

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 28, 2014  
CITY HALL  
COMMISSION CHAMBERS  
6:00 PM**

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**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, Lisa Cassity; City Clerk, Garrett Fowles; City Attorney  
Pledge of Allegiance**

**Presentations**

- 1) Hope's Wings- Jennifer Lainhart
- 2) Judge Neal Presentation
- 3) Diabetes Awareness Proclamation- Paula Holland

**Minute Approval:**

- 1) Regular City Commission Meeting held on October 14, 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 14-28:** An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Relating to Premises Licensed for the Retail Sale of Alcoholic Beverages.

**Second Reading**

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

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





Commissioner Blythe questioned Attorney Garrett Fowles if legally the Commission could remove a recommendation made by another board and a citizen driven survey.

Commissioner Baird questioned Mr. Frakes if he knew he still wanted the fields there in 2015 and 2016. Mr. Frakes and audience loudly responded with chatter and Mayor called the meeting back in order.

Commissioner Blythe questioned the procedures on which the recommendations come to the Board of Commissioners and how certain details are handled from other departments and boards. Commissioner Blythe questioned Mr. Frakes on if he has appropriated the Parks Board in regards to his concern with their recommendation. Mr. Frakes responded that he has only spoken with his constituents that are here and that will listen to him. Commissioner Blythe stressed that the survey was citizen driven these questions should be directed to the Parks Boards. Mr. Frakes approached the bench to show Commissioner Blythe that his name was on the Parks Master Plan, and Commissioner Blythe responded yes to the level that it should.

Mayor Barnes stated that there should not be any vote tonight, that it should be referred back to the Park Board for those boards to meet and review that particular concern.

**Commissioner Blythe made a motion that the motion by Commissioners Newby and King be Tabled. Seconded by 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	

**2. Female Citizen**

Citizen stated that she took the survey and found it long, with only about 3 questions in regards to softball fields. She stated that she responded in the survey to leave the fields alone and not move them. She also stated that if she could have seen the plan before the commission voted she would have been at the last meeting to voice her concerns.

**3. Male Citizen “Chris”**

Commissioner King called Chris up to the podium and told him that the motion that was made by Commissioner Newby and herself was tabled, but will be back up for vote. Citizen commented that there’s a white elephant in the room and everyone fears that the ball fields will disappear as like in the past.

Mayor Barnes suggested that the softball board contact Erin Moore at Parks and get both boards together for a meeting to discuss these concerns. Commissioner Baird suggested that maybe the Parks Board may be able to meet in the evenings to accommodate the softball board members.

Commissioner King stated to Chris the next thing to watch for is a vote that she will bring up again.

#### **4. Bill Mulhern- Richwood Subdivision Homeowner Association President**

Mr. Mulhern stated that it's been 3 years now trying to get the streets in his subdivision dedicated to the city and asked where the project stands. Mayor responded that the grate is being made and once that's in place the streets will be dedicated.

Mr. Mulhern also discussed a property in his subdivision that he would consider a frat house with college students and their behavior. Garrett Fowles responded that he has been trying to create an ordinance to address this issue. Mr. Fowles asked for guidance from the commission on how to create the ordinance and what enforcements does the city want to impose.

### **Departmental Reports**

#### **Tourism- Lori Tatum**

Announced several events this weekend in Richmond

1. KMEA state championships will be hosted at EKU
2. Ladies Bowling Tournament
3. Bluegrass State Games- Cheer competition

#### **City Manager's Report**

Mr. Howard discussed the following item:

1. Street paving almost completed with 2 streets left.
2. Water Street Project: will have Main Street opened backup by the weekend
3. Upstairs City Hall Carpet completed for now. Once Planning & Zoning moves to the basement, the middle section will then be completed.
4. Basement Construction: well underway with painting, carpet and modular furniture has been ordered for reception area.
5. Truck lift for vehicle maintenance has been accepted and was an item that was already budgeted.
6. Encroachment Permits: overhead signs for Main Street were declined, and the bike lane for out W. Main was approved
7. Auditors: were on site in City Hall for 2 weeks and now are just sending electronic documents as requested.
8. Irvine McDowell Park- reviewed all the improvements that have been made to the park over the fiscal year.
9. Taxes coming in steady as deadline for discount is October 31<sup>st</sup>
10. Trick or Treat for Richmond is October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8pm city wide.

### **Commissioner Reports**

#### **Commissioner Blythe**

No report

#### **Commissioner Baird**

Announced Halloween Hoedown will be October 30<sup>th</sup>, Thursday from 6-8pm on Main Street.

**Commissioner Newby**

No report

**Commissioner King**

No report

**Mayor Barnes**

Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

EKU President Benson Inauguration

News

- The City would like to advise citizens to be aware that throwing grass clippings and leaves in the streets clogs the storm drains. Leaf pick up will begin first week of October thru December.
- No Commission Meeting- November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran’s Day
- City Offices will be closed on Veteran’s Day
- Water Street Project: Maybe by the end of this week, open Main Street

Mayor thanked both the Police and Fire Chiefs for handling traffic during the chemical spill that happened on the interstate this week.

**Adjournment: 7:28 p.m.**

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	

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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City Clerk