

Regular City Council Meeting
September 8, 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, Helen Feuerborn, Verlin Springer and Doug McIntosh.

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

Guests Present: Rick Howard.

B. Public Comment: None

C. Executive Session: None

D. Consent Agenda:

Approval of Minutes of Meetings: Karen Peters made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the August 11, 2015, budget hearing meeting. Verlin Springer seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, with Doug McIntosh abstaining due to absence from the meeting, motion passed.

Karen Peters made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the August 11, 2015, Regular Meeting. Vote 3-0, with Doug McIntosh abstaining due to absence from the meeting, motion passed.

After discussion, Karen Peters made a motion to approve the expenses paid since the August 11, 2015, meeting. Verlin Springer seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

E. ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

1. Consider adopting Ordinance No. 2015-2, Annexation of Property to City of Richmond. This Ordinance covers the property previously proposed and presented by Rob Pearce to be annexed into the city limits for expansion of Mr. Pearce's existing business. Mr. Pearce has executed the Consent to Annexation. Helen Feuerborn made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2015-2 as written. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. The Ordinance will be published in the newspaper and will be submitted to the Franklin County Clerk.

2. Consider Pay Request No. 4 for J & N Utilities, Inc. Council was provided a copy of Pay Request No. 4 from J & N Utilities, Inc., requesting payment of \$208,539.36 towards the contract price of \$1,338,828.75. Verlin Springer made a motion to approve Pay Request No. 4 for J & N Utilities in the amount of \$208,539.36. Doug McIntosh seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

3. Employee Wage Review. Doug McIntosh made a motion to go into Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss employee matters. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. Time 7:52. Doug McIntosh made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Karen Peters seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed.

Karen Peters made a motion to go back into Executive Session for 5 minutes to discuss employee matters. Helen Feuerborn seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. Karen Peters made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Doug McIntosh seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. Time 8:10. No action was taken in Executive Session.

4. Any other necessary city business:

a. Cats in town. Marla Gadelman was contacted by Prairie Paws Animal Shelter concerning a trap and release program they are doing for colonies of cats. Prairie Paws will trap the cats, then the cats will be spayed or neutered and returned to the colony location. This will cut down on new cats being born into the colonies in town. The surgeries will be done free of charge by K-State vet students. The council had no objection to Prairie Paws trapping and releasing the cats.

b. Water contract with Anderson County Rural Water District. Doyle Sobba reported that he spoke with Mike Blaufuss, chairman of Anderson County Rural Water District No. 4, concerning an agreement between the City and the water district in the event either party needs to purchase water from the other in an emergency situation. Mr. Blaufuss is willing to meet with the council to discuss terms that will be agreeable to all parties. After discussion, a Study Session was scheduled for 7:00 PM on October 13, 2015, to meet with Mr. Blaufuss. Council will be notified if Mr. Blaufuss is unable to attend the study session.


F. STAFF REPORTS

Doyle Sobba reported that we are now using free chlorine only with no added ammonia due to the new water lines being flushed by the contractor. Residents may notice a difference in the smell and/or taste of the water. The contractor is using chlorine powder in the lines and it was fighting with our total chlorine we had been using and they were not able to get good test results. KDHE recommended that we use only free chlorine until the lines pass all the tests and then switch back to our combined chlorine with added ammonia. We will need to be switched back before the end of November so that our THMs and HA5 test results in December will pass.

H. COUNCIL COMMENTS AND/OR REPORTS. None.

Adjournment: Karen Peters made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug McIntosh seconded the motion. Vote 4-0, motion passed. Time: 8:52 PM

APPROVED:

By: 
Shelden Snow, Mayor

ATTEST:


Maria Gadelman, City Clerk

