

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,  
MISSOURI, January 14, 2009.**

**PRAYER:**

Led by Rev. Tim Zielinski

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Led by Cub Scouts Pak 324 Den 1

Mayor Lance Green called to order the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Richmond, Missouri on January 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL - PRESENT:**

Mayor Lance Green, City Administrator Rick Childers, Robin Littrell, City Clerk, C.E. Goodall, Public Works, Marilyn O'Dell, Collector, Community Development Director Lisa Hastings, Police Chief Terri McWilliams, Haley Morrissey Rec. Director, and Finance Director Melanie Allwood

**ABSENT:**

None.

**COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Beverly Gorham, Jason Berning, Scott Marshall, Scott Spiers, Tom Williams, Melissa Miller, Tammy Folvarcik, and Dave Powell.

**COUNCIL ABSENT:**

None.

**WELCOMING REMARKS – MAYOR:**

Mayor Green welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM the December 10, 2008 Regular Meeting:**

Minutes of the December 10, 2008 Regular Meeting approved as printed.

**COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:**

Donnie Fowler – 1213 E. Main St. – Shared his concern that the signed complaint form should be kept as policy of the City.

Dave Donaldson – Ministerial Alliance – Read letter of encouragement and support to the City Council and City Leaders.

Jim Rippy – 202 E. South St. – Requested that he be allowed to address the council on two specific items as they come before the council. Mayor Green said that he may speak on those issues at this time. Mr. Rippy took his seat without any further comment.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Councilor Miller moved to adopt the agenda, second by Councilor Marshall. AYES: Miller, Marshall, Berning, Gorham, Spiers, Williams, Folvarcik, and Powell. NAYS: None. Motion carried 8-0.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

- A. Finance Committee – Jason Berning: The Finance Committee met on Dec. 30 in conjunction with the Public Works Committee. Topics of discussion for the committees were: water plant, water wells, financing, discussion of the budget and the past fiscal year end totals, sewer system, possibilities for the SWWTP, Safe Routes to School Grant, and potential agreement with Henrietta. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
  
- B. Ordinance Committee – Beverly Gorham: The Ordinance Committee has not met, but will have a meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
  
- C. Public Works Committee – Scott Marshall: Our committee met on December 30<sup>th</sup> with the Finance Committee. Councilor Berning has previously mentioned a great deal that was discussed. We also had a discussion with Bosh and Rosemary Bruening concerning land where water wells are located and the possibilities of increasing the rental fee. This will be looked at during the next fiscal year. Federal Stimulus funds requested for the City were discussed also. There will be a Public Meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for residents to come and share any information they have on the “private sewer” issues in the City. There is also a Sewer Presentation on January 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.
  
- D. Public Safety Committee – Melissa Miller: We met on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. We have asked the Police Chief to review the one-way streets, two-way streets, and stop sign ordinances that are currently in place and get them updated. We also addressed a citizen concern with intersections of College & Main, Thornton & North Main, and Main & Shaw that they are very dangerous and may be considered as 4-way stop intersections. “Pay at the Pump” was mentioned and will be a topic at the next meeting with gas station owners invited. Our next meeting will be on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT – Lance Green**

Dec. 19 Employee Christmas Luncheon and games.  
Jan. 9 Sr. Staff Meeting  
Jan. 14 Before Hours at Fire Station – Very nicely done and well attended.

### Reminders:

Filing dates for the April 7, 2009 Municipal Election are open until Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Final Certification will be on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Candidates that have filed –

Ward I – (2 yr. Term) – Scott Spiers, Bob Bond, & Robert Cooper  
Ward I – (1 yr. Term) – Tom Williams  
Ward II – Roger Kepple & Beverly Gorham  
Ward III – (2 yr. Term) – Mike Wright  
Ward III – (1 yr. Term) – Jim Dunwoodie  
Ward IV – Scott Marshall & Terrie Lee Stanley

## **CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Rick Childers**

**Downtown Revitalization** – Striping is the only primary work remaining. We will get a price quote for the striping on the North Main parking lot. The CDBG funds portion is complete and closeout is in progress. The Ray County Historical Society is preparing a proposal to install a marker at the N. Main lot regarding the historic Alexander Doniphan residence.

**Henrietta Water Agreement** – A contract is nearly completed for review. City Administrator Childers will meet with Henrietta on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Judicial Review Committee** – The committee will meet on Thursday, January 15 at 5:30 p.m.

**South Plant Presentation** – Engineering proposals for work at the south wastewater plant will be presented to the Public Works Committee on Tuesday, Jan. 27, @ 5:30 p.m.

We also have a public meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup> from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for any resident to come in and share information on private sewers in the City of Richmond.

**Economic Stimulus Applications** – The City has submitted more than \$13.5 million in preliminary projects for consideration.

**Pool Repairs** – Work has begun to repair leaks in the force main system, in the slide recovery drain system, and in the deck drain system.

**Water Line Replacement Project** – Preliminary work has begun for submittal of a CDBG application for funds to replace significant sections of waterline. Initial target segments are Camden South of Main, Wollard from Main to Ray County Memorial Hospital, Thornton from Spartan to South, and Crispin from Institute to Thornton.

**Legal Fees** – Administrative legal fees for the month of December totaled \$4650, the fiscal ytd total is 40.85% of the annual amount budgeted. Continued higher than normal expenses will require a budget adjustment, which will reduce all funds, but most damaging to the water fund which is already extremely low.

**Lime Sludge** – The ongoing problem has reached a point of demanding immediate action. Liquefied sludge levels in settling lagoons pose a threat of non-permitted discharge within 45 days or less. Staff has identified \$43,247 in various bond-required emergency maintenance funds that may be used in this situation. Staff recommends approval to spend up to \$30,000 for emergency sludge removal. Following a very lengthy discussion of all council members, C.E. Goodall, Bill Kidd, Melanie Allwood, Rick Childers, and Mayor Green, motion was moved by Councilor Spiers, second by Councilor Gorham to tap into the Emergency Funds for \$30,000 to reduce the liquefied sludge levels and look in depth to a long term solution within four months. AYES: Spiers, Gorham, Marshall, Williams, and Folvarcik. NAYS: Berning, Miller, and Powell. Motion carried 5-3.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Department reports were looked over individually, with the opportunity to make comments and ask any questions.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. Storm Water Study Information – Final preliminary information was received today. We will meet with residents near the end of January and then will bring to the Council in February.
- B. Henrietta Sewer Rate Information – Rick Childers will meet with Henrietta City Clerk and their council on Friday for discussions.
- C. Policy of Council Meeting Dates – We are considering changing the council meeting day to a Tuesday and making one meeting a work session and one the formal meeting. If need would arise for another meeting, that would definitely be posted and called. We would try this to cut down on meetings for council members. Council shared they had received favorable comments to other nights and one meeting one work session. Mayor Green would like everyone to discuss this further with residents and an ordinance will be presented at the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion of Signed Complaint Form Rules – Discussion was held among Council and Administration. It was questioned why a complaint form must be signed if it is a nuisance violation by ordinance, that is why the City pays a Nuisance Officer. Donnie Fowler was asked to speak as to the reason this was put into place when he was on the council. If a resident has a legitimate complaint, they should be willing to fill out the form and sign it. Following the discussion Mayor Green announced that this issue would be on the next agenda for further review.

- B. Consideration of Liquor License for Shirkey's 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Bar & Grill – Motion moved by Councilor Miller, second by Councilor Marshall to approve the liquor license for Shirkey's 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Bar & Grill contingent upon approve from the State of Missouri Liquor Control. AYES: Miller, Marshall, Powell, Spiers, Folvarcik, Berning, Williams, and Gorham. NAYS: None. Motion carried 8-0.
- C. Fee Schedule Approval – Rick Childers explained that there were copy fees added for 24" and 36" copies. Motion moved by Councilor Miller, second by Councilor Marshall to approve the new fee schedule effective Jan. 2, 2009. AYES: Miller, Marshall, Williams, Folvarcik, Spiers, Gorham, Powell, and Berning. NAYS: None. Motion carried 8-0.

### **Legal**

**Pursuant to Section 610.021 (1) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri pertaining to legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communication between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys.**

### **Personnel**

**Pursuant to Section 610.021 (3) of the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri pertaining to hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded.**

Councilor Marshall, second by Councilor Miller, moved to enter closed session at 8:00 p.m. AYES: Marshall, Miller, Williams, Gorham, Powell, Berning, Folvarcik and Spiers. NAYS: None. Motion approved 8-0.

#### **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**

Councilor Marshall moved, second by Councilor Miller to return to open session at 9:10 p.m. from closed session, with no action taken. AYES: Marshall, Miller, Gorham, Williams, Powell, Berning, Spiers, and Folvarcik. NAYS: None. Motion carried 8-0.

#### **ADJOURN:**

Motion to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. moved by Councilor Miller, second by Councilor Marshall. AYES: Miller, Marshall, Spiers, Gorham, Williams, Berning, Powell, and Folvarcik. NAYS: None. Motion carried 8-0.

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**Mayor J. Lance Green**

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**City Clerk, Robin Littrell**