

Regular City Council Meeting
May 9, 2017
7:30 PM

A. Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order by President Verlin Springer.

Council Members Present: Helen Feuerborn and Doug McIntosh.

Staff present: Doyle Sobba, Marla Gadelman and Larry Morrow.

Guests Present: Lester Wuertz for Richmond Recreation.

B. Public Comment: None

C. Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes of Meetings: Doug McIntosh made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2017 regular meeting as written. Helen Feuerborn seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, motion passed.

Approval of Expenses: After discussion, Doug McIntosh made a motion to approve the expenses paid since the April 11, 2017 meeting. Helen Feuerborn seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, motion passed.

D. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Ball park mowing. The Clerk reported that within the monthly expenses were two invoices from Jordan Horstick for mowing the ball fields twice. An additional invoice was received today but was not included in this month's expenses. Lester Wuertz, Treasurer of Richmond Recreation reported that the Recreation Commission has \$9,071.29 in the bank, and provided to the Council a list of the income and expenses for 2017 to the current date. As Treasurer, Lester Wuertz reported that the Rec Commission could pay for half of the mowing of the ball fields. Doug McIntosh once again expressed his displeasure with the Rec Commission not asking for donations from businesses for caps and shirts, for not doing any fund-raising activities, and for hiring out the concession stand for someone else to make a profit other than the Rec Commission. After discussion, Helen Feuerborn made a motion that the City share the costs of mowing the ball fields with the Rec Commission on a 50/50 basis for the balance of 2017. Doug McIntosh seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, motion passed. This matter will be discussed further during the 2018 budget preparation process. The Clerk informed Mr. Wuertz that she receives invoices by email from Jordan Horstick. Mr. Wuertz indicated that the Rec Commission would pay for every other invoice received by the City.

2. Consider Bettis Construction Contract for the Water Plant. The Clerk reported that we have received a proposed contract from Bettis Construction. The Contract was forwarded to our City Attorney Jeff Wilson for his review and approval. Mr. Wilson raised several concerns about the contract and those concerns were then sent to Bartlett & West for review and discussing with Bettis Construction. No revisions to the contract have been

received. In order to avoid confusion, the original contract was not provided to council at this time, but the City Attorney's concerns were provided to council (see attached). After further discussion and to expedite the necessary repairs at the water plant, Doug McIntosh made a motion that if a formal contract is received and approved by the City Attorney Jeff Wilson, prior to our June regular meeting, that the Mayor or Acting Mayor is authorized to enter into such contract. Helen Feuerborn seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, motion passed.

3. Re-appointment of City Attorney; City Judge; City Treasurer; and City Clerk. After discussion, Doug McIntosh made a motion to reappoint Jeff Wilson as City Attorney, Constance Sams as City Judge, Sister Loretta Roeckers as City Treasurer, and Marla Gadelman as City Clerk for the next year. Helen Feuerborn seconded the Motion. Vote 3-0, motion passed.

4. Any other necessary city business.

a. Trailer for Lawn Mower. Doyle Sobba expressed the need to purchase a trailer to haul the lawn mower to the lake, water plant and sewer plant to mow when necessary. It takes approximately 30-45 minutes to ride the mower to the lake. Doyle has checked with a couple places and reported that Jackson Welding has a couple trailers to accommodate the mower. The black trailer is \$1,599 and the red trailer is \$1,699. The color is the only difference between the trailers. The trailers are each 83 inches wide, 12 feet long, dual axel, and drop down gate. Doug McIntosh asked whether the trailer could also haul the skid loader. Doyle will check with Jackson Welding on weight limits. Doyle will obtain additional information before the next meeting. Doug McIntosh indicated that he has a trailer that may work in the meantime if the City would like to use it and possibly purchase it from him. This matter was tabled until the June meeting.

E. STAFF REPORTS:

Doyle reported that he and Larry Morrow are busying filling holes in the streets with asphalt millings. Doyle plans to check with the County to see if they have a roller that we could rent or borrow to pack the millings and hopefully it would last longer.

The Clerk reported that she has been in contact with Jim Sherman, City of Ottawa Building Officer, and he is willing to act as our Building Officer. The City of Ottawa is willing to help our small city and will only charge for mileage when they are needed. Mr. Sherman will be coming down soon for an initial tour of our problem area.

F. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND/OR REPORTS.

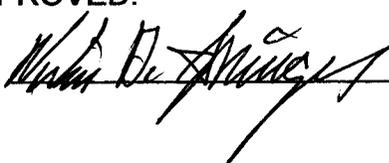
Helen Feuerborn complimented Doyle Sobba and Larry Morrow on how nice the entrances to town looked when they mowed the edges of town.

Verlin Springer raised concerns about the drainage problem on Cherry Street during the recent rains. There are several culverts that are not adequately sized and others that are plugged or needs completely replaced. The Clerk will do some investigating to find out what other small

cities do in these types of situations, whether the city is responsible or if the landowner is responsible. She will also check with the City Attorney.

Adjournment: Helen Feuerborn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug McIntosh seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, motion passed. 8:45 PM

APPROVED:

By:  _____

ATTEST:

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Maria Gadelman, City Clerk