

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2023
CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

Mayor Blythe called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT: Commissioner Brewer, Cole, Goble, Newby and Mayor Blythe
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Minerich: City Manager, Lisa Cassity: City Clerk, Tyler
Frazier: City Attorney**

Minutes

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on December 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Workshop Meeting held on December 20, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 23-04: An Order of the City of Richmond Promoting Employees to Master Patrol Officer.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Pinning Ceremony:

Douglas Gay
Daniel Toth
Emily Faulkner

Ordinance 23-01: An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the Boundaries of the Downtown Mill District.

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

City Manager explained that these amended boundaries would mirror the Entertainment District to prevent confusion.

NO Vote Taken

Ordinance 23-02: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending the Funds Collected from the Water Meter Surcharges to be Allocated for Storm Water Projects.

First Reading

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Goble

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

City Manager stated that by having those funds earmarked that it would be able to maintain the stormwater antiquated system, clean up detention and retention ponds. Most subdivisions now don't have a HOA that maintains these public facilities.

NO Vote Taken

Ordinance 23-03: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Declaring the City's Intent to Annex a Tract of Property into City Limits and Referring the Annexation to the Richmond Planning and Zoning Commission for a Zoning Recommendation.

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

NO Vote Taken

Nomination for Mayor Pro-Tem: Mendi Goble as Highest Vote

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 23-01: An Order of the City of Richmond Appointing a Mayor Pro-Tem.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Cole

VOTING:	YES	NO

Commissioner Newby	x
Commissioner Brewer	x
Commissioner Cole	x
Commissioner Goble	x
Mayor Blythe	x

Order 23-02: An Order of the Board of Commissioners Approving a Task Order for the Armory Park Project and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Same on Behalf for the City.

Read by City Manager
 Motion: Commissioner Newby
 Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

City Manager explained that a retaining wall was discovered while clearing out the property lines and will need to be removed and resloped.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 23-03: An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a Bid for the Operation of Kayak/Canoe Rentals at Lake Reba Board Dock Property.

Read by City Clerk
 Motion: Commissioner Cole
 Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 23-05: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending Section 8: Holidays of the City’s Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual.

Read by City Clerk
 Motion: Commissioner Cole
 Seconded: Commissioner Goble

City Manager explained that the 3 local governments along with the state are trying to mirror all the same holiday scheduled. This would have Richmond adding Presidents Day and ensure future public safety clarification between the government agencies.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 23-06: An Order of the City of Richmond Authorizing the Purchase of a Truck for the Public Works Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

City Manager corrected price as \$38,000 for truck and \$16,000 for truck bed installed. This truck would be dedicated to a full-time sidewalk crew.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 23-07: An Order of the City of Richmond Appointing a New Member to the Richmond Housing Authority Board.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Goble

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 23-08: An Order of the City of Richmond Adopting a Job Description for the Codes Planning Safety and Risk Management Department.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 23-09: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond,
Kentucky Authorizing Funding for the Enrich Project.

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

~~**Order 23-10:** An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond,
Kentucky Authorizing Option to Purchase Contract.~~

~~Read by City Clerk~~

City Manager requested this item be tabled until the next meeting for future clarification.

Motion to TABLE: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 23-11: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond,
Kentucky Authorizing the City's Purchase of Goods and Services without
Necessity of Competitive Bidding.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

City Manager briefed the commission on what transpired on Christmas Day during the freezing weather at the AOC building. It has been deemed an emergency for repairs and he's legally notified the Finance Department about these expenditures. The city hopes to apply the costs for the \$10,000 insurance deductible and expect expenditures to be under \$30,000 but no guarantee at this point. This deemed emergency would be covered legally with procurement. He additionally thanked the city staff for the quick response during the holiday.

VOTING:	YES	NO
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Commissioner Brewer	x
Commissioner Cole	x
Commissioner Goble	x
Commissioner Newby	x
Mayor Blythe	x

Order 23-12: An Order of the City of Richmond Authorizing the Release of Funds to Madison Homes.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Public Comments –

1. Debbie Vescio- Citizen
Ms. Vescio submitted documents in opposition of the development in the Goggins Lane area.
2. Jerry Leach- Goggins Lane resident
Mr. Leach expressed concerns about the Goggins Lane developments.
3. Mike Eaves- Developer
Mr. Eaves updated the commission about the traffic light request on the Robert R. Martin Bypass by Greathouse and Duckhorn Lanes. He’s making progress with the state transportation cabinet on the ability to apply for a permit and officially start the legal process. He provided an overview of this request’s history over the past several years.
4. Alan Reed- Grey Oaks Resident
Mr. Reed requested the city plead to CSX to repair the railroad crossing on Main Street. City Manager responded that CSX notified the city this week of repairs for later this week.
5. Paul Sowers- Rose Hills Subdivision
Mr. Sowers expressed great concerns about all the Goggins Lane development coming in the immediate future from traffic, flood plain, water pressure, electric grid and stop lights. Lastly, he thanked the City Manager for all his hard work, however questioned if the city would be interested in changing its form of government.

Departmental Reports-

1. Tourism- Lori Tatum announced the All A Classic Tournament returning to Richmond January 25- 29, 2023.

City Manager’s Report-

1. Reiterated that the CSX would be closing the railroad crossing on Main Street tomorrow – Friday for repairs.
2. Thanked Public Works, Police and Fire Departments for all their hard work during the below zero wind shield.

Board of Commissioner’s Discussion

Brewer- Questioned how much salt was used during the last weather freeze. Josh Farthing responded that 3 bins were used with 4 tons left.

Cole-

1. Thanked citizens for all their comments tonight and materials provided.
2. Thanked Lori Tatum for the upcoming events announcements.

Goble-

1. Thanked the Commission for appointing her Mayor Pro-Tem and will do her best.

Newby-

1. Noted that he was ecstatic to be working with Commissioners Cole and Goble now.

Mayor Blythe- No report

Executive Session- **Per KRS 61.810 (1) (c) Pending Litigation**
Per KRS 61.810 (1) (f) Personnel
Per KRS 61.810 (1) (b) Acquisition/ Sale of Property

At 7:49 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby
Seconded: Commissioner Cole

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Out of Executive Session at 8:11 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Newby
Seconded: Commissioner Cole

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Action Taken

Order 23-13: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Terminating the Current Contract for Electrical Inspections.

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Adjournment at 8:13 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	


MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk