

Special City Council Meeting
July 23, 2015
7:00 PM

A. Call to Order: The Special Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Sheldon S. Snow for the limited purposes set forth on the Call for Special City Council Meeting signed by all council members.

Council Members Present: Karen Peters, Verlin Springer and Helen Feuerborn. Doug McIntosh arrived at 7:05 PM.

Staff present: Jake Strobel and Marla Gadelman.

Guests Present: Mark Stevenson

Agenda Item: 2016 Budget

Council members were provided a proposed budget at the July 14, 2015 meeting. This meeting was scheduled to review and discuss the budget prior to the publication of the Notice of Budget Hearing which must be published prior to August 1.

No questions or concerns were raised regarding the General Fund, the Library Fund, or the Revenue Funds.

Mark Stevenson attended the meeting representing the Richmond Recreation Commission. Concerns were raised during the 2015 budget process regarding whether the Recreation Commission met the requirements set out in the statutes concerning recreation commissions. The Richmond Recreation Commission was asked to provide to the City Council the names of board members and officers to verify compliance with state statutes. The City received the names of officers and Recreation Board earlier today as follows:

President:	Mark Stevenson
Vice-President:	Todd Burroughs
Secretary:	Dana Hollman
Treasurer:	Lester Wuertz

Mark Stevenson provided additional board member names of: Mark Lee, Dean Kueser, Bob Cardell, Lyle Brown.

Lester Wuertz provided the City Clerk with the proposed 2016 Richmond Recreation Commission Budget. Copies were provided to council members. The proposed budget was discussed and explained. Mr. Stevenson explained the need and use of red dirt on the ball fields.

Richmond Recreation provided a letter requesting an increase of 1 mill levy to cover maintenance and repairs of the city ball fields. After discussion a revised proposed budget was provided to the council members by the City Clerk which would raise the Recreation Commission mill levy to 3 mills total, but the City would retain .5 mill to help cover expenses the city pays for park and recreation expenditures at the ball fields and the park in town, and the City's General Fund would then be reduced by 1 mill so that a resolution would not need to be passed and published due to the city exceeding the mill levy we can legally levy based on the 1.6 CPI for 2016.

Different ways to bring in more money for the Recreation Commission were discussed including charging rent for the concession stand.

After further discussion, Karen Peters made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-4 to increase the mill levy for the Recreation Commission to not to exceed 3 mills, as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-4

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 3 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 3 mills in the year 2016 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.

PASSED by the Governing Body of the City of Richmond, on this 23rd day of July, 2015.

Verlin Springer seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. The City Clerk was directed to have the resolution published for two consecutive weeks as provided by statute.

After further discussion, the City Clerk was directed to publish the Notice of Budget Hearing that the council was provided at this meeting scheduling the Budget Hearing for August 11, 2015 at 7:00 PM, prior to the August regular meeting of the City Council.

Karen Peters made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Helen Feuerborn seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. Time: 8:33 PM.

APPROVED:

By: 
Shelden Snow, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marla Gadelman, City Clerk