

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 08, 2014  
CITY HALL  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
6:00 PM**

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**Mayor Barnes called the meeting order 6:02 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) Fair Housing Proclamation- FAHE
- 2) Healthy Kids Proclamation- YMCA

Commissioner Blythe notified the City Clerk that he would need to leave the meeting at 6:45pm for a prior commitment.

**Minute Approval:**

- 1) Regular City Commission Meeting held on March 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner King	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	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.

**Second Reading** Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	

Mayor Barnes x

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

**Second Reading** Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Ordinance 14-10:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Establishing the Salaries of the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners.

**First Reading** Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

Commissioner King stated that the cities debt is 95.6 million and requested the commission to consider lowering the salaries more.

Commissioner Newby agreed with Commissioner Kings request to lower the salaries more than what is proposed on Ordinance 14-10.

Commissioner King noted that the employees have given up a lot such as fire and police and feels that the commission should lower the salaries.

Mayor Barnes suggested that the salaries should then just stay as they are currently are to date.

Commissioner Baird agreed with Mayor Barnes suggestion as the salaries just remain the same are they are currently.

Mayor Barnes questioned what is their current salary rate? No commission members could give the exact rate of pay.

Garrett Fowles suggested that either the commission could just go ahead to read the new estimated salary rates since we don't have the exact figures tonight. Or that the commission could hold a special called meeting to approve the exact figures. Mr. Fowles stated that the exact figures were located in the City Clerks office and she could provide that information.

Commissioner Blythe stated that it sounds like a lot of factors went into place before drawing up the salaries that are currently being presented on Ordinance 14-10.

He accounted factors such as comparable city sizes, compensation that other elected officials are taking and then cost of living adjustments. Commissioner Blythe stated that the figures presented sounded proper to the calculations.

Mayor Barnes stated that Richmond is a Second Class City and on average according to the KLC Wage and Salary surveys the Commission members make about \$15,000.00 and Mayor makes about \$19,000.00. When salaries are passed keep in mind it can't be changed for another four years.

Commissioner King stated that she would like to see the figures and average salaries of those other cities before making a decision on this proposed ordinance.

Commissioner Newby suggested that a Special Called meeting take place to review the figures. Garrett Fowles added that the figures are already compiled and ask the city clerk to provide that information.

Commissioner Blythe questioned since a motion was already on the table if he needed to withdraw his first motion and then table.

**WITHDRAW MOTION**

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

**TABLED**

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 14-44:** An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring Seasonal Workers for Gibson Bay Golf Course. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 14-45:** An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring Seasonal Workers for Parks Building and Grounds Department. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby  
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 14-46:** An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Re-Appointing Members to the Richmond Ethics Board. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Baird  
Seconded: Commissioner King

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner King	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 14-47:** An Order of the City of Richmond Adjusting an Employee's Salary in the Section 8 Housing Department. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby  
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Commissioner Blythe questioned how the department is currently staffed, and are the salaries comparable.

Mr. Howard responded that the city does plan to advertise for a secretary position with a competitive salary.

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	
Mayor Barnes	x	

**Order 14-48:** An Order of the City of Richmond Employing a Seasonal Golf Maintenance Worker. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby  
Seconded: Commissioner Baird

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner King	x	

Commissioner Newby	x
Mayor Barnes	x

**AMEND AGENDA to include Order 14-49**

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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Commissioner Blythe	x
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Commissioner King	x
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Commissioner Newby	x
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Commissioner Baird	x
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Mayor Barnes	x
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**Order 14-49:** An Order of the City of Richmond Revising and Adopting a Disbursement Clerk Job Description for the City. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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Commissioner King	x
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Commissioner Newby	x
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Commissioner Baird	x
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Commissioner Blythe	x
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Mayor Barnes	x
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**Public Comments**

None

**Departmental Reports**

**Police Department- Chief Larry Brock**

1. Requested to revise the Sick Leave and donation policies due to some pending impacts it could make on his department.

- Mayor stated since Commissioner Blythe needed to leave early that he could go ahead with his report.

**Commissioner Blythe**

1. Empty Bowls Project Event

2. Day of Prayer Event

**City Manager's Report**

Mr. Howard discussed the following item:

1. Budget- currently has met with 12 out of the 15 departments for the projected budget.
2. Black top factories have opened and the city has been filling in potholes with asphalt.

3. Sign Racks on the Eastern By-pass and Robert M. Martin By-pass has been put up and looks nice to have all the signs consolidated in one area. This request was made by the State Transportation Cabinet and noted the racks were made by the Street Department.
4. Conducted a police officer swearing in ceremony on March 28<sup>th</sup> for Corey Barron.
5. Adventure Falls opened for the season on April 5<sup>th</sup>.
6. Lights on Marshall Field have been installed.
7. Golf Course has been mowed and up & running for the season.
8. Parks Building- condition of gym floor
9. July 4<sup>th</sup> event planning is underway and will be a Friday event this year.

**Commissioner Reports**

**Commissioner King**

No report

**Commissioner Newby**

No report

- Commissioner King exited the meeting early

**Commissioner Baird**

1. Empty Bowls event
2. Salvation Army fundraiser event

**Mayor Barnes**

1. Holy Week event was announced by Pastor Bob Vickers from First Christian Church.
2. Mayor Barnes stated a correction was needed on Commissioner King’s debt figures. He explained that the cities debt is around 15 million.
3. Announced that the Little League season is beginning this weekend and he’s throwing out the first pitch.

**Adjournment: 6:52 p.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

<b>VOTING:</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Baird	x	
Commissioner Blythe	absent	
Commissioner King	absent	
Mayor Barnes	x	

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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City Clerk