

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 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**

Presentations:

- 1) Eastern Kentucky University Fall 2023 Update- President McFadden

Minutes

- 1) Regular Commissioner Meeting held on May 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Regular Commission Meeting held on June 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
- 3) Workshop Meeting held on June 15, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. Noon

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Cole

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

Ordinance 23-22: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Declaring the City's Intent to Annex 371 South Eighty-Second Drive into the City Limits and Referring the Annexation to the Richmond Planning and Zoning Commission for Zoning Classification.

Second Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Ordinance 23-24: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond Amending the ARPA Budget for the City of Richmond for the Fiscal Year 2023 Estimating Revenues and Resources and Appropriating Funds for the Operations of City Government.

First Reading

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

NO Vote Taken

Order 23-95: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Retirement by an Employee in the Finance Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Goble

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Order 23-96: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

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

Order 23-97: An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a Salt Bid and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Documents Relating to Said Agreement.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Order 23-98: An Order of the City of Richmond Entering into an Updated Mutual Aid Agreement with the Department of Army.

Read by City Clerk

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 23-99: An Order of the City of Richmond Adopting Job Descriptions for Various Departments.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Goble

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Order 23-100: An Order of the Board of Commissioners Approving a Task Order for the Armory Park Project.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

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

Order 23-101: An Order of the City of Richmond Granting Easement Space to East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Inc Located at the Corner of Tates Creek Road and Goggins Lane New Park Property.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Cole	x	
Commissioner Goble	x	

Commissioner Newby x
Mayor Blythe x

Order 23-102: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring Candidates for the Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby
Seconded: Commissioner Goble

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

Order 23-103: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Entering a Contract for Architect Professional Services for a New Richmond Police Station.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Cole
Seconded: Commissioner Goble

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

Order 23-104: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Promoting Personnel in the Fire Department to Firefighter III and Captain II.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Cole
Seconded: Commissioner Goble

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

Order 23-105: An Order of the City of Richmond Acknowledging an Increase in the Retirement Benefits of the Police and Firefighters Not Covered by the County Employee Retirement System (CERS).

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer
Seconded: Commissioner Goble

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

Order 23-106: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Retirement by an Employee in the Fire Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Goble

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

Order 23-107: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring an Employee for the Codes, Planning, Safety & Risk Management Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Cole

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

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

Order 23-108: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring an Employee for the Finance Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Goble

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

Order 23-109: An Order of the City of Richmond Hiring an Employee for the Police Records Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Cole

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

Order 23-110: An Order of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Awarding a bid for the Madison Hall of Justice Building Renovation Project.

Read by City Attorney

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 23-111: An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a bid for the HVAC System at Gibson Bay Golf Driving Range.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Goble

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

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

Public Comments – None

Departmental Reports- None

City Manager's Report-

1. Publicly thanked those departments that are helping with cleanup from the windstorm. Continue to ask citizens to be patient on their tree limb curbside pickup. Now offering a drop off location for citizens that wish to haul the brush themselves to 40-0 Drive behind Madison Central High School. This will only be for brush and limbs, no trash. City is actively tracking our pick up and drop off load for possible FEMA reimbursement expenses.

2. New Sports Complex Bids were advertised with 10 contractors so far have pulled the drawings. Pre-bid meeting was June 29th, question period until July 18th and bids due July 27th. Will bring approval in August.
3. Allen Drive stormwater project bids are out and deadline is August 8th with start project in September. City plans to work in conjunction with Richmond Utilities for repairs.
4. North Rally America will be downtown tomorrow morning at 7:30a.m. with 80 cars.
5. July 4th event was a success and thanked all the departments.
6. Started the Sidewalk Brick downtown project this week.
7. Squire Boone rock relocation expected Wednesday July 19th.
8. Archology Mediation Study is being conducted on the Duncannon Lane/ Begley site and already has site visits by potential industries. This site is premier for the state economic development cabinet which refers companies to Richmond. He noted the East Kentucky Power Easement that was approved tonight is so we can run enough power directly to this site.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Brewer-

1. Richmond 225 Birthday celebration.
2. July 4th was a big event with local people.

Newby- no report

Goble-

1. Mike Parks planted gardens at the Teen Center.
2. Flowers look good downtown.

Cole-

1. Concord Road Annex- Questioned the public hearing process as well as intent to annex.
2. Questioned the encroachment permit which had to be reapplied under the local city government name vs. the developers. City did provide match funding if approved.

Mayor Blythe-

1. Thankful for such a great July 4th event with perfect weather this year.
2. Taste Tuesday events are going well.
3. Had a visit by the Teen Center participants today at city hall. He noted they've been visiting city hall regular and feels this gives hope to the younger generations.
4. Thanked several city board members for attending the city commission meeting tonight such as Richmond Utility, Planning & Zoning and Codes Enforcement members.

Adjournment at 7:27 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Cole


Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:

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


MAYOR

ATTEST:



City Clerk