

**A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND,
MISSOURI, February 25, 2009.**

PRAYER:

Led by Fire Chief Lonnie Quick

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Led by Cub Scouts Pak 324 Den 5

Mayor Lance Green called to order the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Richmond, Missouri on February 25, 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, Fire Chief Lonnie Quick, 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, Tom Williams, Dave Powell, Melissa Miller, and Tammy Folvarcik

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Scott Spiers – excused.

WELCOMING REMARKS – MAYOR:

Mayor Green welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM the February 11, 2009 Regular Meeting:

Minutes of the February 11, 2009 Regular Meeting approved as printed.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE:

Kathy Garner – 403 N. Thornton – Shared concerns with the TekCollect contract and the relocating of a private cemetery.

Terrie Stanley – 610 S. Wellington – Shared concerns with TekCollect and high water bills. She also gave a list of several residents and their water bill cost.

City Collector Marilyn O'Dell was asked to give a few reasons for the higher water bills on some of the residents Terrie Stanley specified.

Jim Rippy – 202 E. South St. – Spoke in favor of keeping the cemetery in its current location.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Councilor Marshall moved to adopt the agenda, second by Councilor Gorham. AYES: Marshall, Gorham, Miller, Berning, Williams, Powell, and Folvarcik. NAYS: None. Motion carried 7-0.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A. Finance Committee – Jason Berning: The Finance Committee met on Feb. 17th in conjunction with the Public Works Committee. The potential South Waste Water Treatment Plant Project was a large portion of discussion. The TekCollect proposal we discussed will be under Unfinished Business tonight. We also discussed our water meter system and weekend work and overtime pay associated with those jobs.
- B. Ordinance Committee – Beverly Gorham: The Ordinance Committee met on February 17th for one ordinance which is concerning an amendment to the farmer's market ordinance. It will be discussed further as it comes up on the agenda tonight under New Business.
- C. Public Works Committee – Scott Marshall: Due to Councilor Marshall's absence from the meeting on the 17th Councilor Berning explained as mentioned previously, the waste water project and weekend overtime pay were the main topics for the Public Works meeting.
- D. Public Safety Committee – Melissa Miller: We will have our next meeting on March 2nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Lance Green

Feb. 16 City Hall was closed in observance of President's Day

Feb. 25 Staff meeting

Reminders:

Thursday, February 26th – KFC/Taco Bell Ground Breaking Ceremony at 10 a.m.

Friday, February 27th – Mayor and City Clerk will discuss City Government and City Taxes with all 3rd graders @ Sunrise Elementary School

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Rick Childers

Compost Site Bids – After discussion consideration of contracted management of the City Compost Site. Direct costs to operate this facility are in excess of \$3,000 annually. Bid specs are being prepared and will be posted in the next two weeks, to determine if there is interest.

Lime Sludge Proposal– As requested by Council, staff has secured a lime sludge removal proposal which will remove all of the existing sludge from the south lagoon. Cost for complete removal is less than double the cost for the initial removal currently contracted and 100% of the additional charges will be deferred until Oct 3, 2009, thus falling within the next budget. Staff very strongly recommends approval of this proposal and requests a motion for approval. No further action was taken at this time.

South Plant Engineering – As details become available regarding the ARRA (Stimulus) funds, there are indications that up to 50% of those funds are aimed at water and wastewater projects and are intended for direct project grants and/or loan forgiveness. This may also indicate that this may result in principal-forgivable loans for some projects. Because the SWWTP project is a necessary upgrade we must undertake regardless of funding sources, staff recommends moving with all reasonable speed to select engineering and proceed with preliminary design work.

Motion moved by Councilor Berning, second by Councilor Marshall to begin negotiations with Olsson & Associates on a contract for the South Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion. AYES: Berning, Marshall, Gorham, Powell, Williams, Miller, and Folvarcik. NAYS: None. Motion carried 7-0.

Olsson & Associates will be at City Hall on Thursday, March 5, 2009 @ 4:30 p.m. for a presentation of the project at the SWWTP.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Storm Water Study Information – Engineers are moving forward.
- B. Henrietta Sewer Rate Information – Margie Long, Henrietta City Clerk presented a signed contract from the Henrietta City Council for the Richmond City Council to consider signing. Richmond City Attorney Brian Hall has reviewed this contract. Following council discussion motion moved by Councilor Marshall, second by Councilor Powell to have Mayor Green sign and accept the contract presented by the City of Henrietta for Sewer Services. AYES: Marshall, Powell, Folvarcik, Miller, Berning, Williams, and Gorham. NAYS: None. Motion carried 7-0.
- C. An Ordinance Amending Council Meeting Time & Place (Bill 09-01) *Second Reading* – Motion moved by Councilor Marshall, second by Councilor Williams for second reading of Bill 09-01 by title only. Mayor Green proceeded with the second reading of Bill 09-01 by title only. Motion moved by Councilor Marshall, second by Councilor Gorham to approve Bill 09-01 as an ordinance. AYES: Marshall, Gorham, Powell, Miller, Williams, Folvarcik, and Berning. NAYS: None. Bill 09-01 approved as ordinance 7-0.
- D. Collection Agency Presentation – Council asked Collector Marilyn O'Dell to comment on fees and references TekCollect offers. Motion moved by Councilor Berning, second by Councilor Folvarcik to send the TekCollect contract to City Attorney Brian Hall for review. AYES: Berning, Folvarcik, Miller, Williams, Powell, Marshall, and Gorham. NAYS: None. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion moved by Councilor Marshall, second by Councilor Miller for first reading by title only of Bill 09-07. Mayor Green proceeded with first reading of Bill 09-07 by title only.
- E. Discussion Only of Ordinance Amending Grave Markers (Bill 09-05) – Rick Childers, City Administrator explained that following further research that close to 40 % of the existing markers in the Memory Gardens are not bronze and that there are maintenance concerns. There are many granite and marble placed in the past few years. Following Council discussion and no action being taken the Council asked that this “Discussion Only” issue be removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. An Ordinance Amending Farmers Market (Bill 09-06) – The previous ordinance stated exact time and place and limited participants. The amendment of Bill 09-06 makes the ordinance less specific as to the time, place and variety of goods offered. Motion moved by Councilor Gorham for first and second reading of Bill 09-06 by title only, second by Councilor Williams. AYES: Gorham, Williams, Powell, Marshall, Berning, Folvarcik, and Miller. NAYS: None. Mayor Green proceeded with first and second reading of Bill 09-06 by title only. Motion moved by Councilor Gorham, second by Councilor Williams to approve Bill 09-06 as ordinance. AYES: Gorham, Williams, Marshall, Folvarcik, Berning, and Powell. NAYS: None. ABSTAIN: Miller. Bill 09-06 approved as ordinance 6-0-1.

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 7:33 p.m. AYES: Marshall, Miller, Williams, Gorham, Powell, Berning, and Folvarcik. NAYS: None. Motion approved 7-0.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Councilor Marshall moved, second by Councilor Gorham to return to open session at 8:06 p.m. from closed session, with no action taken. AYES: Marshall, Gorham, Williams, Miller, Folvarcik, Powell and Berning. NAYS: None. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. moved by Councilor Marshall, second by Councilor Berning. AYES: Marshall, Berning, Gorham, Williams, Miller, and Folvarcik. NAYS: None. Motion carried 7-0.

Mayor J. Lance Green

City Clerk, Robin Littrell