

Regular City Council Meeting
January 10, 2017
7:34 PM

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

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

Staff present: Doyle Sobba and Marla Gadelman.

Guests Present: None

B. Public Comment: None

C. Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes of Meetings and Expenses: Doug McIntosh made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2016, meeting as written, and approve the expenses paid since December 13, 2016. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

D. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Boase Claim and Settlement. Council was advised of the claim filed by John and Mary Boase, and the proposed settlement negotiated by our City Attorney, Jeff Wilson. John and Mary Boase are requesting that the City remove the silt built up at the entrance of the drainage structure running under Central Avenue by January 31, 2017, and maintain the drainage structure thereafter by cleaning when necessary. After discussion and reviewing the Letter of Agreement, Karen Peters made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Agreement to settle the John and Mary Boase claim. Doug McIntosh seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

2. Consider having Kansas Rural Water Association prepare and post Consumer Confidence Report. The Clerk informed the council that KRWA has done this for us in the past and it has saved the City the expense and time of notifying the residents by mail and other means. KRWA will prepare the report and provide a link on their website and provide a link to be posted on our website of the Consumer Confidence Report. The charge will be \$75.00. Karen Peters made a motion to authorize KRWA to prepare and post the Consumer Confidence Report for 2016. Helen Feuerborn seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

3. Study session for discussion of dilapidated houses and need for part-time help. A study session was scheduled for January 31, 2017, at 6:30 PM at City Hall. The City Attorney will be invited to attend the study session.

4. Any other necessary city business:

a. Bartlett & West – Water Plant Repair. The City received a letter from Bartlett & West concerning assisting us with obtaining bids for the tank rehab work at the water plant.

Councilmembers were provided with a copy of the letter. After discussion, Verlin Springer made a motion to retain Bartlett & West to obtain bids and other assistance pursuant to the letter dated January 10, 2017, and to pay Bartlett & West at their hourly rate. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

b. Possible litigation. The Clerk advised the council she had received a phone call threatening possible litigation by a landowner as a result of a water and sewer problem at 122 South Baldwin. The landowner indicated that he intends to sue the City of Richmond and J & N Utilities for damage caused by J & N Utilities boring into a sewer service line. The Clerk and Doyle Sobba explained their understanding of the problem. The City Attorney and BG Consultants have been notified and the Clerk will advise if anything develops from the threat.

E. STAFF REPORTS

Helen Feuerborn inquired whether Doyle had received any complaints about the water turning toilets and sinks black. Doyle has received one complaint and believes the problem is a result of the carbon used to treat the water. He is adjusting the carbon to try to fix the problem. The water quality is not affected by this problem.

Marla Gadelman reported that she is in the process of gathering items for the 2016 audit, and finishing year-end and quarterly reports. Doug McIntosh requested that Marla provide to him a list of the meetings he attended in 2016.

F. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND/OR REPORTS. None

Adjournment: Doug McIntosh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. 8:28 PM

APPROVED:

By:


Sheldon Snow, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marla Gadelman, City Clerk