

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
APRIL 23, 2014  
CITY HALL  
CONFERENCE ROOM  
10:00 AM**

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**Mayor Barnes called the meeting order 10:00 a.m.**

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

**Tabled Ordinance 14-10:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky  
Establishing the Salaries of the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners.  
**Second Reading** Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Commissioners Blythe informed the commission that he's been playing with the numbers and the principal is the same. He noted that the Mayor's salary is 20% increase than City Commissioner salaries which resulted in a \$2,000-\$3,000 difference. And now with the proposed Ordinance the Mayor salary is 39% difference which he felt could be seen as excessive. The salaries were adjusted lower by City Commissioner \$12,073 and for Mayor \$11,396.

Mayor Barnes responded that his time is invested verses others time invested and felt this was a fair number. He added that all cities are different by example of the Mayor in Owensboro who receives no salary. Mayor asked the commission to leave the salaries as presented in the first reading.

Commissioner Blythe commented that it was the Mayor's choice to put in how much ever time invested in the position verses the statue that defines the elected officials as part time.

Commissioner King stated her proposal as the City of Covington has a larger population than Richmond and felt since the city has debt that the salaries should be set at Mayor- \$10,000 and Commissioner- \$8,000. Commissioner King questioned how the Mayor of one city can take no salary and thought he must have to first pay taxes on the salary and then gives it back to the city. She felt this was an fair assessment and questioned Commissioner Newby if he was agreement. Commissioner Newby responded by yes.

Mayor Barnes stated that this ordinance is making the salaries established and can going forward be adjusted to this base. He stated that the calculations came from Department of Local Government and Kentucky League of Cities.

Commissioner King informed the commission that when her mother was the Mayor that her salary was only \$2,500, and as a good steward gave back her salary to the city.

Commissioner Baird questioned what all debt the city has currently. Mayor noted that this is another issue and asked for roll call on ordinance.

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

**Adjournment: 10:16 a.m.**

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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City Clerk