

Regular City Council Meeting
November 13, 2012
7:32 PM

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Richmond City Council was called to order by Mayor Sheldon Snow.

Council Members Present: Verlin Springer, Claire Blackburn, Mary Ann Platt, Rick Weber and Mary Harris.

Staff present: Doyle Sobba and Jake Strobel. City Clerk Marla Gadelman was absent attending annual clerk's training.

Guests Present: Donna Thompson, Barbara Lane, Ken Manwarren, Aaron Clifton and Sister Loretta Roeckers.

Public Comment: Aaron Clifton of the Richmond Ruritans, presented an honorary membership to the City of Richmond for everything it has assisted the Ruritans with in Richmond in the past.

Barbara Lane on behalf of the Christmas Festival. The Festival is scheduled for December 8 and would appreciate seeing members of the council being present. Times will be announced.

Barbara Lane requested that the handicapped sign be replaced on the front railing.

Approval of Minutes of Meetings: Mary Ann Platt made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2012, Regular Meeting. Mary Harris seconded the motion. Vote 5-0, motion passed.

Approval of Monthly Expenses: Rick Weber made a motion to approve the bills paid since the October 9, 2012 meeting. Verlin Springer seconded the motion. Vote 5-0, motion passed.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. City Property and Liability Insurance Renewal – Charlie Brenzikofer. Mr. Brenzikofer reported on the City's property and liability insurance. Continental Western has agreed to continue insuring the City although there will be about a 16% increase. Work comp coverage caused the majority of the increase. After discussion, Mary Ann Platt made a motion to renew our insurance policy with Elliott Insurance, with terrorism coverage. Rick Weber seconded the motion. Vote 5-0, motion passed.

2. Water meters located in city serving out-of-town residents. Mayor Snow reported he had been approached by Carol Powelson who lives approximately 3/8th mile north of town, but her meter is located within the city limits. She was being charged out of town water rates and out of town meter fee. There were several others with the same situation. The rates have been corrected for meters located within city limits. There only remain two or three others being charged the out-of-town rates, one of which his meter is located within the city easement around the tower. The remaining two are just south of South Street. Mayor Snow wondered if

we should change all the rates for simplicity purposes. After discussion, Rick Weber made a motion to change the water service up on the hill by the tower to city water rate and city meter rate. Mary Harris seconded the motion. Vote 5-0, motion passed.

Staff Reports: Jake and Doyle reported that repairs were necessary on the GMC truck. The rotors, break pads, bearings and hubs were replaced. A bill will be presented at the next meeting. A new small pump was purchased that can run off the battery in the truck.

Doyle and Jake wired the North Shelter House at the lake before the all-night fishing tournament sponsored by the Ruritans. Jake and Doyle located and hauled 26 tractor and combine tires for the Ruritans to exchange for other tires to be placed on City street corners as flower pots. The Ruritans have already purchased the plants and have the dirt and fertilizer.

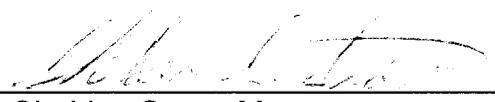
Jake wondered if the purchase of a dump truck might be considered. He reported several recent jobs that a dump truck would have made the job a lot easier. Jake will keep his eyes open for a possible dump truck.

Council Comments and/or Reports. Barbara Lane questioned whether the City would be impacted by our City Attorney being elected to the Kansas House of Representatives. Mayor Snow reported that he and the Clerk had discussed it. The Clerk will be sending an email to the City Attorney and will begin shopping around for new counsel.

An update on the Atrazine Settlement was provided to the Council.

Adjournment: Mary Ann Platt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary Harris seconded the motion. Vote 5-0, motion passed.

APPROVED:

By: 

Shelden Snow, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marla Gadelman, City Clerk