

Regular City Council Meeting
June 14, 2016
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: Karen Peters, Helen Feuerborn, Verlin Springer and Doug McIntosh.

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

Guests Present: Ken Manwarren.

B. Public Comment: None

C. Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes of Meetings and Expenses: Helen Feuerborn made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2016 meeting as written, and the expenses paid since the May 10, 2016 meeting. Doug McIntosh seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

D. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Engineering Proposal from Bartlett & West – Council was provided a copy of an engineering proposal from Bartlett & West for repairs to the water plant as specified in the proposal in the amount of \$4,550.00. The Clerk reported that the water plant work cannot be included as part of our water line project and funded through USDA. She also reported that she spoke with our auditor and payment for the water plant repairs can be paid for with our funds in the Equipment Reserve Fund/Capital Improvement Fund. After discussion, Karen Peters made a motion to accept the proposal from Bartlett & West in the amount of \$4,550.00 for the tasks listed in the proposal. Verlin Springer seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

2. Other necessary city business: Pay Request No. 10 to J & N Utilities, Inc. Council was provided a copy of Pay Request No. 10, J & N's Final Payment in the amount of \$6,860.01 for the removal and relocation of the extra fire hydrant along Highway 59 to the rear of the service station and church. After discussion, Karen Peters made a motion to approve Pay Request No. 10 in the amount of \$6,860.01 to J & N Utilities. Verlin Springer seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Doug McIntosh made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel matters and review employee timesheets. Helen Feuerborn seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. Time: 7:47 PM.

At 8:02 PM Doug McIntosh made a motion to come out of executive session. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

No action was taken during executive session.

E. STAFF REPORTS

Doyle Sobba asked the council if it rains during the fair and it's too muddy to hold the horse show at George Steinberger's property, would it be possible to hold the show at the Richmond Lake. The Fair Association's insurance will cover everything it normally covers at George's property. The council had no objection to using the lake.

Doyle Sobba reported the new fair barn will be complete once electricity is connected. Gates will be completed this week. Bleachers are nearly complete.

Doyle Sobba reported that Art Blackburn is wanting the city to remove a tree in the right of way of his property that he believes is dead and unsafe. Staff will determine what tree or trees he is wanting removed and will report more information at the next meeting.

Doyle Sobba asked what the council wants to do with the old fire hydrants. We have had residents wanting hydrants to put in their yard as yard art. After discussion it was determined that Staff would contact Kansas Rural Water Association and give them a week to pick up and remove any pits, lids and other materials they would like, and any remaining materials and the old fire hydrants and other miscellaneous old city equipment would be placed on Purple Wave Auctions and any resident could bid on the items.

The Clerk reported that a new resident would like the council to consider putting "Children at Play" signs along the highway. The clerk did some research and reported that the signs would not be enforceable; that KDOT does not recommend the signs; that KDOT studies have shown the signs have no impact; and that other cities that do have the signs will only place them in residential areas, not along a highway. No action was taken.

The Clerk reported that Brett from BG Consultants would be in town on Friday to take measurements for the additional water line. Plans should be ready next week. USDA has informed us that if we don't want to wait on J & N to come back to do the additional water line that we can contract with a local contractor to install the line. Once we get the plans we will be able to get them out to McClure, Cody Burkdoll and Chris Feuerborn to see if they or some other contractors would be interested in doing the work. The contractor would need to be bonded, but would not be required to pay prevailing wages.

The Clerk reported that Sue Wilson is questioning who should be mowing the alley/street where she lives. The surrounding property is involved in litigation and council believes we need to wait on the outcome of that litigation and then determine who owns the property Sue Wilson is questioning.

G. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND/OR REPORTS. Doug McIntosh reported that he attempted to contact Ezekiel Rodriguez but has been unsuccessful. He talked with the Franklin County Clerk Janet Paddock and the League of Municipalities and was informed that since Ezekiel was elected we cannot just appoint somebody to replace him. He would need to resign his position. The Clerk has mailed a letter to his address asking if he intends to fulfill his term but no response has been received.

Adjournment: Doug McIntosh made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. Time: 8:36 PM

APPROVED:

By:



Shelden Snow, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marla Gadelman, City Clerk