

**Regular City Council Meeting**  
**March 10, 2015**  
**7:30 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, Verlin Springer, Helen Feuerborn, and Doug McIntosh.

**Staff present:** Doyle Sobba and Jake Strobel.

**Guests Present:** Barbara Lane, Ken Manwarren, Connie Weber, Goldie Harkins, Dana Hollman-Kurtz, Kim Wood, Sam Wood and Rick Howard.

**B. Public Comment:** Barbara Lane, Richmond Public Library Board of Trustees, announced that before the next board meeting the Library is having an adult program that is being called Alphabet Food Club. Each month there will be 3 letters and you are to bring something that begins with the letter. This month is C, L or U. The Friends of the Library will be providing Cheddar Potato Soup as the main dish. The program begins at 5:00.

**C. Executive Session:** Doug McIntosh made a motion to go into executive session for 5 minutes to review time sheets since the last meeting. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. Time 7:35 PM. At 7:40 PM, Doug McIntosh made a motion to come out of executive session. Helen Feuerborn seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. No action was taken in executive session.

**D. Consent Agenda:**

**Approval of Minutes of Meetings:** Karen Peters made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the February 10, 2015, meeting. Verlin Springer seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

Verlin Springer made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on February 24, 2015. Doug McIntosh seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

**Approval of Monthly Expenses:** After discussion, Doug McIntosh made a motion to approve the expenses paid since the February 10, 2015, meeting. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

**E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:**

1. **Samuel Wood, Eagle Scout Presentation.** Mr. Wood is with Troup 126 from Garnett, and would like to set up a flag pole at Richmond Lake for his Eagle Scout Project. The pole would be 20 feet high and will be located 20 feet from the playground and 25 feet from the building so it can be seen from a distance. Mr. Wood would like tentative approval from the Council and will return at a later time concerning maintenance of the flag and other matters. Verlin Springer stated that proper flag etiquette requires that if a flag is to remain up after dark it should be lit

up by a light. The consensus of the council is that Mr. Wood should continue with planning his project.

Doyle announced that first of April and first of May the Ruritans will be putting up the new shelter houses and a rock bit will be on the location and if necessary they could drill a hole for the flag pole.

**2. Discuss connection fees for water and sewer and any fees for multiple meters.** Prior to this meeting, the Clerk contacted Princeton and Williamsburg to find out what they are currently charging. After discussion the City Clerk was contacted by cell phone to participate in the meeting. (City Clerk is attending the City Clerk's Spring Conference in Wichita.) After a lengthy discussion, a Special Meeting was scheduled for March 18, 2015, at 7:30 PM to discuss adopting a new resolution setting monthly fee to be charged for all active and inactive meters.

The Council discussed fees for connection to the City waterworks systems and sewer system. This matter will be discussed at the Special Meeting on March 18, 2015, and will consider adopting an ordinance setting such fees.

**3. Jake Strobel – Wastewater Test at KRWA Annual Convention.** Jake Strobel requested permission to take his Wastewater test at Kansas Rural Water's annual convention in Wichita on March 26. The cost for the one day he would be attending is \$160 and the cost of the test is \$25. Karen Peters made a motion to allow Jake Strobel to take the wastewater test and to attend the one day class at the KRWA convention and take the test in the afternoon. Verlin Springer seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

**4. Other necessary city business.**

Mayor Snow nominated Doris Butts to fill a position on the Richmond Library Board. The term of one board member is up and a replacement is needed at this time. Karen Peters made a motion to approve Doris Butts to the Richmond Library Board. Doug McIntosh seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

## **F. STAFF REPORTS**

Doyle Sobba stated that he hopes its stays warm so they can put some cold patch in the holes in the streets. Jake Strobel has been hauling rock this week to repair some of the holes, but Doyle would like to get a truck load of cold patch brought in if the weather says warm.

Jake Strobel spoke to McConnell Machinery about the skid loader. McConnell said it would all depend on what they found when they got into the skid loader, if the chains are stretched beyond tightening or tensioners are freed up and will allows for tightening, it could be as little as two hours at \$85.00 per hour. McConnell would be willing to take a look at the skid loader. Doug McIntosh made a motion to allow the guys to take the skid loader to McConnell Machinery for diagnosis to see what it will need to get fixed. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

Jake Strobel reported that we have received more parts to fix the caster wheels on the snow plow but the repairs have not been made at this time.

Jake is in the process of obtaining bids for a new lawnmower since we will be responsible for mowing the ball fields from now on and it will probably take Doyle and Jake each on a mower to keep up with mowing the fields at least once a week, if not twice a week this summer. Bids are being prepared by Family Center, Greeley Implement, McConnell Machinery and Heritage Tractor. The bids will be put together and submitted to the council probably next month.

Doyle Sobba reported that he and Jake jetted a sewer for Princeton again recently and Heath Bones, Princeton's maintenance person, once again suggested that the City send them a bill. Doyle reported that the council earlier just said to help Princeton when they need it as a goodwill gesture. The council may consider in the future at least charging the hourly wages it takes to help with Princeton's sewer needs.

**G. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND/OR REPORTS.** Mayor Snow reported that the preconstruction meeting for the water project is set for March 26. The engineers, contractor and others will set down and decide how things are going to happen.

The Mayor announced that City Wide Cleanup will be April 8, 9, 10 and 11.

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

APPROVED:

By:   
Shelden Snow, Mayor



  
Marla Gadelman, City Clerk