

Study Session
Richmond City Council
January 31, 2017
6:35 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 and Verlin Springer. Doug McIntosh arrived at 6:46 PM.

Staff present: Doyle Sobba and Marla Gadelman.

Guests Present: Jeff Wilson

The first subject discussed was the need for part-time help and proposed hours to be worked and rate of pay.

Doyle indicated that he is getting burned out working and being on call 24/7 and is requesting that council hire part-time help to assist him. Doyle is suggesting 20 hours per week, and possibly more during mowing season, or have the part-time person mow on Saturday and Sunday if that is his scheduled work days.

Council believes we need to offer enough hours to make somebody want the job. It was suggested the hours be 20 to 30 per week.

It was suggested that rate of pay could be \$10-\$12 per hour, which would be negotiable based on their experience.

Before placing another classified ad the Clerk will contact some of the applicants that had applied earlier to see if they are still interested.

The next subject discussed was possible remedies/solutions for dilapidated, or abandoned or inhabitable houses in Richmond; junk vehicles; and other code concerns.

Jeff Wilson provided the council with a copy of his earlier memorandum from October 2014 on condemnation proceedings. Jeff is concerned with what is considered a dangerous or unsafe structure. The first step to begin this process is to name somebody by ordinance as the enforcement officer and they will be responsible for determining what structures may be dangerous or unsafe within the City and will file a report with the council explaining their findings.

The Clerk will contact Franklin County to see if they have an engineer or inspector that may be willing to be named as our enforcement officer.

If a property is simply run down and an eyesore but it is not determined to be unsafe or dangerous and the landowner fails or refuses to make repairs, then the City

could be forced to purchase the property through eminent domain if the city wanted to tear the structure down.

Abandonment may also be considered if the property has not been occupied for the last 90 days and the real estate taxes are two years delinquent.

Jeff was not prepared to discuss issues with junk vehicles at this time. He will research the subject and be in touch with council.

No action was taken at this Study Session.

APPROVED:

By:



Shelden Snow, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marla Gadelman, City Clerk