gadelman reported that we have received the Engineering Contract from USDA and it was submitted to Kansas Public Water Supply Fund for approval. An addendum was required to include required provisions. The agreement has been approved by KDHE. We have paid the bills submitted by BG Consultants of approximately \$72,000. We received another bill today for approximately \$29,000. The engineer working on our plans will be here August 18 to review the plans before the plans are submitted for approval by KDHE and USDA.

Marla Gadelman reported she has a request from Tara Beattie, granddaughter of JoAnn McMahon a former resident of Richmond, to do a walk/run fundraiser at the Richmond Lake sometime in September or October. She inquired whether they could do luminaries on the infield at the ball fields and asked whether there were any conflicts in September or October. Mark Stevenson with the Recreation Commission responded that he did not believe there were any conflicts and that it would be fine to light luminaries on the infield as long as they removed any trash. If restrooms are required Tara should let Mark know before he winterizes things.

Jake Strobel reported that he put the lawnmower partially in the lake last week and Doyle Sobba partially put the tractor in the sewer ponds today. No damage was done.

Jake Strobel reported that he is now a certified water operator for a small water system. He signed up to take the Small Water System test instead of the Class II which is required to operate our system. He attended all the classes for a Class II, but when he reported to take the test he noticed it was for a small system. He was not allowed to take the Class II test. He is now registered to take the Class II test in Topeka on August 28.

Marla Gadelman reported that she did receive a copy of the letter Blaine Finch had sent to Linda Garber. It is our understanding that the trailer at 219 S. Cherry is being disassembled and will be removed from the property. The sewer had been plugged and we will determine after the trailer is removed whether any action will be required.

F. Council Comments and/or Reports. Doug McIntosh reported that he went to the lake today to see if rock was necessary on the road to the ball fields. He believes the rock would just wash down the hill and off the road if we had a heavy rain. Jake Strobel reported that he hauls a load of rock occasionally to the ball field area when he is in the area hauling rock.

Adjournment: Doug McIntosh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Helen Feuerborn seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. Time: 9:09 PM.

APPROVED:

By:


Sheldon Snow, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marla Gadelman, City Clerk