

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

OCTOBER 6, 2008

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M., ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008, BY MAYOR RIX.

Council members and the audience present stood for the Pledge and Invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present: Misteravich, Olson, Reindel, Rix, Schultz, Yaroch, Yelencich

Absent: None

Others: City Manager Moore, City Clerk Stagl

Visitors: Andrew Benoit from the Voice, DPS Director Fejedelem, Al Bryant, Dave Hambaum, David Stanley, Jason and Denise Szymanski; Richard and Stormey Tasny

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by **Yaroch**, seconded by **Olson**, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2008, regular meeting, as presented

All yeas

Motion passes

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (non-agenda items)

Dave Hambaum, the Director of Building and Grounds and the Richmond Community Schools, briefed Council on the Campus Beautification and Tree Restoration Campaign that was being undertaken by the schools. He informed Council that it has been necessary to remove over 100 large mature ash trees from the School Campus, which has drastically altered the environment of school campus. Together with D & E Landscaping of Richmond, the school district has developed a tree re-establishment and campus beautification plan that should beautify the school campus. The plan ties directly into the Streetscape project that the City of Richmond has established.

For a donation sponsorship of \$250.00 a tree will be planted on the school campus and a placard will be placed identifying the donor's name.

Wanted to make Council aware of the project and asked for support from Council.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by **Yaroch**, seconded by **Schultz**, to adopt the Agenda as presented.

All yeas

Motion passes

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Receive and File Police Bulletins dated September 8th through September 28th, 2008
- b) Receive and File August 25, 2008, TIFA Meeting Minutes
- c) Receive and File August 26, 2008, Recreation Board Meeting Minutes
- d) Approval of October 2, 2008, Schedule of Bills in the amount of \$677,395.12

Motion by **Yaroch**, seconded by **Yelencich**, to adopt the Consent Agenda as presented.

All yeas

Motion passes

PUBLIC HEARING

None scheduled.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Consideration of Karen Street Drainage Issues

City Manager Moore informed Council that since the last meeting Tetra Tech has continued to review plans and took additional elevation shots of Karen Street residents' backyards. Due to the lack of information/elevations on the Orchard Meadows plans, we cannot definitively say that the approval of the subdivision caused or did not cause the water problems in these backyards to be worse. It is difficult to say if the primary cause of this was the subdivision, backyard improvements made by residents or just pre-existing conditions. Additionally, when the water in the backyards gets high enough it flows out into Karen Street causing water or ice to build up in the parking and travel lanes of Karen Street. Due to a lack of a clear cause, and the water problems on Karen Street, administration is recommending a solution similar to sidewalks, a 50/50 split on a special assessment for drainage improvements. Administration has reviewed the options for drainage improvements with the City Engineer. The best route is to bring a storm line from Karen Street to the back of the properties, set a drainage structure with a swale ditch running north and south from the drainage structure.

Administration met with the property owners on Thursday night to go over the proposal with them prior to the council Meeting. All residents in attendance at the Thursday meeting are in favor of being special assessed for the drainage improvements to their property.

Motion by **Yaroch**, seconded by **Yelencich**, to direct administration to prepare special assessment plans and documents for the Karen Street drainage issues.

All yeas

Motion passes

2. Consideration of Extension of Winter Maintenance Contract for Police Post

Motion by **Olson**, seconded by **Reindel**, to extend the Police Post Winter Maintenance Contract 2005-WM-1 to Dossin's Inc., for a two year time period to cover the FY2008/2009 and 2009/2010 winter seasons with expenses charged to line item 101-266-816.000, Building Maintenance Contract, Buildings & Grounds-Police Post: General Fund and authorize a change order to the contract to be executed.

All yeas

Motion passes

3. Consideration of Board Appointments

Motion by **Yelencich**, seconded by **Schultz**, to confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Bernard Osebold to the Economic Development Corporation for a 6-year term with an expiration date of 07/01/2012.

All yeas

Motion passes

Motion by **Olson**, seconded by **Reindel**, to appoint Ronda LaGrois to the Lois Wagner Memorial Library Board for a 2-year term with an expiration date of 06/30/2010.

All yeas

Motion passes

Motion by **Reindel**, seconded by **Misteravich**, to appoint Deanna Lashbrook to the Recreation Board to fill a vacant term with an expiration date of 3/31/2010.

All yeas

Motion passes

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

- There will be a bridge opening ceremony on October 11th at 1 pm for the bridge across M53 on the Macomb-Orchard Trail
- Council has received 2009 calendar pages that reflect possible 2009 Recognition Dinner dates – Council needs to decide which date is best.
- Little League will be making a presentation to Council at the next meeting.
- The Recreation Master Plan Stakeholders meeting will be on November 6th.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Olson – Attended the Eastpointe Open House. Their new City Hall made excellent use of the City Property. Encouraged the City's Building Facility Committee members to travel to Eastpointe to see how they have effectively built a new building.

Yaroch – Thanked Dave Hambaum for making the presentation.

- Complimented the Parks and Recreation Staff for the Pizza and Parks public meeting on the Recreation Master Plan.
- Attended the MML Conference – it was very informative.

Misteravich – Had a good time at the MML Conference

- Congratulated the Richmond High School Football Team on winning their Homecoming game.

Schultz – The Christmas Parade is scheduled for Friday, December 5th – the City Calendar indicates December 6th – this had to be changed.

Rix – EMS/Rotary is sponsoring a drive through Flu Clinic on October 15th from 8am – 2pm at the Richmond Auto Auction.

- Richmond Township will be hosting an Identify Theft/Scam Program on October 27th at 7 PM at the Richmond Township Hall.
- Garbage pick for the City will be on Tuesday October 7th and will continue to be on Tuesday from this week forward.
- This is Fire Prevention Week – the Fire Department will be hosting an Open House on October 12th.
- The water tank will be cleaned on October 21st.
- Reminder of upcoming Calendar Events:
10/9 – Planning Commission Meeting at 7:30 pm
10/13 – Library Board Meeting at 7:00 pm
10/15 – EDC Meeting at 7:00 pm
10/21 – Council Meeting at 7:00 pm

CLOSED SESSION

None scheduled.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by **Yelencich**, seconded by **Reindel**, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:51 p.m.

All yeas

Motion passes

Respectfully submitted:

Karen M. Stagl
City Clerk