

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2018
CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

Mayor Pro-Tem called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT: Commissioner Blythe, Morgan, Mayor Pro-Tem Newby
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Minerich; City Manager, Garrett Fowles; City Attorney,
Lisa Cassity; City Clerk,
ABSENT: Mayor Barnes**

Pledge of Allegiance

Presentations

- 1) First Christian Church- 40 Days of Kindness Challenge
- 2) Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame City- Emerson McAfee

Minute Approval:

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on July 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Mayor Pro-Tem Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	absent	

Executive Session- Per KRS 61.810 (1) (c) Litigation at 6:20 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Pro-Tem Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	absent	

Out of Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Mayor Pro-Tem Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	absent	

Ordinance 18-18: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending Ordinance No C-023 Regarding the Carrying of a Concealed Weapon by On and Off-Duty City Police Officers Outside the Boundaries of the City.

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

No vote taken

Ordinance 18-19: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending Section 128.03 of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Code of Ordinances.

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

No vote taken

Ordinance 18-20: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Relating to Delinquent Taxes, Fines, Penalties, and Abatement Charges Owed to the City.

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Eaves

Commissioner Morgan questioned the intent of the ordinance. Sharon Cain, Finance Director responded that this ordinance was at her request. Now the Finance Department takes all payments directly for permits from Planning & Zoning and Codes Enforcement. As this is now occurring, the Finance Department has noticed that people have outstanding delinquency on either taxes or fines. She explained that the staff are requesting they pay, however people are declining and still getting issued permits. By the implementation of this ordinance the Finance Department will deny services until all delinquencies are paid in full.

No vote taken

Ordinance 18-21: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Authorizing the City Manager to Assess and Remedy Public Safety Hazards in the City Related to On-Street Parking.

First Reading

Read by City Attorney
Motion: Commissioner Eaves
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Commissioner Blythe expressed concerns that this ordinance would leave a lot of responsibility on the City Manager. Mr. Minerich responded that this ordinance is all about public safety.

Commissioner Morgan questioned who asked for this Ordinance. Mr. Fowles responded that this ordinance was drafted at the Mayor's request due to after the first reading of the Smith Ballard Ordinance which was tabled because of the violation provision.

Commissioner Morgan continued to express concerns that this ordinance takes away from a legislative decision and places it upon the City Manager's discretion.

Commissioner Eaves expressed that this ordinance should be a preventative measure and entrusting in the City Manager's decisions with public safety officials.

No vote taken

Order 18-96: An Order 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 Eaves
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Pro-Tem Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	absent	

Order 18-97: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Bid from Dever, Inc for Golf Carts.

Read by City Clerk
Motion: Commissioner Eaves
Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Mayor Pro-Tem Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	absent	

Order 18-98: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Parks Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Eaves

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Pro-Tem Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	absent	

Order 18-99: An Order of the City of Richmond Amending Orders 12-153 and 15-28 the City's Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual Relating to the City's Computer, Internet and Electronic Mail Policy.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Mayor Pro-Tem Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	absent	

Order 18-100: An Order of the City of Richmond Establishing a City of Richmond Grant Committee.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

Commissioner Blythe questioned who decided on these positions to be on the Grant Committee. Sharon Cain, Finance Director responded that it was a joint effort however that the Mayor's office should be included because all the grant paperwork comes through that office.

Commissioner Morgan questioned the design of the committee because he's suggested grants to be reviewed and has fallen on death ears. He has requested that City Commissioner be added to the committee for best practices. Commissioner Blythe agreed that a 5th person as a City Commissioner is a good idea which gives the commission the ability to monitor more closely.

Amended Motion to include a 5th person on the committee as a City Commissioner

Motion: Commissioner Blythe

Seconded: Commissioner Eaves

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Mayor Pro-Tem Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	absent	

Order 18-101: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Two Deeds on Behalf of the City.

Read by City Manager

Commissioner Eaves excused herself from this item as it's a conflict of interest and exited the stage area.

Motion: Commissioner Blythe
 Seconded: Commissioner Morgan

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Eaves	abstain	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Mayor Pro-Tem Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	absent	

AMEND AGENDA to include Order 18-102

Order 18-102: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Appointing a New Member to the Richmond Planning & Zoning Commission.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Eaves
 Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Pro-Tem Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	absent	

Public Comments

No comments

Departmental Reports

Police Department- Chief Ebert

1. Reported that the Thursday is a back to school event at the Richmond Teen Center from 11am-3pm.

2. Announced that Saturday is the Dunk a Cop event at the Police Department parking lot. If cancelled due to weather it will be posted on Facebook.
3. Recruiting has begun and runs until September 26th.
4. Broken Cart Program was a success for a 3-day operation on shoplifting with community partners. He provided a summary of the outcome and felt it was a successful result in Richmond.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Minerich discussed the following items:

1. Commended Georgia Parks, Teen Center Director for her efforts on the Back to school event
2. Commended Brent Causey, Fire Department employee for his going above and beyond at the scene of an accident for a citizen.
3. Paving List has been finalized.
4. Provided an update on the Menards construction site.
5. Announced that school is starting back soon, so expected traffic to increase in town.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Commissioner Morgan

1. Requested a holistic approach for no parking zones and not singling out one street. He recalled the Chiefs bring a list of streets to the commission that all had issues with parking not just one street.
2. Commended the City for cleaning up the litter, trash and moving on the by-pass.
3. Requested update on the traffic light for Greathouse and Robert Martin By-pass. Mr. Minerich responded that he's been in contact with the state offices this week on this request received that the state has no plans for a light based on future development. Commissioner Morgan requested that whomever gets the state representative seat, to please make this intersection a priority for the safety of our community.

Commissioner Blythe

1. Commended Georgia Parks for collecting over 600 backpacks for the back to school event.
2. Questioned if Scotts Excavating was still working for the Menards company. Mr. Minerich responded that since the accident the company left and Menards is waiting on new company to finish the work.
3. Requested an update on Water Street repairs. Mr. Minerich responded that the city is still waiting on the Geotech results and plans to present full report with engineer at the September workshop meeting.

Commissioner Eaves

1. Questioned if the City considered getting a 3rd opinion for projects such as Water Street just for best practices measure.
2. Tourism Open House set for Thursday night 6pm.
3. Commended the City Manager for effectively communicating with the commission.

Commissioner Newby

1. Commended Georgia Parks for her efforts at the Teen Center

Mayor Barnes

Absent

Adjournment: 7:31 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Eaves

Seconded: Commissioner Blythe

VOTING:

	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Blythe	x	
Commissioner Eaves	x	
Mayor Pro-Tem Newby	x	
Mayor Barnes	absent	



MAYOR

ATTEST.


City Clerk