

Regular City Council Meeting
September 11, 2012
7:30 PM

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

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

Staff present: Marla Gadelman and Jake Strobel.

Guests Present: Betty Bowlby, Connie Weber, Donna Thompson, Sister Loretta Roeckers, Ed Taylor and Coogan Franks.

Public Comment: The City Clerk read a note to the Council received by Nadine Peine requesting that something be done with the streets even if it would cost more in taxes.

Approval of Minutes of Meetings: Mary Ann Platt made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2012, Regular Meeting. Mary Harris seconded the motion. Vote 5-0, motion passed.

Approval of Monthly Expenses: After discussion, Verlin Springer made a motion to approve the bills paid since the August 14, 2012 meeting. Mary Ann Platt seconded the motion. Vote 5-0, motion passed.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

- 1. Election of President of City Council.** Mayor Snow asked for nominations for President of the City Council. The President would move up to Mayor if necessary and will chair the meetings in the mayor's absence. Mary Harris nominated Mary Ann Platt as President. Verlin Springer seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.
- 2. Recommendation and Appointment of Library Board Member –** Scott Snow nominated Tammy Sharp to fill the vacant position on the Library Board. There were no objections. A show of hands vote was taken. Vote 4-0, with one abstaining (Rick Weber), motion passed.
- 3. Propane Contract.** Two proposals were received for our propane needs. Lybarger Oil proposed a fixed price for the upcoming winter through May 31, 2013, of \$1.36 per gallon, and a one-time fall-fill rate of \$1.29 per gallon. Lybarger Oil also proposed a locked-in rate from June 2013 through May 2014 of \$1.46 per gallon. The second year contract is not mandatory. S & S Oil and Propane Co. proposed a rate of \$1.40 per gallon. Proposals were based on 4,000 gallons. After discussion Verlin Springer made a motion to accept the bid of Lybarger Oil for \$1.36 per gallon for the 2012-2013 winter and \$1.29 for the fall fill. Claire Blackburn seconded the motion. Vote 5-0, motion passed. After further discussion, Claire Blackburn made a motion to accept Lybarger Oil's second year proposal of \$1.46 per gallon for the 2013-2014 period. Mary Harris seconded the motion. Vote 5-0, motion passed.

4. Coogan Franks – Street Dance. Coogan Franks announced that he would like to have a street dance sometime in October and wanted to make sure the Council had no objection and needed to know what will be required by the City. The Council has no objection to a street dance and will require event insurance, security and will require that the dance end at midnight. Mr. Franks stated that the street dance is still in the planning stages and he will return at the October meeting to update the Council. No action was taken at this time.

5. Hazard Mitigation Grant. Council was provided a copy of an email received by Vickie Eckard concerning the hazard mitigation plan which was previously adopted by the City. Our plan consisted of creating a study to evaluate the siren system and evaluate the generator systems at the water plant and sewer plant. A grant may be available to pay 75% of those projects if we are approved. A Notice of Intent to Apply must be submitted by September 14, 2012, if we are interested in pursuing a grant. After discussion, no action was taken to pursue filing the Notice of Intent to Apply.

6. Any Other Necessary City Business. Rick Weber questioned whether the City has a contract with the cable company. Rick Weber is concerned because there is a cable lying on the ground in the grass behind his house. The cable is connected to two poles, but not raised. Marla Gadelman will contact the cable company about the cable.

Staff Reports: Jake Strobel reported that we have not heard anything from Patchen concerning the sewer pump repair. Our safety audit requirements have been satisfied. We have had several water and sewer leaks in the past few weeks. We have received reports that our water is now tasting better, but some residents are still reporting a smell and dirt taste. We are trying to stay on top of the problem with taste and smell.

Verlin Springer questioned Jake about water or sewer lines under Cleveland and North Streets since it appears the streets are falling. Jake will look at the streets and see if anything can be done.

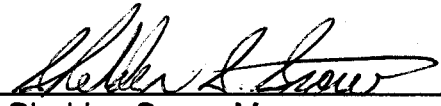
Rick Weber questioned whether a water or sewer line is exposed near Bud Feuerborn's property. Jake will investigate.

Marla Gadelman reported that our safety issues have been satisfied and we have received our closing letter. Marla is planning to attend free training in Chanute on September 18 on IRS reporting, and in Ottawa on September 27 covering the new KPERS requirements. The Clerk's Certificate Institute and Conference is scheduled for November so Marla will be requesting permission to attend the conference at the October meeting. We have received estimates from a couple health insurance carriers to compare with our current carrier. Our current carrier will provide estimates by the end of September. Health insurance will probably be on the October agenda.

Council Comments and/or Reports. No council comments or reports.

Adjournment: Mary Ann Platt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rick Weber seconded the motion. Vote 5-0, motion passed. Time 8:33 PM

APPROVED:

By: 
Shelden Snow, Mayor

ATTEST:


Marla Gadelman, City Clerk

