

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 25, 2014
CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

Mayor Barnes called the meeting order 6:01 p.m.

**PRESENT: Commissioner Baird, Blythe, King, Newby and Mayor Barnes
ALSO PRESENT: Jimmy Howard; City Manager, Garrett Fowles; City Attorney,
Lisa Cassity; City Clerk**

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations

- 1) Eastern Kentucky University Men's Basketball- OVC 2014 Champions
- 2) Hunger Awareness Proclamation- Empty Bowls Project Committee

Minute Approval:

- 1) Special Called City Commissioner Meeting held on March 11, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
- 2) Regular City Commission Meeting held on March 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Ordinance 14-08: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending Ordinance No. 12-15 Concerning the Maintenance of Abandoned Residential Properties.

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Mayor Barnes stated that the ordinance presented is too vague and needs to include to time limitation for the windows/doors to be replaced. Garrett Fowles responded that it's up to the Codes Department to place the time limitation in cases where special doors/windows would need to be ordered. However, that agreed that the Codes

Department would be able to enforce whatever time limitation is placed on the property owner when violation is issued.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner King	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Ordinance 14-09: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Re-Naming a City Street (Four Mile Avenue)

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 14-35: An Order of the City of Richmond Entering into an Updated Lease Agreement with Dever, Inc for Golf Carts.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 14-36: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring Seasonal Workers for Gibson Bay Golf Course.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner King

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 14-40: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring a Candidate for the Richmond Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner King

VOTING: **YES** **NO**

Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 14-41: An Order of the City of Richmond Revising and Adopting a Park Security Officer Job Description for the City.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING: **YES** **NO**

Commissioner King	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 14-42: An Order of the City of Richmond Entering into a Contract for Professional Services with Hope's Wings, Inc.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

VOTING: **YES** **NO**

Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

Order 14-43: An Order of the City of Richmond Appointing a New Member to the Madison County Ambulance Board.

Read by City Clerk

Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING: **YES** **NO**

Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	

Public Comments

1. Bill Mulhern- Richwood Subdivision Homeowners Association President

Mr. Mulhern thanks the commission for getting Ordinance 14-08 drafted and placed on the agenda so quickly. Mr. Mulhern referenced the city's Comprehensive Plan which stated that the city would work with Homeowner's Associations and questioned why he hadn't been contacted yet. However, he did encourage the city to work more with local neighborhood associations to assist more with enforcement issues.

Garrett Fowles responded that if a neighborhood doesn't have an association established during development, it's very hard to get everyone to buy into the thought of neighborhood regulations/enforcement by each other. If a neighborhood doesn't have an association then it reverts back to the deed restrictions and when the final plat is recorded.

Departmental Reports

None

City Manager's Report

Mr. Howard discussed the following item:

1. Budget FY 14-15: started working on the draft budget this week
2. District Court/ Hall of Justice building- repair parts for the cooling tower are in and completed.
3. Sidewalk repair on S. Second Street by Elks Building- the sidewalk retention wall needs to be repaired and will take approximately 2 weeks. That portion of the street until the exit of Community Trust Bank parking lot will be closed to the public for that duration.
4. HVAC unit at City Hall needs to be replaced due to it being over 20 years old. Currently getting a study completed to see what all is needed and estimated costs could reach to \$200,000.00. Once the study is completed the city will go out for bids.
5. Broadcasting of various meetings on channel 12 in the commission chambers- Mr. Howard announced that the city is looking at replacing the microphones, mixing board and a modulator that send the video to Time Warner Cable. The city is working on improving the quality of meetings so citizens can see the meetings easier on TV.
6. Meeting with District 7 State Transportation Cabinet regarding the turning lanes on Barnes Mill Road located in front of Richmond Centre.
7. Blacktop plants opening soon and the city will be filling in potholes with asphalt instead of the temporary coal patch.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Blythe

1. Announced that he visited a town in Alabama that also has an Army Depot that is currently underway in the process of destroying old chemical weapons. He commented that the city is still very viable. Mayor Barnes asked if the base would be closing after the chemicals are destroyed. Commissioner Blythe responded that the local university plans to utilize that space.

Commissioner King

No report

Commissioner Newby

No report

Commissioner Baird

No report

Mayor Barnes

1. Announced Richmond Register Reporter is leaving and wished him all the best in his career, but welcomed Bill Robinson back to the commission meetings!

Adjournment: 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:

YES NO

Commissioner Blythe x

Commissioner King x

Commissioner Newby x

Commissioner Baird x

Mayor Barnes x

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk