

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2020
CITY HALL
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
6:00 PM**

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

**PRESENT: Commissioner Brewer, Grant, McDaniel, Morgan and Mayor Blythe
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Minerich: City Manager, Garrett Fowles: City Attorney,
Lisa Cassity: City Clerk**

Pledge of Allegiance

Minute Approval:

- 1) Special Called Commission Meeting held on January 27, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
- 2) Regular Commission Meeting held on January 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Grant	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 20-22: An Order of the City of Richmond Promoting a Police Officer to Sergeant.
Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Ordinance 20-01: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Amending
Ordinance No 18-14 Pertaining to the Purchasing and Procurement Policies for
Federal Grants.

Second Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Grant

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Ordinance 20-02: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Creating a Franchise for the Erection, Laying, and Maintenance of Electric Facilities and Appurtenant Facilities and Equipment in, along, and across the Public Ways, Roads, Streets, Alleys, and other Public Places in the City of Richmond, Kentucky for Furnishing and Selling Electricity by means of Said Facilities and Providing for the Granting of that Franchise.

Second Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

Commissioner Morgan questioned if any company can apply. Mr. Fowles responded yes, any electric company is welcome to bid, however Kentucky Utilities already has all their infrastructure in place. He further questioned who provided the agreement language because he has concerns and Section III (3). Mr. Fowles responded that there is minimal risk.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Ordinance 20-03: An Ordinance of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Creating the Downtown Mill District.

First Reading

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

City Manager noted by creating this district will provide us revitalization downtown and the potential is unlimited. There is a Downtown Working Group that has been assisting this project and is a great asset to the city.

Mayor Blythe commended the group and noted that yes good ideas come from the citizens, not just us.

No Action Taken

Order 20-19: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Merging the Parks Grounds Department into the Parks and Recreation Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner Grant

Mayor Blythe questioned the chain of command of the departmental structure.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 20-20: An Order of the City of Richmond Appointing a New Board of Adjustments Member.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 20-21: An Order of the City of Richmond Approving the Execution of a Municipal Aid Co-op Program Contract between the City of Richmond, Kentucky and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Transportation Cabinet, Department of Rural and Municipal Aid for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 as Provided in the Kentucky Revised Statues and Accepting all Streets Referred to Therein and being Streets, which are a Part of the City.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Morgan

Seconded: Commissioner Grant

City Manager noted that the city will receive \$21,000 more dollars in MAP money from last fiscal year. The funds are granted to the city from the gasoline tax which is currently being discussed in the legislature on changing the formula on how much governments are funded.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer	x	

Public Comments

Virgil Gardner- Citizen

Mr. Gardner requested the city consider paving streets on Big Hill Ave, Four Mile and Main Street area by the Richmond Cemetery. He also provided an update on the Room at the Inn program with an average of 12-15 persons a night. He also announced that citizens don't have to stay the night, but can just get clean clothes, etc. if needed.

Departmental Reports

Tourism- Lori Tatum and David Jones

Tourism Department provided a conclusion report of the recent All A Classic event. They thanked all volunteers, agencies, business that assisted in the successful program. (Attached)

City Manager's Report

Mr. Minerich reported that

1. Richmond Active Living Center Annual Sweetheart Chili Luncheon will be held on February 21, 2020 from 11am-1pm with a \$10.00 donation. The center has signed up 19 new members and encouraging more citizens to benefit in the programming.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

Commissioner Morgan

1. Reiterated that 425 new businesses in Richmond last year and would like to see the city invite those businesses to commission meetings.
2. Requested that Department Heads speak at commission meetings to provide more updates and have more open dialogue with the commission.
3. Requested that at an upcoming workshop we invite the Park Board and Department for review of programs and goals for the Parks Master Plan coming out in April/May 2020. Mentioned the city may want to host a Town Hall Meeting to hear directly from citizens on what quality of life opportunities they want from their community. Commission decided to invite the Parks to the March 17th Workshop.

Commissioner Brewer

1. Added that the city is heading in the right direction for quality of life adventures but wants to hear more from the Park Board members and staff as to what their wish list is for the future.

Commissioner Grant

No report

Commissioner McDaniel

No report

Mayor Blythe

1. Black History Month- He attended an event today in Frankfort at the Capital Rotunda and also has another event coming February 20, 2020 at his church hosted by the Madison County Historical Society at 6:30p.m. which is open to the public.
2. Women in Hats Event- February 28, 2020 from 6-9pm at the Richmond Active Living Center which is open to the public and is a fundraiser for programming.
3. Jail-n-Bail Event for Hope's Wings annual fundraiser will be March 6, 2020 at downtown Central Bank location.

Adjournment: 7:27 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner Morgan	x	
Commissioner Grant	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	


MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk