

**RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL**

**OCTOBER 20, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Richmond City Council was held at the Park Community Center located at 90 South 100 West, Richmond, Utah on Tuesday, October 20, 2020. The meeting began at 6:30 P.M.; Mayor Jeffrey Young was in the chair. The opening remarks were made by Cheryl Peck.

The following Council Members were in attendance: Tucker Thatcher, Cheryl Peck, Kelly Crafts, and Terrie Wierenga.

Lyle Bair was excused.

City Administrator Jeremy Kimpton, City Recorder Justin Lewis, City Engineer Darek Kimball, Deputy City Treasurer Holly Jo Karren, and City Treasurer Christine Purser were also in attendance.

**VISITORS:** Steven Liechty, Lee Anderson, DeMoyn Webb, Blake Davis, Rhonda Davis, Jonathan Badger, Michael Hall, Jennifer Hall, and Jordan Knutson

**APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 22, 2020**

\*\*\*A motion to approve the city council meeting minutes from the September 22, 2020 City Council meeting was made by Tucker, seconded by Cheryl, and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga

No Vote: None

Absent: Bair

**ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT OF \$5,000 FROM THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER FOUNDATION TO HELP PAY FOR A NEW ROOF ON THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY BUILDING.**

**JUSTIN:** I want to thank Steve Liechty and the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation for this generous donation. Steve let us know about some grant funding opportunities the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has available. We applied for and received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to help pay for the cost of the new roof on the Carnegie Library building. Without the donation this project would not be possible. Rocky Mountain Power has a very good relationship with the city and has always been happy to help when they can. Steve and his staff are always good to help us when needed. Steve oversees the local facility in Smithfield. Steve, thank you for informing of us this opportunity and for helping to make it happen.

**STEVEN LIECHTY:** I am from Cache Valley. I have been in my current position for three years. We like to promote the grant application process. I oversee facilities in Cache Valley and Southern Idaho. The Rocky Mountain Power Foundation has funded over \$2,500,000 in grants in Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming. We encourage communities to apply. We are grateful to be able to help the community. I understand the history and legacy of the library building. We are grateful for your support and are happy we have a good partnership with the city. We appreciate the city as a customer as well. We also have small grant opportunities on a local level if you have something we can help with.

**MAYOR:** Steve, we want to let you know we plan on including Rocky Mountain Power in our upcoming Black & White Days celebration in May 2021. We want you to come back and participate with us.

Steven presented Mayor Young with a check from the Rocky Mountain Power Foundation in the amount of \$5,000.

**BUSINESS LICENSE**

**BAUER OUTDOOR ACCESSORIES**

**ROY BAUER:** We install rain gutters.

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**NANCY BAUER:** The business would be operated out of our home. We would install rain gutters on homes and businesses. We would also do soffit and fascia if needed. In some cases new soffit and fascia is needed to lay the rain gutter flat against the house.

**TERRIE:** You are working out of a trailer?

**NANCY:** We have an enclosed trailer we keep the materials and tools in.

**TERRIE:** Is the trailer parked off of the road? Our winter parking ordinance goes into effect soon.

**NANCY:** The trailer is parked on the inside of the sidewalk off of the road.

**TERRIE:** Do you store any chemicals for this business?

**NANCY:** We don't have any chemicals. We mainly use metal. We clean up all the scraps on the jobsite before we leave as well.

**MAYOR:** Are you from here?

**NANCY:** We lived in Logan before moving here recently.

**KELLY:** Do you clean out rain gutters as well?

**ROY:** That is a service we would offer if someone wants it.

**NANCY:** We will remove and replace old rain gutters as well.

\*\*\*A motion to approve the business license request for Bauer Outdoor Accessories was made by Terrie, seconded by Kelly, and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga

No Vote: None

Absent: Bair

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2020-17, AN ORDINANCE REZONING PARCEL NUMBER 09-084-0041 FROM RMD (RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY) TO MF OVERLAY ZONE (MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING UNIT OVERLAY). THE PARCEL IS LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 170 WEST 650 SOUTH AND IS 0.71 ACRES.**

**TERRIE:** The planning commission reviewed the request this month. They did not have any problems with the request. The parcel is currently zoned RMD (Residential Medium Density). The Hall's hope to possibly make the home a duplex in the future. The request fits within the parameters of what is allowed. The planning commission approved the request and forwarded to the city council for consideration.

\*\*\*A motion to close the regular council meeting and open the public hearing was made by Terrie, seconded by Kelly, and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga

No Vote: None

Absent: Bair

*The public hearing opened at 6:47 P.M.*

There were not any comments or questions.

\*\*\*A motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular council meeting was made by Tucker, seconded by Cheryl, and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga

No Vote: None

Absent: Bair

*The public hearing closed at 6:47 P.M.*

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2020-17.**

**MAYOR:** I think this is a fairly simple request. It is quite cut and dry I think.

\*\*\*A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-17, an Ordinance rezoning Parcel Number 09-084-0041 from RMD (Residential Medium Density) to MF OVERLAY ZONE (Multiple-Family Dwelling Unit Overlay) for a parcel located at approximately 170 West 650 South was made by Terrie, seconded by Tucker, and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga  
No Vote: None  
Absent: Bair

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE CONDITIONAL-USE PERMIT REQUEST BY JENNIFER HALL TO HAVE A DUPLEX ON PARCEL NUMBER 09-084-0041 LOCATED AT 170 WEST 650 SOUTH. THE PARCEL IS 0.71 ACRES.**

**MICHAEL HALL:** We purchased this home a few years ago. It is a home formerly owned by the Burningham family. It is a two-story ranch style home. It is set up for two residence - one upstairs and one downstairs. There is a walk-in basement entrance. There is a separate parking pad as well. The downstairs is ready to have a kitchenette installed when needed. Both the upstairs and downstairs can be self-contained. We are not planning to make the home a duplex at this time. We would consider it down the road if our kids need a place to live and want to live close to home. It would give us an option for the future. We wanted to do this process correctly and make sure it was properly approved.

**TERRIE:** The planning commission also reviewed this request. They felt it was a good fit, approved the request, and forwarded to the council for consideration.

\*\*\*A motion to approve the Conditional-Use Permit for Jennifer Hall for a duplex to be located on Parcel Number 09-084-0041 located at approximately 170 West 650 South was made by Tucker, seconded by Terrie, and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga  
No Vote: None  
Absent: Bair

**PUBLIC HEARING ON ORDINANCE 2020-18, AN ORDINANCE REZONING PARCEL NUMBER 09-046-0013 FROM A-10 (AGRICULTURAL 10-ACRE) TO HC (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL). THE PARCEL IS LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 150 NORTH 200 WEST AND IS 10.00 ACRES.**

**TERRIE:** The planning commission discussed this request as well. The parcel was annexed into the city earlier in the year. The rezone has been requested in preparation for future development of the parcel. The planning commission felt it was a good fit, approved the request, and sent it to the council for consideration.

\*\*\*A motion to close the regular council meeting and open the public hearing was made by Cheryl, seconded by Kelly, and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga  
No Vote: None  
Absent: Bair

*The public hearing opened at 6:51 P.M.*

There were not any comments or questions.

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\*\*\*A motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular council meeting was made by Tucker, seconded by Terrie, and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga  
No Vote: None  
Absent: Bair

*The public hearing closed at 6:52 P.M.*

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2020-18.**

**MAYOR:** Jonathan, thank you for attending. This is a great opportunity for the community. This is the start of a very long process. Development in this area will spur lots of conversation about what happens to the surrounding area long term. The General Plan does not really address any commercial development west of the highway. All of us thought it would be on the east side of the highway. Once the project is started, we need to consider updating our General Plan.

**TERRIE:** The zoning request fits the zoning of the surrounding parcels.

**MAYOR:** We will need to discuss roads in the area long term. The highway is good, but some of the nearby roads are gravel.

**JONATHAN BADGER:** Thank you for allowing us to come to the city. I have some questions for the council. We need to discuss improvements in the area. We are looking at some additional pads for other buildings as well as how to market those items. What are your requirements for the area? What needs to be done in regards to infrastructure? We will be asking these types of questions soon. We are hoping to break ground in April. From a development standpoint, we need to discuss improvements and get your recommendations on what you want to see.

**MAYOR:** We will follow our ordinances. We need to sit down and meet with you. We have to find ways to improve that area of town. We need you to be successful as well. It is time to start working with you. We don't have any funds we can allocate to help out on this project. There are other options we can consider. We need to start the discussion. We need to discuss what options we have and what is available. We will try and do our best to accommodate your requests. There is a fear by some people of a large store coming in and dictating all of the terms. We will work within our code and hope you will work with us. Let's start an open dialogue. We will be discussing future growth, as well, as this project moves forward. We have questions we need to answer about the road coming into the property from the west. It is an unfinished road.

**JONATHAN:** We are happy to discuss options. We want this to be a win-win for all involved. We are excited to be part of the community.

**MAYOR:** Myself, Jeremy, and Terrie are ready to meet when you are.

**TERRIE:** This process will be just like a new subdivision. We will look at your vision and compare it to our code.

**MAYOR:** Our building will be architecturally appealing. Are there any specific building requirements I need to be aware of?

**TERRIE:** We recently updated our sign ordinance.

**JONATHAN:** Thank you for that change.

**MAYOR:** The sooner we can start the review process with you the better.

**JONATHAN:** We are working on elevations and architectural plans right now.

\*\*\*A motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-18, an Ordinance rezoning Parcel Number 09-046-0013 from A-10 (Agricultural 10-Acre) to HC (Highway Commercial) for a parcel located at approximately 150 North 200 West was made by Terrie, seconded by Tucker, and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga  
No Vote: None  
Absent: Bair

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE TRAVELLER LANE SUBDIVISION, A (16) LOT SUBDIVISION LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 272 NORTH 300 EAST. ZONED RMD (RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY).**

**TERRIE:** Rhonda and Blake Davis met with the Planning Commission this month. The preliminary plat was reviewed. One early concern was a potential wetland issue. The Army Corps of Engineers reviewed the concern and responded. They said there is not a wetland issue. We will file that information with their plat. The planning commission did not have any major concerns moving forward. This is just the preliminary plat tonight. The final plat will come before the council as well.

\*\*\*A motion to close the regular council meeting and open the public hearing was made by Cheryl, seconded by Kelly, and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga  
No Vote: None  
Absent: Bair

*The public hearing opened at 7:02 P.M.*

There were not any comments or questions.

\*\*\*A motion to close the public hearing and reopen the regular council meeting was made by Tucker, seconded by Terrie, and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga  
No Vote: None  
Absent: Bair

*The public hearing closed at 7:03 P.M.*

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON THE PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR THE TRAVELLER LANE SUBDIVISION.**

**MAYOR:** Is the existing home included in this proposal?

**RHONDA DAVIS:** Yes, it is Lot 11.

**MAYOR:** Where is the retention pond?

**RHONDA:** It is south of the existing house. All of the barns will be removed. One small shed will stay. We will move it or leave it alone depending on where the survey markers go. It is a pioneer building. It is on the north end of Lot 11. It is close to the house.

**MAYOR:** I think this is a good plan.

**JUSTIN:** Tonight is just the preliminary plat. The final plat will come back before the council at a future council meeting.

**TUCKER:** We are working with them on having irrigation water available with some of the lots.

**RHONDA:** I have been working with Jeremy on that item.

**JEREMY:** I will get with Darek and Rhonda and get this sorted out.

**DAREK:** Typically, one irrigation share is required per lot.

**MAYOR:** How many acres is this project?

**RHONDA:** The total acreage is just under six acres.

**MAYOR:** How many irrigation shares did you receive?

**RHONDA:** Right now, we don't officially have any. We are waiting for the irrigation company to approve transfer of the shares. We have been removing some trees from around the house. We are in the process of cleaning up the area. We have a vision to restore the existing home.

**MAYOR:** I know the home was originally built by the Traveller family and goes back a long time.

**RHONDA:** Bruce Traveller's grandpa owned it. The original stained glass windows from 1902 are still in it. The home was remodeled in the 1970's. We have some pictures from the remodel, so we could see the new wiring and plumbing installed at that time. We are restoring the handrail and molding.

**KELLY:** Are you going to sell the home?

**RHONDA:** We will rent it or sell it. We are not sure yet.

\*\*\*A motion to approve the Preliminary Plat for the Traveller Lane Subdivision, a (16) lot subdivision located at approximately 272 North 300 East was made by Tucker, seconded by Cheryl, and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga

No Vote: None

Absent: Bair

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020-08, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING TERRIE WIERENGA AS A TRUSTEE ON THE CACHE VALLEY TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**

**MAYOR:** Terrie, thank you for your willingness to serve. Our prior Trustee was our most active member. We received a lot of information because he was involved. CVTD (Cache Valley Transit District) can be controversial. It is a free public transit service paid for with tax funds. There are always questions about should it be fare free or should they charge for the service. The district has been saving up for years for a new enclosed facility. They have received an \$18,000,000 grant from the federal government to help pay for the project. Some of their upcoming decisions will be the largest financial decisions ever made by the district. It makes sense to have people who are involved dive in and take part. Terrie is always all-in when asked to do something. I really appreciate that. I am thankful she is willing to fill this vacancy.

**TERRIE:** I previously served on the Cache Mosquito Abatement District as a Trustee and then as an employee. It is a governmental district as well. It is paid for through property tax. The transit district is paid for with tax funds as well. I am committed to use the public funds as well as we possibly can. I have concerns about a non-elected board using public taxes. It has always been a concern to me, but a service is provided.

\*\*\*A motion to adopt Resolution 2020-08, a Resolution appointing Terrie Wierenga as a Trustee on the Cache Valley Transit District Board of Trustees was made by Tucker, seconded by Kelly, and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga

No Vote: None

Absent: Bair

**MAYOR:** I am currently reviewing council member assignments. I don't want any council member overwhelmed. I don't want to see anyone from the council or the staff overwhelmed. I appreciate the commitment of everyone. I hear horror stories from other mayors about some of things they are dealing with. I have heard a lot of cases where the council refuses to work with the mayor. I have never seen that here. I think that says a lot about the nature and character of those people who have served and are serving.

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW WITH DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS AS NECESSARY.**

**JUSTIN:** We had a very good sales tax month in September and received \$39,164. We like every month to be \$30,000 or more. We received our first allocation, out of six, of Class "C" Road Funds in the amount of \$21,003. It seems this tax has gone flat due to the Coronavirus. We have received all of the RAPZ Tax reimbursement funds, and they total \$65,622. All of the projects have been completed. The audit will be presented at the November council meeting. The renovation of a couple of offices and conference room in this building has started. The last RAPZ Tax reimbursement request for the Cub River Sports Complex parking lot project in the amount of \$6,803 has been received. There has been quite a bit of building going on in the city in the last few months. So far in this fiscal year, we have collected \$25,740 in Water Impact Fees and \$18,681 in Sewer Impact Fees. The one main item I want

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to discuss tonight is Interest Revenue. We are earning substantially less this year than we did last year. With the Coronavirus it has caused interest rates to plummet. In September 2019, the interest rate we were paid was 2.60%. For September 2020, it was 0.53%. We will have to decrease our interest earnings line items when we adjust the budget in December or January. So far, we have received two allocations of CARES Act funding totaling \$162,062. I am going to let the mayor discuss the third allocation and projects in the city which these funds will be used for.

**MAYOR:** There are a lot of unknowns on the third allocation. The only thing that is known for sure is the timeframe to spend the funds. The funds are from the federal government and are to help with COVID-19 related issues. The State of Utah received 1.2 billion dollars for this program. There are federal guidelines for the funds, but they are not very specific. The state received the funds and has distributed quite a bit to cities throughout the state. Testing, supplies, and hospital related items such as beds have been purchased with these funds. Storage areas have been created for supplies. Supplies were stockpiled for hospitals and others. Each city in the state had access to these funds based on population. The intent was to disburse the funds over three allocations. The first two allocations have been disbursed, and they were equal amounts. The third allocation has not yet been formally approved. Our allocation was approximately \$81,000 each time for the first two. There are some narrow guidelines of what the funds can be used for. Enhancing our remote capabilities is one of them. The third allocation will be discussed by the state this week. The formal announcement of what is happening will happen this Friday. The proposal is 80-90% of the original allocation will be funded for a third allocation. About 11% is being allocated to tourist towns based on the number of hotel rooms in the town. Some towns have more hotel beds than residents in the community. Some of these towns were devastated. The original timeframe to spend the funds for allocation one and two was November 30<sup>th</sup> with an install period of no later than the end of the year. The third allocation must be allocated by November 6<sup>th</sup>. It is quite simple. There are funds there for us to utilize. We have the same guidelines as everyone else. My take is we and other local communities should use the funds locally. We have about ten to fifteen projects which would cost about \$180,000. Our water system telemetry system needs to be upgraded. We have a lack of remote control for our system. We need to still be able to operate the water system of the city during a pandemic. It is hard for a small town to have something like this. Small towns don't have a lot of backup or redundancy. This will help to improve those scenarios. Technology upgrades are a big part of this funding. Communication is a big key. We did not have remote access previously. Now, it is used frequently. Right now, we cannot do a remote session in the council room properly. This was not an issue eight months ago before the pandemic. CARES Act funds would pay for these upgrades.

**CHERYL:** Do the funds have to be spent by November 6<sup>th</sup>?

**MAYOR:** Yes, and the projects completed by the end of the year. Normally, we would take a lot of time and get bids on these projects, but in this case, we don't have that luxury. I own a technology company and have disclosed it in the past and will disclose it again. I am working with many local communities. I have worked with the city for many years. My company is contracted for many different services in many different cities throughout the valley. This current scenario is not a conventional process. Typically, on a new SCADA system, we would get several bids and have presentations before the council before a system is selected. We have one bid right now.

**CHERYL:** We could not afford any of these projects without these funds.

**MAYOR:** That is correct. We know these are projects we need to do but could not afford them.

**CHERYL:** Can the SCADA system be installed by yearend?

**JEREMY:** Yes. They told us they could have it installed in eight weeks.

**MAYOR:** I recommend we approve the SCADA system and get it ordered.

**JUSTIN:** We have needed a new SCADA system for a long time. We have not been able to find a way to pay for it. We would be foolish not to use these funds for this purchase. This is a gift we cannot pass up that will benefit the city for over a decade.

**JEREMY:** I talked to Jared today about adding the MBR plant to the proposal. Right now, we have \$40,000 budgeted for new membranes in this fiscal year. We think we have enough membranes to last through the fiscal year. We would use the funds we save there to pay for the sewer part of the SCADA system. I don't see this addition being a big increase to the sewer budget.

**CHERYL:** Are the membranes being repaired?

**JEREMY:** We can rebuild about 50% of them. We can increase that percentage if we clean them more frequently.

**MAYOR:** We are doing much better than when we started. We had a much higher loss rate previously.

**JEREMY:** If we have any funds left we will purchase some membranes. The goal this year is to end the fiscal year with some new membranes still on the shelf. I hope to have a couple of hundred left when this year's project is complete. The new SCADA system for the water system would be about \$150,000. The sewer system would be about \$40,000. We received a bid a couple of years ago on a new sewer SCADA system, and it was \$43,000. The

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nice advantage in this case is both the water and sewer SCADA systems would run through the same provider. We would have better control of both systems than in the past.

**TUCKER:** We would also get more information than we are currently receiving. A couple of us went and saw the Smithfield City SCADA system which is the same system we would order. It is a good system. I think our system might be even better than theirs where ours will be newer. As time goes on and water becomes scarcer, I think we will be required to track water better than we are currently doing. I think it will be mandatory to track where every gallon is going. This is a gift for a couple of generations, as long as we continue to update the system over time.

**JEREMY:** The city will continue to grow. The hardware can be upgraded when needed. If we stay on our current growth trend, we can expand the new system. I have wanted to add pressure sensors to our PRV's for a long time. We would now be able to monitor the pressure above and below the PRV.

**MAYOR:** We would look at spending CARES Act funding of \$150,000 on the SCADA system and \$80,000 on all of these other projects. New fob systems would be installed as well as video cameras and computer systems. Having to replace one key water system computer in the past cost us over \$6,000. Fob systems allow remote access without people having to physically meet. The staff will now have the capability to have remote access. Social distancing will still be an issue in future months. We don't know where the Coronavirus will take us the next few months. We are looking at a lot of options to accommodate things long term. Is everyone okay moving forward on these projects?

**TERRIE:** Yes. For \$40,000 we get a current SCADA system with good technology. The system can easily be expanded. Our current system is failing. This is a no brainer to get working on.

**MAYOR:** Jeremy, work with the supplier to get the new SCADA system ordered. It will take just over two months to complete the project. I am happy the city has this opportunity. This is a long term investment in the city.

### COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

**TERRIE:** I have been working with Jeremy on the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan. We have been reviewing and updating our plan. The plan is headed up by BRAG (Bear River Association of Governments). I have been involved with this twice previously. I worked on it with Marlowe the first time. BRAG did the original plan, and then they got the cities involved after that. The plan has been forwarded to FEMA. They have 45 days to review it. The plan is open for public comment through the end of October. The document would be around 300 pages if it were printed. The links to the documentation are in the document you have before you. The plan is broken into sections. Everything we need to be concerned with is reviewed. This only addresses natural disasters. This is a big planning process with a lot of meetings. The United States Geological Survey is relied on. Maps are always being updated. Things such as earthquakes, poor soils, and flood planes are discussed. I encourage everyone to review the Community Section. We can get money from FEMA if we take care of this document in advance of a natural disaster. I will work on submitting a grant application in the future for some backup generators.

**MAYOR:** I know of some other local cities which are considering trailers with portable generators in them. There is a big need for these in smaller communities right now.

**TERRIE:** I wanted everyone to be aware. Please review when you can. There are many different maps with different layers to review. The terms of three planning commission members are coming to an end. One is already done. The other two have terms expiring in December. We will look to recruit some new members. Jordan Knutson will fill the spot which is currently vacant. He will be formally approved at the November council meeting. Being on the planning commission is a great way to be involved and meet new people.

**MAYOR:** It takes many volunteers to keep the community going. The variety of the volunteers is important as well. It is great to have different personalities. Some are detailed, some are visionary, and others are a combination of both. The city has good representation. I am happy to see Jordan is willing to be involved. Many of the items on the agenda tonight were considered by the planning commission before coming to the council. There is a lot going on in the city. Development is happening. I am thankful for those willing to step up and serve.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

**MAYOR:** Our next council meeting is on November 17<sup>th</sup>. My grandma just passed away a few days shy of her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. I was able to talk to her recently, and we talked about the value she placed on people in the community. She resided in Mesa, Arizona. We won't be here forever, but the decisions we make will last long after we are gone. Our decisions are important. A grocery store is coming into town, and it could potentially change our entire town. New issues always arise.

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**CHERYL:** We didn't see building and development happening on the west side of the highway.

**MAYOR:** I appreciate the value of our council and staff. So much happens in the background. Everything is a process. I appreciate the entire staff. Tensions are high right now because of COVID-19. I appreciate the staff keeping their cool with people who come in. Some people are just frustrated and want to complain, and it usually happens in a public setting. I am glad we have a new snowplow truck for this winter. This is the first time the city has ever had a new plow truck that I am aware of.

\*\*\*A motion to adjourn and pay bills was made by Tucker, seconded by Terrie, and the vote was unanimous.\*\*\*

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga

No Vote: None

Absent: Bair

Adjournment at 7:48 P.M.

**RICHMOND CITY CORPORATION**

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Jeffrey D. Young, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Justin B. Lewis, City Recorder