

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, OCTOBER 13, 2015

PRAYER: Police Officer Luke Covey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Fire Chief Lonnie Quick

Mayor Wright called to order the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Richmond, Missouri on, October 13, 2015 at 06:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Mike Wright, Mike Persell, Deanna Guy, Sam Coleman and Rob Kinnard, Tom Williams and Ron Peterson.

COUNCIL ABSENT: Dave Powell and Jim Dunwoodie

ROLL CALL – STAFF PRESENT: City Administrator-Ron Brohammer, City Clerk-Tonya Willim, Fire Chief-Lonnie Quick, Police Chief-Chad Burnine, Finance Director-Rebecca Hoeflicker, Wastewater Superintendent-Dale Shipp, Haley Williams, Marilyn O’Dell and City Attorney-Chris Williams

STAFF ABSENT: Joe Jackson, Sandra Williams and Lisa Hastings.

WELCOMING REMARKS – Mayor Wright welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: September 22, 2015 minutes of the regular meeting approved as printed.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: A motion to adopt the agenda as presented by Councilor Peterson, second by Councilor Williams. AYES: Guy, Peterson, Kinnard, Williams, Coleman and Persell. NAYS: None. Motion approved 6-0.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Rob Kinnard – committee has not met and therefore has nothing to report.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Deanna Guy – committee has not met since the last council meeting and therefore has nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS: Ron Peterson–the committee met at 5:30 tonight and discussed items that will be on the agenda tonight, as well as a discussion regarding alleys.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Dave Powell – absent nothing to report.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mike Wright. Attended the Swafford’s groundbreaking ceremony. Really nice turn out.

Appointment of Phillip Salmon. Roll called: Coleman, Kinnard, Williams, Guy, Purcell, and Peterson.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Ron Brohammer – report included in the packet. C/A stated that we had a EEZ board meeting to discuss an application from the Richmond News for the project that they are planning and the commissioners approved a tax abatement for that project. Their intention is to build a new building behind their current building. The purpose of this building will be further printing

press and they are going to try to centralize some of their printing. Staff and I met with Peter Hinkle from Schneider Electric their purpose is to try and help municipalities save money on different utilities and such. The survey is free and we are putting together some information for them to look through and provide back information to us regarding potential savings. I would also like to point out item number two under other hydrants the marketing branding and communications working group is seeking ways to develop a new city seal/logo currently it is a anchor and a rope. The chairman is Councilor Deanna Guy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

- A. Completion of Pigging Project. Councilor Peterson stated as discussed in the committee meeting earlier, about completing the pigging project met with Mr. Decker and he has an excellent plan to move forward and the committee feels not only an necessity the cost has been high due to all the residue in the lines. No one could have anticipated the amount of residue in the lines and we feel that this project needs to be completed. Motion to approve the completion of the pigging project not to exceed the estimate of \$29,000 by Peterson, second Williams AYES: Williams, Peterson, Coleman, Kinnard, Persell and Guy. NAYS: None. Approved 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- B. N. Thornton Water Service Connection Project. Councilor Peterson stated this is a project that pertains to connecting 20 services to the existing 8 inch main off of the old 2 inch line on North Thornton for a total of \$64,278. Motion to approve by Peterson, second Williams AYES: Williams, Peterson, Coleman, Kinnard, Persell and Guy. NAYS: None. Approved 6-0.
- C. Paving of Alleyway behind Ray County 911/Hometown. Councilor Peterson stated we needed to bring this to the council as a whole. This is an ongoing issue that we have discussed before, yet we have a policy that we don't touch alleys. There should be a discussion, as a council, as to whether we want to do something about addressing commercial alleys vs. residential alleys. On one hand, we are trying to develop business up at the square with redevelopment, this is the alley behind 911. It would be great to do that, but, do we really want to set a precedent of taking on the task to maintain residential alleys—can we separate and what can we do? What is the council's preference? At one time we had talked about the County participating on the paving of the alley, and that has since gone south.

Councilor Guy asked if the committee had a recommendation? Councilor Peterson stated there was only two members there tonight and one has an interest. So, no, that's why we decided to bring it to the full council.

Persell asked, has the alley ever been paved? Williams answered yes. Williams stated that the county and the city did partner and concreted the entrance way behind 911. Also in 2008, it did have blacktop on it and in 2009 or 2010 the city dug it up to replace the water line. They put gravel on it and it has washed out ever since. There are seven different businesses that use that alleyway. Persell asked what did the City do behind Jones Store? Mayor stated that was a storm water project. Persell asked what did the City do to the street? C/A stated only put roto mill on it. I have discussed this with the County Commissioners and asked if they would pay for the work or would partner the project and discussed that notation with some of the business owners and the Commissioners said they were not interested in participating. Williams stated the alley does not belong to the business owners and the County has a parking lot on the other side of the alley back there.

City Attorney Chris Williams, stated the City has right of way for an alley and I never hear anyone discuss alleys, so I really don't know who is responsible. Most of the time, if it ever comes up, its when someone wants to vacate an alley because it's not used. Williams said, yes, but you have to get

City approval to vacate. Persell asked how hard would it be to distinguish the difference between a commercial alleyway and a residential alley way? Peterson stated is should be a fairly easy straight forward assessment depending on the mapping system. It should be a fairly easy process. I think that is a reasonable request. Guy asked how much is the cost for the alleyway \$4500?

C/A said that is with Metro Asphalt and determining the difference between commercial vs. residential, it's pretty clear. They are either in the commercial part of town or the residential part. There are commercial alleys that are not used or are not used much and then are you going to address them as they come or if someone request it? As I said last week, this is a policy that the city has maintained for years. To me, a residential and commercial is obvious, but to go and inventory them; what about the alley behind the old Walmart Store is that an alley? Williams stated they own that property. Persell stated I don't want to set a precedent, but, I want make sure we can justify what we are doing. Guy asked who all drives or parks back there (alleyway). Williams stated all employees and if there is a store front they use that alley. Guy stated, I don't know if how the citizens would look upon paving an alleyway vs. a street. Williams asked how much money was spent on that at Hubbell/McCart that was widened for one business for a truck entrance that is never used.

Councilor Peterson stated that I do see both sides of this, that we don't want trucks sitting out front of the businesses blocking traffic and the other side of that is you do one, then they all want it. That is why I like Mike's (Persell) idea how we could determine and how it would affect us. I don't want to see delivery trucks blocking the square. I am disappointed we are not getting assistance from the County. Further discussion regarding - who is responsible and what is the policy.

Persell further stated, isn't it our policy if we did indeed tear up the alleyway then it is our responsibility to fix it. We do not have to get into the discussion if we maintain alleys, we are simply replacing what we tore up. Mayor said so just do the strip that we tore up? After a lengthy discussion, Councilor Persell made a motion to replace the pavement portion of alleyway back to its original condition. Motion rescinded later.

Mayor stated that's not really getting us where we need to be. That is more of a public works policy, I would think. The question is whether we are going to asphalt this alley or not asphalt it. Persell stated I can't say I want to asphalt the whole alley. Peterson said if our actions caused this. Dale Shipp stated what it would take the asphalt the alley.

Councilor Williams stated, he would talk to the business owners about partnering on the alleyway and at the next council meeting we can decide. After further discussion, motion to have 50% participation for an asphalt project, City to spend \$2250 and other seven business owners or buildings to fund the rest of the 13 x 311' alleyway by Councilor Guy, second by Councilor Persell. AYES: Coleman, Guy, Persell, Williams, Kinnard and Peterson. NAYS: None. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURN OPEN/ENTER CLOSED SESSION: Motion to adjourn open/enter closed pursuant to 610.021 (1) Legal, (3) Personnel, (9) Labor and (12) Contract at 7:20 p.m. by Councilor Guy, second by Councilor Peterson. AYES: Coleman, Guy, Persell, Williams, Kinnard and Peterson. NAYS: None. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURN CLOSE SESSION/ENTER OPEN SESSION: Motion to adjourn close/enter open at 8:00 p.m. with one action taken by Councilor Guy, second by Councilor Peterson. AYES: Coleman, Guy, Persell, Williams, Kinnard and Peterson. NAYS: None. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. by Councilor Guy, second by Councilor Peterson. AYES: Coleman, Guy, Persell, Williams, Kinnard and Peterson. NAYS: None. Motion carried 6-0..

City Clerk, Tonya A. Willim

Mayor, Mike Wright