

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, MISSOURI, OCTOBER 14, 2014

PRAYER: Led by Pastor Phillip Powers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Fire Chief Lonnie Quick

Mayor Wright called to order the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Richmond, Missouri on October 14, 2014 at 06:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL - COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Mike Wright, Dave Powell, Deanna Guy, Tom Williams, Bob Bond, Rob Kinnard, Sam Coleman, Jim Dunwoodie and Ron Peterson.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None.

ROLL CALL - PRESENT: City Administrator-Ron Brohammer, City Clerk-Tonya Willim, Fire Chief-Lonnie Quick, Police Chief-Chad Burnine, , Community Development-Lisa Hastings, Human Resources-Sandra Williams, Finance Director-Rebecca Hoeflicker, Collector-Marilyn O'Dell, Wastewater Superintendent-Dale Shipp, Street Superintendent-Joe Jackson, Recreation Director-Haley Williams and City Attorney-Chris Williams.

ABSENT: None.

WELCOMING REMARKS – Mayor Wright welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING – OPENED AT 6:37 Mayor stated the public hearing was on the FY14 Budget and City Administrator Ron Brohammer would present:

This public hearing is for the purpose of advising the public and seeking input from the public regarding the proposed base rate increase of \$5.00 per customer, to the current wastewater service charge. The current wastewater base rate for the City of Richmond is \$15.09 per service connection. After the proposed rate increase, the base charge will be \$20.09. The proposed rate increase will be effective after a favorable council vote on the 14th of October, 2014 for an ordinance establishing the rate of \$20.09. It would appear on the 15th of November bill. The background for this rate increase is based on information provided to the voters for the second sewer bond issue that was passed in April 2011. Prior to that vote, there had been a bond issue approved in 2010 by the voters that would have required a total base rate of \$9.38. The loan or bond issue that was approved in 2011 requires a minimum additional \$10.11 to service the bonds; the combination of these two bonds was briefed as requiring a minimum total base rate of \$19.49. This proposal was briefed at a public hearing that was held in the City Council Chambers prior to the vote; it was briefed to the service clubs in the community; it was briefed to the seniors at the Senior Center; it was briefed to the Economic Development Corporation, REDI Board of Directors; and it was briefed to the Chamber of Commerce Board. Additionally, there were numerous flyers and hand-outs that were prepared and handed out at the presentations. It was also posted at City Hall. That same brochure was mailed to all residents and commercial customers prior to the vote on the second bond issue. The essence of the brochure said the total base rate in 2014, the first full year of operation after all construction is completed would be approximately \$19.49. It further stated that a 1000 gallon user would pay a minimum total of \$26.99. The phasing of fees was also briefed during that time period as the fees would be phased in as costs began to occur. To date, we have spent over \$8,223,200 for the design, engineering, construction and other costs in development of the new plant. We have paid these out of our reserves, bond proceeds, grants, and a USDA loan and we need to continue paying as we move forward in this process. By the way, the expenditures thus far represent about \$3,205 per customer. Construction will be completed in the October, 2014 – February, 2015 timeframe. Repayment on the bonds, began in February 2014. We must be able to pay the bills and to maintain our wastewater reserves. We committed to spend \$600,000 of city funds for this project, plus the Council recently agreed to two options in plant construction which added approximately \$250,000 to this commitment for a total of \$850,000 in City funds. This is the third and final planned base rate increase. The City has several outside waste water customers who do not pay a base rate. Their rates are based on a usage charge only and are presently \$12.37 per one thousand gallons of waste water treated. During this entire construction period outside user rates have not been adjusted. In order to establish parity between outside users and inside users, outside rates will be increased by \$3.00 per thousand gallons of sewage treated,

bringing the outside rate to \$15.37 per thousand gallons. This is the first and only rate increase planned for outside users resulting from the construction project. I want to re-emphasize outside users pay no base fee, but only usage fees. This increase is required to balance fees and continue meeting our bond obligations. Are there any questions or comments regarding this proposal? *(No Comments)* Mr. Mayor after hearing no responses the staff will bring an Ordinance to the Council on the 14th of October to establish the new wastewater base rate of \$20.09 for each subscriber, effective with the November 15th billing. The usage fees will continue as they are presently at \$7.98 for each 1000 gallon usage. ***CLOSED – The C/A asked if there were any questions from the public or Council with none at that time the Mayor closed the Public Hearing closed at 6:42 p.m.***

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: September 23, 2014 regular meeting minutes approved as printed.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE: Debby Leebo, 502 E.N. Main St.; area in front of her house has drainage issue, and washing out gravel and fill where she parks her car. This is the area between the street and her fence. She would like the council to look at this area and provide a potential solution. Ms. Leebo uses this area as a parking space, where there is adequate parking in the back, but chooses not to park there. Mayor stated that different council members, C/A and he have look this area. Councilman Peterson stated there will be a PW Committee Meeting on Monday and will discuss at that time.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Motion to approve agenda as printed by Councilor Bond, second by Councilor Williams. AYES: Coleman, Powell, Guy, Peterson, Williams, Dunwoodie, Kinnard and Bond. NAYS: None. Motion approved 8-0.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Rob Kinnard – the committee has not met since the last council meeting. We will have a meeting on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

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

PUBLIC WORKS: Ron Peterson – the committee will meet Monday, October 20, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Dave Powell – the committee has not met and therefore has nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mike Wright. Mostly routine the last couple of weeks and I have been down to the new sewer plant a few times and it has really changed.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Ron Brohammer – written report included in the packet. I do not have anything to add to it but court night was a heavy docket and went well.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – Department reports were looked over individually and an opportunity for questions. Councilman Dunwoodie asked about the Fire Department repair line being high. Chief Quick explained all repairs in that line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Newmark Grubb Zimmer – Troy Nash presented council with preliminary draft of the Economic Development Assessment.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Change Order No. 5 – Ross Construction – Mike Milius, Olsson Associates. Mike explained the change order in the amount of \$6225 from Ross Construction. The change order is for removal of unknown rock at the South plant location in preparation of the influent pump station. Motion to approve by Williams, second by Peterson. AYES: Peterson, Powell, Kinnard, Guy, Bond, Williams, Dunwoodie and Coleman. NAYS: None. Motion carried 8-0.

B. Bill No.:14-27 Ordinance Amending Section 700.100 of the Municipal Code Regarding Sewer Rates. Motion by Powell, second Peterson, for the first and second reading by title only of **Bill 14-27** AYES: Peterson, Powell, Kinnard, Guy, Bond, Williams, Dunwoodie and Coleman. NAYS: None. Motion carried 8-0. City Clerk, Tonya Willim proceeded with the first and second reading by title only of **Bill 14-27**. Motion to adopt by Bond, second Kinnard to approve **Bill 14-27** as ordinance. Discussion by Council then roll called. AYES: Powell, Coleman, Kinnard, Peterson, Williams, Bond, Dunwoodie and Guy. NAYS: None. **Bill 14-27** Approved 8-0.


C. Bill No.: 14-28 Ordinance Approving A Settlement Agreement with Centurylink. Motion by Peterson, second Powell, for the first and second reading by title only of **Bill 14-28** AYES: Peterson, Powell, Kinnard, Guy, Bond, Williams, Dunwoodie and Coleman. NAYS: None. Motion carried 8-0. City Clerk, Tonya Willim proceeded with the first and second reading by title only of **Bill 14-28**. Motion to adopt by Peterson, second Guy to approve **Bill 14-28** as ordinance. Discussion by Council then roll called. AYES: Powell, Coleman, Kinnard, Peterson, Williams, Bond, Dunwoodie and Guy. NAYS: None. **Bill 14-28** Approved 8-0.

ADJOURN OPEN/ENTER CLOSED SESSION: Motion to adjourn open/enter closed pursuant to 610.021 (1) legal at 7:48 p.m. by Guy, second by Peterson. AYES: Coleman, Powell, Guy, Bond, Dunwoodie, Peterson, Kinnard and Williams. NAYS: None. Motion carried 8-0.

ADJOURN CLOSE SESSION/ENTER OPEN SESSION: Motion to adjourn close/enter open at 8:03 p.m. by Powell, second by Peterson. AYES: Coleman, Bond, Powell, Peterson, Dunwoodie, Guy, Kinnard and Williams. NAYS: None. Motion carried 8-0.

Discussions of different topics: potential leader for Economic Development; fire districts and sanitary overflows.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. by Williams, second by Powell. AYES: Coleman, Powell, Dunwoodie, Guy, Bond, Kinnard, Peterson and Williams. NAYS: None. Motion carried 8-0.


City Clerk, Tonya Willim


Mayor, Mike Wright