

**RICHMOND CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2021
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE
CITY OF RICHMOND, KY COMMUNITY INFORMATION FACEBOOK
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6:00 PM**

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

**PRESENT: Commissioner Arnold, Brewer, McDaniel, Newby and Mayor Blythe
ALSO PRESENT: Rob Minerich: City Manager, Lisa Cassity: City Clerk and Tyler Johnson: Community Development and Media Coordinator, Tyler Frazier: City Attorney, Scott Althaus: Richmond Utilities, Taylor Six: Richmond Register, Lori Tatum: Tourism Director, Mason Chamblee: Parks Department**

Welcome 2021-2022 Richmond City Board of Commissioners

Minutes

- 1) Regular Commission Meeting held on December 08, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
- 2) Workshop Meeting held on December 15, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Presentations

- 1) All A Classic Update- Tourism Department- Lori Tatum
Ms. Tatum informed the Commission that the event hopes to take place on February 16th- 21st, 2021. There is an extra added to the schedule due to

limited occupancy of people of 15% at the event. Adding this additional day will add extra food catering expenses for the city.

Motion made to authorize the city to fund an additional \$5,000 to the All A Classic to cover all expenses.

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Ordinance 21-01: An Ordinance of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Closing a Street in the City (S. Robinson Road).

First Reading

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

No vote Taken

Resolution 21-01: A Joint Resolution of Madison County, The City of Berea, and the City of Richmond Acknowledging the Desire to Collaborate on Economic Development Projects Impacting all Jurisdictions.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Resolution 21-02: A Resolution of the City of Richmond to Approve a Statement of Support for Eastern Kentucky University.

Read by City Attorney

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Open the Floor for Mayor Pro-Tem Nominations

Motion was made to recommend Mike Brewer at Mayor Pro-Tem by Commissioner McDaniel.

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Arnold

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 21-01: An Order of the City of Richmond Appointing a Mayor Pro-Tem.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 21-02: An Order of the City of Richmond Promoting Employee within the Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Arnold

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 21-03: An Order of the City of Richmond Accepting a Resignation by an Employee in the Police Department.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Newby

Assistant Rodney Richardson provided current staff numbers as 59 officers, with needs to be 62 for full staffed, 2 just graduated from the academy and 6 have just started the academy.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 21-04: An Order of the City of Richmond, Kentucky Approving an Application form to be Utilized for the Local Small Business Covid19 Grant Fund.

Read by City Manager

Motion: Commissioner Newby

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Order 21-05: An Order of the City of Richmond Awarding a Bid for Invinton House Foundation System Construction and Repair Needs Project.

Read by City Clerk

Motion: Commissioner Brewer

Seconded: Commissioner McDaniel

City Manger explained that all these expenses will be taken out of the Irvine McDowell property fund which is approximately \$236,000.00. This fund can only be utilized for the property and receives funds from the rental of the parking lot to EKU.

VOTING:	YES	NO
Commissioner Newby	x	
Commissioner Arnold	x	
Commissioner Brewer	x	
Commissioner McDaniel	x	
Mayor Blythe	x	

Public Comments- City Clerk read 1 public comment.

- 1. Corrine Boyer from WEKU Health Reporter on the Ohio Valley Resource**
Why did Krystin Arnold attend last week's events in Washington DC that were attempting to overturn the results of the election- the same election that put her into office- as a public official?
Will she step down if she has violated of her oath of office?

Mayor Blythe responded that public comments are not intended as a question-and-answer time period, unless the board is prepared to respond. Commissioner Arnold did provide a prepared statement in response to her attendance at the event.

Departmental Reports

1. Room at the Inn Program Update- Community Development- Tyler Johnson. Mr. Johnson announced that the city was awarded the \$50,000.00 grant to apply for this program. To date, the program has served 41 people which may have been multiple stays. The hotel blocks off 12 rooms and only allows 1 person per room. They have been averaging about 8-10 participants a night.

City Manager's Report

1. City Hall Roof Project started last week and expects to be completed next week. The project did come under budget.
2. Department Head Meeting has held yesterday. He thanked all the departments for assistance with seeing thru all CDC guidelines and front-line workers which have been more exposed to Covid19. He noted that we're not done yet, but can see a light at the end of the tunnel with a vaccine rolling out in Madison County.
3. Thanked Commissioner McDaniel for forming a Richmond Outdoor Committee and already hearing from businesses that want to participate in the initiative.
4. Millstone Festival 2021 planning has begun with hopes to host the event in October.

Board of Commissioner's Discussion

McDaniel-

1. Condolences to Mayor Blythe for his loss.
2. Commended the Police Department for a large drug bust this week.
3. Thanked City Manager, Commissioner Brewer and public partners for their help on creating the ROC Committee.
4. Excited to see the new tower truck today at Fire Station 1.

Arnold- No report

Brewer-

1. Requested prayers for Aaron Stidham which is battling cancer.
2. Announced that Tourism is celebrating a anniversary.

Newby- Commissioner Newby noted that he's glad to be back and has a good feeling about this term.

Mayor Blythe- No report

Adjournment at 7:05 p.m.

Motion: Commissioner McDaniel

Seconded: Commissioner Brewer

VOTING:

Commissioner Arnold
Commissioner Brewer
Commissioner McDaniel
Commissioner Newby
Mayor Blythe

YES

NO

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x
x

ATTEST.

City Clerk




MAYOR