

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2014
CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

Mayor Barnes called the meeting order 6:00 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) Tiger Grant Application- Betsy Milburn, Community Development
- 2) Touch a Truck Event- Betsy Milburn, Leadership Madison County

Minute Approval:

- 1) Regular City Commission Meeting held on April 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Special Called City Commission Meeting held on April 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Blythe
Seconded: Commissioner Baird

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

Ordinance 14-12: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Expressing the Intention of the City to Annex Certain Property into the City of Richmond (Sembol Systems, Inc. Property)

First Reading- Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Baird
Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Commissioner King questioned if this was an involuntary annexation. Mr. Howard responded that he was spoken with Travis Hamilton, President of Sembol Systems which did not state they were petitioning the annexation, however, questions as to taxes and the current city services.

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

Ordinance 14-13: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the City's Zoning Code Relating to an Additional use within a B-3 Zoning District.

First Reading- Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Order 14-58: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring a Candidate for the Richmond Police Department. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Order 14-59: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Retirement by an Employee in the Public Works Department. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Order 14-60: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Adopting an Interlocal Agreement between the City and the County and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Same on Behalf of the City.
Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Order 14-61: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring Seasonal Workers for Parks Building and Grounds Department. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Baird
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Order 14-62: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting the Resignation by an Officer in the Police Department. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Order 14-63: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring Seasonal Workers for the Parks Department. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe
Seconded: Commissioner King

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

Order 14-64: An Order of the City of Richmond Employing an Intern for the Tourism Department. Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

AMEND AGENDA to include Ordinance 14-14

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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

Ordinance 14-14: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the City’s Development Plan as to Construction Guarantees and the Time within which a Development’s Sidewalks are to be Constructed and Completed.

First Reading- Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Baird

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

Public Comments

None

Departmental Reports

Fire Department- Chief Buzzy Campbell

1. Currently flushing fire hydrants
2. Employee recruits have just completed their 7th week of training

City Manager’s Report

Mr. Howard discussed the following item:

1. Senior Citizen building shelter completed
2. New entrance to Tourism office
3. Ordered 2 dump trucks for Public Works Department. One will be purchased out of the budget and the other with MAP funds.

4. Planning to purchase a used Articulating Boom Lift just the city.
5. Street Poles downtown- painting, purchasing new banners and hardware and the hanging flower baskets.
6. Election Day 5-20-14 No alcohol sales
7. Swimming pool opens 5-24-14
8. Memorial Day 5-26-14 City Offices Closed
9. Electronic bidding for sale 5-27-14. This is the 3rd year that the city has bid salt online.
10. Special Called Meeting for Budget & Pay grades 5-29-14 10:00am

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Baird

1. Attended the 4-26-14 Airport open house with free plane rides
2. Attended the 4th Annual Richmond Police Banquet last week
3. Attended the 5-8-14 Madison County Extension Office Elected Officials Appreciation Luncheon and also the Asher Lodge Award dinner that evening.
4. Attended 5-9-14 CEMP seminar on elder abuse prevention where Commissioner Blythe presented a Proclamation on behalf of the City.
5. Encouraged everyone to see the new improvements at the Richmond Senior Citizen Center and expressed how greatly the seniors enjoy the new shelter area.
6. Announced the Tourism Open House event on May 15th from 4-7pm at 345 Lancaster Ave.

Commissioner Newby

No report

Commissioner King

1. Requested the city rescind Ordinance chapter 70.10 regarding bicycles on sidewalk. Commissioner King read the ordinance. She stated the ordinance was outdated and requests the city approve use of bicycles and other vehicles to be used on the sidewalks. She explained that term, "other vehicles" could be interpreted as electric motor chairs.

She explained that children should not be riding out in the street with traffic and witnessed today 16 bicycles riding on the sidewalk. She pointed out that according to the Ordinance those 16 bicycles were breaking a law for riding on the sidewalk and requested that the ordinance be updated. She asked the commission to consider children's safety and allow them to ride on the sidewalks with bicycles, skates or skateboards. Commissioner King directed the City Attorney to write an Ordinance for the next meeting to be voted on with these recommendations. She stated that children were not thought about during the Irvine McDowell situation, but that we can today. City Attorney Garrett Fowles agreed that children should not have to ride out in the street, but expressed that the laws for sidewalks are for pedestrian traffic. He

Commissioner Blythe

1. Asking that when the ordinance is drafted that safety be the number one consideration. He explained when he was younger that he was taught to dismount when met with a pedestrian on the sidewalk.

Garrett Fowles responded that of course any parent would not want their child riding in the streets. But he went to explain that he rides a bike himself and often moves a quickly as 25 mph. Which that rate of speed could be very dangerous when riding on a sidewalk. Of course, there would be a range of activities that would and would not be permissible, and would keep those in mind when looking at the ordinance.

2. Attended the Habitat for Humanity event on 5-8-14 and the luncheon at the Extension Office.

3. Attended the CEMP seminar on elder abuse prevention. He advised all citizens especially the elder to be aware of scams.

4. Announced that the Supreme Court ruled that prayer can be allowed now during town hall meetings.

Mayor Barnes

1. Mayor Barnes explained to the citizens that local government is to protect all our citizens in the city and that we don't have the ability to correct all of these issues at one time. He expressed that biking is important to the quality of life for our citizens, and understands the request to amend ordinances. However, he described the sidewalks current aging conditions and widths are not suitable for both bicycle and pedestrian traffic. He explained that sidewalks needed to be at least 8 feet wide to accommodate both forms of traffic safely and the cities sidewalk conditions are not adjustable for that change. He announced that the city is looking into grants that would provide the city with bike paths and sidewalk improvements. He did add that he wants all our citizens to be able to move around town, but also in protecting their safety as well.

2. Annexations

Mayor Barnes challenged the commission for everyone to find ways to increase revenue in Richmond. He stated it's not fair for businesses to have city services and not pay taxes is wrong.

3. Attended a ground breaking ceremony for a new career center out by Kohl's.

4. Announced Special Olympics Kentucky summer games will be June 6th, 2014 and encouraged everyone to attend the event to cheer on the athletes.

5. Time Warner Cable Franchise Agreement- Currently requesting a 5 year extension of the contract.

6. Announced he had a storm water meeting with Jason Hart and a ECU Geology Professor about Water Street improvements. Mayor also announced that the FEMA funding was fully approved!

7. Announced that he is extremely proud of the Richmond Utility Board and feels that it's the most efficient organization.

8. Announced that Richmond hosted the Japan sister city visit last week out at Gibson Bay Golf Course.

9. Attended the Richmond Police Awards Banquet and commended all the officers that serve.

10. Attended the KLC City Officials II Academy last week in Owensboro, KY.

Adjournment: 7:08 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Baird

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk