

RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL

APRIL 27, 2021

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, April 27, 2021. 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, and City Treasurer Christine Purser were also in attendance.

VISITORS: Brent Wallis, Vicki Blaylock, Alan Lower, Trish Ivie, Michael Ivie, Sharik Peck, Lee Anderson, Juliene Parrish, Jane Larsen, Brad Smith, Mikelshan Bartschi

APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 16, 2021

A motion to approve the city council meeting minutes from the March 16, 2021 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

DISCUSSION AND UPDATE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CACHE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

MIKELSHAN BARTSCHI: Sheriff Chad Jensen apologized for not being able to attend tonight. He is working with the legislature on some bail reform issues and other things. I am here tonight to talk about our new contract. There are more hours included. The mayor asked for more data based on growth, etc. You are not alone in that you are growing. In 2019/20 you contracted for 600 hours but received 2,163 hours. For this year, 2020/21, you contracted for 660 hours and so far, have received 1,367 hours in the first six months of the fiscal year. I have a breakdown of employee wages and benefits. Our numbers are different than other places. Most places have one officer per 1,000 residents. We are not even close to that. Logan City is around 50,000 people based on the 2019 census. They have 59 sworn officers which does not include part-time or administrative staff. This equates to an officer for about every 862 residents. Smithfield has eight full-time officers and around 11,373 residents. This calculates to about 1,421 residents per officer. The North Park police department covers Hyde Park and North Logan. They have eight officers and around 15,289 residents. This calculates to about 1,911 residents per officer. We are having a struggle filling open positions. In a normal work year, an employee is full-time if they work 2,080 hours. For contract purposes we consider full-time 1,880 hours with the difference being for vacation time, training, etc. Your contract is for 660 hours or 0.35 full-time employees.

TUCKER: Do you include the administrative hours in your calculation for time spent in the city?

MIKELSHAN: I am not sure what you mean.

TUCKER: Do you include the hours your staff spends in the office in the city doing reports, etc. in the hours reported to the city?

MIKELSHAN: We include all hours. We do not include hours worked on cases for other cities even if we are located in Richmond doing the reports or work. Each city only includes hours spent on the cases in their cities. We talked about one full-time equivalent employee per 3,000 residents. In 2018/19 it was 1.28 and in 2019/20 it was 1.15. What is equitable? We would like to see a contract rate of 0.89 full-time equivalents or 1,673 hours. We will continue to provide over 2,000 hours of service per year. We have been trying to increase the contract slowly over time. About 600 hours is spent on direct patrol. Around 87 hours on criminal conduct which would include things like drugs, driving under the influence, etc. About 103 hours is dealing with traffic citations, as well as about 500 hours patrolling the city.

MAYOR: This is happening everywhere. We are trying to create a balance between growth and the number of incidents. The numbers are increasing. COVID-19 and shutdowns have caused cases to increase. We had vandalism issues last year. Things are getting more expensive. We can continue to work with growth as it slowly increases. We don't want to see a 200-400% increase in our contract. It would cause friction between both parties. The county should not be required to provide service unless we pay for it. I don't agree with that. That would result in slow response time. We deserve better than that. We have talked about eventually having a substation in the city. The location in this building was switched. They will have access to more rooms long term. We are happy to provide them the area to help assist them in their jobs.

JUSTIN: To sum up what is being said, in the current fiscal year, we paid \$34,551 for police protection and \$9,600 for dog catcher service. In the new fiscal year, the cost would be \$41,461 for police protection and \$9,600 for dog catcher service.

MAYOR: A vehicle alone would cost at least \$60,000. An officer's wages and benefits would be in excess of \$80,000. It would be expensive to have our own force. The county is doing the best they can for us.

MIKELSHAN: Everyone has an obligation to fund the jail no matter what happens with police coverage in the city.

TUCKER: Have we seen the new contract?

JUSTIN: The hourly rate would be \$62.35, and the number of hours would be increasing. The rest is the same.

MIKELSHAN: The rate of \$62.35 per hour is what we would stay with. We will always respond no matter what the contract hours are or what the amount paid by the city to the county is.

MAYOR: We have been increasing the amount of hours we pay for each year to try and be fair. I support small increases rather than a 100% or more increase. I wanted the council to know exactly what we are getting and to see the numbers. The council can understand the work which needs to be done to increase the hours in the contract long term.

CHERYL: Are other cities doing the same thing?

MIKELSHAN: I am meeting with all of the cities we contract with. Everyone pays the same hourly rate. We appreciate our relationship with the city. We know we cannot ask for a 100% increase as well as that would not be fair to the city. We are seeing a steady increase in calls. I need more supervisor, as they are actually taking calls right now. We need to make some internal changes.

MAYOR: The idea all along has been to give them access to some rooms in this building for a northern precinct. The county will need to diversify long term. They will want to have a supervisor here in this building as well as interview rooms, etc., long term.

MIKELSHAN: When working on cases in this building, we do not include the hours in the total of the city. The hours would be charged to the cities where the case is being handled.

MAYOR: We don't want anything we don't pay for. We want to be fair.

TERRIE: We cannot offer a professional service with what we have. I am comfortable with what we are doing. I have worked with you since at least 2004. We have always received more than we contracted for. I am glad we are getting closer to paying our fair share.

TUCKER: The interaction with your staff is always good. We are glad you do not rule with an iron fist. We are glad we can talk to you.

MIKELSHAN: We appreciate the culture of this valley as well.

JUSTIN: The new proposed contract amount is included in the new budget.

BUSINESS LICENSES

GOO GOOS R US

VICKI BLAYLOCK: I have a ceramic shop on Main Street. We have about 4,000 molds. I sell the ceramics and people can paint them in the shop or take them home.

TUCKER: You have been there a long time.

VICKI: Since 2005.

CHERYL: Is this your first license?

VICKI: No. I let it lapse and had to reapply.

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A motion to approve the business license request for Goos Goos R Us (Vicki Blaylock) was made by Tucker, seconded by Kelly, and the vote was unanimous.

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

JULIENE PARRISH PIANO LESSONS

JULIENE PARRISH: I have students who would like to learn to play the piano. I would teach the lessons at my home.

A motion to approve the business license request for Juliene Parrish Piano Lessons was made by Terrie, seconded by Tucker, and the vote was unanimous.

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

THE COTTAGE AT ROBINSON SPRINGS

JANE LARSEN: I am trying to decide what to do with my home. I got married last November and moved to Idaho. I am trying to decide what to do. I don't want to sell or rent the home. I just redid the backyard. Some landscape boulders were put around the pond. It might be a nice place for weddings. It could also be an option if a family wanted to stay after the wedding or the bride and groom wanted to stay. I have ample room for parking. I can use land around the house, as I own east towards Big J's and west of the home as well.

MAYOR: How much land is there?

JANE: Around five to six acres.

TERRIE: This is more than a home-based business in a residential zone. I would feel more comfortable if the parcel was rezoned to Neighborhood Commercial. A home-based business is based in the home, and this is not home-based. There could be a need for a lot of parking, and events would be held outside the home.

JANE: What about an Airbnb?

TERRIE: You would need a conditional-use permit for that. I love the concept of what you are doing. I have driven by the area many times.

JANE: I own property along the highway which is already zoned commercial.

BRAD SMITH: We were not sure if we needed to make a zoning and land-use request. There is a lot of property there with different potential uses. There is a lot of open acreage. There is the opportunity to do something nice. I talked to Jeremy previously, and he mentioned a rezone might be required.

TERRIE: My preference is a rezone. I don't support the current business license request with the current zoning. The request goes against the code in regard to a home-based business. I like the request if the parcel is rezoned first.

BRAD: Would the zoning request need to be Highway Commercial or Neighborhood Commercial?

TERRIE: Highway Commercial must have frontage on the highway.

BRAD: We wondered about combining this parcel with the other parcel we own along the highway.

TERRIE: Whichever option you choose will still require a rezone.

JUSTIN: Jane owns Cache County Parcel Numbers 09-050-0051, 09-050-0037, 09-050-0011, and 09-050-0013.

JANE: I have been asked many times about selling the land. I know there is something different with how I am taxed.

JUSTIN: I think she is trying to say that the house is taxed as a residence and the land is in greenbelt status.

TERRIE: What is the current zoning?

JEREMY: RMD (Residential Medium Density).

BRAD: How hard is it to rezone a parcel?

TERRIE: An application is filled out and submitted. Then, the planning commission and council consider the request.

TUCKER: If you connected the parcel with the highway parcel, you would ask for Highway Commercial. There would be the option to rezone back to residential at a later time as well.

JANE: I heard that a road is planned for 300 West.

BRAD: Can they deviate the road, or does it have to go across our parcel?

JUSTIN: What you are referring to is an agreement between Jed Robinson and the city from many years ago. This has been officially recorded.

JEREMY: The developer to the west can install the road per development standards. The road cannot be stopped, as there is case law on this.

JANE: Can they request multi-family on that parcel?

JEREMY: Rezone requests are heard by the planning commission and council, and they vote to approve or deny.

JANE: I am having a wedding at the home on May 14th for a friend of mine. I have had requests by others to have a wedding there if it is allowed.

TERRIE: I like the idea but cannot support your request at this time based on the current zoning.

BRAD: We appreciate the advice from the council and will come back with a different plan.

The council did not vote to approve or deny the business license request.

WALLIS FAMILY SERVICES, LLC

BRENT WALLIS: I taught my boys how to work. Now, the next goal is to teach them how to run a business. They want to run a simple lawncare business. They won't be fertilizing or spraying. They will be mowing lawns only. I built a new shop at my house to store the equipment.

MAYOR: It looks very nice and is a great addition to your property.

A motion to approve the business license request for Wallis Family Services, LLC (Brent Wallis) was made by Tucker, seconded by Kelly, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga

No Vote: None

Absent: Bair

K B SHARPENING

KADE BROWN: I want to show you what I do. I refurbish kitchen knives and make new knives. When knives are damaged or will no longer cut, I think they still have a purpose, so I work on them. I can make an old kitchen knife into a wielding knife. I can add a handle and sharpen the blade. I make small kid's knives as well. I would like to change the name to KRB Enterprises.

CHERYL: Can he change the name at this point?

JUSTIN: That is up to the council.

JEREMY: If you agree to the name change, just include in the motion to approve.

TERRIE: Will you still be operating the same type of business with the new name?

KADE: Yes. I am learning to sharpen pruners and lawnmowers blade. I want to sharpen all types of blades.

A motion to approve the business license request by Kade Brown amending the name of the business to be KRB Enterprises (Kade Brown) was made by Terrie, seconded by Tucker, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga

No Vote: None

Absent: Bair

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE 2021 BLACK & WHITE DAYS CELEBRATION

KELLY: Everything is coming together. I need a grand marshal for the parade. That is the biggest concern right now.

MAYOR: How many people in the city are 90 years or older?

KELLY: Would you like to stick with them as the grand marshals?

MAYOR: Yes. Anyone 90 or older would be great.

CHERYL: A lot will probably depend on if they are willing to ride in the parade.

TERRIE: Do we have a schedule of events?

KELLY: Yes. I have a poster I will provide to everyone.

TERRIE: Is it something we can include in the newsletter?

KELLY: Yes.

CHERYL: Is there a citywide cleanup this year?

KELLY: No.

TUCKER: Any food items this year?

KELLY: There will not be a chuckwagon breakfast, hamburger stand, or movie in the park this year. They have all been cancelled. The horse pulls will be held.

MAYOR: The hamburger stand is in the walkway to go east or west, and there is no way to keep people apart. The state has been reducing the requirements recently. Where the horse pulls are outside, that is a benefit.

KELLY: There will be food vendors to the west who have rented booth space.

MAYOR: Vendors will be allowed to have food?

KELLY: Yes, where the vendors will be every other row.

MAYOR: I know state guidelines continue to be loosened.

JEREMY: The recommendation of the health department is what is being followed.

MAYOR: I know they base their recommendation on CDC guidelines. So far, all of the changes have been good for us. We are not going to police or mandate anything, especially on masks. Cache County is not enforcing a mask requirement as well. We need to post information on the horse show.

KELLY: It will start at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday.

LEE ANDERSON: Will there be a fee to get into the horse pulls?

MAYOR: Yes. We are still discussing attendance. We are looking at having areas where people can stand. We don't know what exactly will happen right now. People will roam around and not stay in a specific seat. I support holding the event, and we still need to work out the details.

JUSTIN: The deadline to order shirts for those in the Cow-A-Bunga race is this Friday, April 30th.

KELLY: I feel okay about where things are at right now.

TUCKER: The council can help where needed where there is not a breakfast for us to oversee.

TERRIE: We will include information on the royalty in the newsletter.

KELLY: We need to provide a list to the youth council of what we need them to help with.

JEREMY: Areas we need help with are emptying garbage cans and cleaning restrooms. We need all the help we can get.

KELLY: We need to get the posters delivered as well.

CHRIS: Is there a color guard in the parade?

CHERYL: Mindi Pratt is helping with that.

MAYOR: Great job, Kelly. Many different groups and people are involved to make this happen. It is a big balancing act to make everything happen.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ORDINANCE 2021-06, AN ORDINANCE REZONING CACHE COUNTY PARCEL NUMBERS 09-084-0011, 09-084-0081 AND 09-084-0015 FROM RMD (RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM DENSITY) AND SCHOOL (SCHOOL) TO HC (HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL). THE PARCELS ARE LOCATED AT APPROXIMATELY 650 SOUTH 200 WEST (HIGHWAY 91) AND TOTAL APPROXIMATELY 4.39 ACRES.

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

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga

No Vote: None

Absent: Bair

The public hearing opened at 7:40 P.M.

JUSTIN: The request is to rezone the parcel where the building which was formerly used as a seminary building is located as well as the land to the south which will be a parking lot. The third lot is the tree farm area formerly owned by the Burningham family south of these parcels. The request is to rezone all of the parcels to Highway Commercial.

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

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

The public hearing closed at 7:41 P.M.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2021-06.

ALAN LOWER: We are in the process of remodeling the seminary building. We are working on the building plans, as well as obtaining a building permit. The goal is to have a pharmacy and Sterling Medical located in that building. A parking lot would be added to the south of the seminary building. We have told the school they are welcome to utilize it at night for their evening events. The tree farm is where we would like to expand the Lower Foods business. We have outgrown our current building. We have a lot of demand for our product right now. We need improved facilities for our employees as well. All of the area will be landscaped and tie together.

CHERYL: Will the hours for Sterling Medical change?

ALAN: When it opens in the new building, they intend to operate 12 hours per day.

MAYOR: A lot of work has been done on all of those parcels. Everything will turn out really nice. You have always maintained the "Welcome to Richmond" sign which is located on your property. We appreciate that. The planning commission recommended approval of the request, and it is now before the council for consideration.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-06, an Ordinance rezoning Cache County Parcel Numbers 09-084-0011, 09-084-0081 and 09-084-0015 from RMD (Residential Medium Density) and SCHOOL (School) to HC (Highway Commercial), was made by Terrie, seconded by Cheryl and the vote was unanimous.

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

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ORDINANCE 2021-08, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHMOND CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 13-000 "POLICE DEPARTMENT", PART 13-261 "DEFINITIONS AND ESTABLISHMENT".

JUSTIN: About a year ago, we revised our code in regard to kennel license requirements. The change allowed for kennel permits on parcels 15,000 square feet or larger. We have learned over the last year that we think the square footage amount should be 14,500. The 14,500 square footage would align with our zoning requirements. What is happening is we have people who want to obtain a kennel license and they live on legal lot sizes of 14,500 to 14,999 square feet but cannot apply because they don't have 15,000 square feet. We feel it is best the kennel license requirement is in harmony with the zoning code.

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

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

The public hearing opened at 7:45 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 Terrie, seconded by Kelly, and the vote was unanimous.

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

The public hearing closed at 7:45 P.M.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2021-08.

TERRIE: I understand the logic behind this Ordinance. I would like to see the enforcement of barking dogs and negligent dogs enforced. It is one of the top things I see in the Cache County Sheriff's Office report. The report only includes complaints which were actually called in.

MAYOR: In regard to barking dogs, what is the process? Do we simply tell people to call animal control?

TERRIE: Typically, they are given one or more warnings. I would like to see them get one warning and then get fined. We need to find a way to encourage people to monitor their dogs. It is irritating.

CHERYL: Being a dog owner, I realize how hard it is to keep a dog from barking, especially when my children are outside by him; however, we do bring him inside at night. I don't think that dropping the lot size requirement by 500 square feet from 15,000 square feet to 14,500 square feet will adversely affect the barking problem.

MAYOR: The complaints I received are from dogs barking at night, as well as for aggressive dogs along a walkway.

TERRIE: Some people never let their dogs out of the kennel. They don't tell them to stop barking either. I will thank any dog owner I see who shushes their dog.

MAYOR: We need to let the sheriff's office know of issues.

JEREMY: We are not receiving proper follow through from animal control. It has taken over a year and 21 official complaints to finally deal with one dog issue. We are not getting the follow through we need. I see so many of the same repeat complaints at the same place.

TERRIE: There are three addresses which are very prevalent.

MAYOR: I think we need to notify Sheriff Jensen of this problem. It is a disturbance. I support the request to change our code to a minimum of 14,500 square feet, as that matches our land-use code.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-08, an Ordinance amending the Richmond City Municipal Code, Title 13-000 "Police Department", Part 13-261 "Definitions and Establishment" was made by Tucker, seconded by Kelly, and the motion passed by a vote of 3-1.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts
No Vote: Wierenga
Absent: Bair

TERRIE: I understand the logic behind the Ordinance. I am fed up with dealing with barking dogs and calling animal control.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2021-04, A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CACHE COUNTY AND RICHMOND CITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

JUSTIN: The legislature is requiring us to do a vote by mail election now. The county has drawn up an official agreement of what they will do for us for the election. We don't have the equipment or ability to deal with the signatures on the ballots. We will still be the face of the election, but they will do everything behind the scenes. The majority of the cost they are charging is for postage which is not their fault. We will save money if people drop off their ballots in ballot boxes. The proposed agreement has been reviewed by City Attorney Miles Jensen. He asked the county to make a couple of clerical changes and add one minor paragraph. The candidate signup period is June 1st through the 7th. The estimated cost is \$6,785 for the primary and general election. We are going to budget \$7,000

to make sure we are covered. The county will only charge us for their actual cost. The cost will be half if there is not a primary election.

CHERYL: What happens if the election is uncontested?

JUSTIN: Then there is no cost to the city.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2021-04, a Resolution adopting an Interlocal Agreement between Cache County and Richmond City for the administration of the 2021 Municipal Election 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 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ORDINANCE 2021-10, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHMOND CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 8-000 "MUNICIPAL PROPERTY", CHAPTER 8-102 "ACQUISITION AND DISPOSAL", PART 8.102.040 "DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY", TITLE 12-000 "LAND USE, DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT", CHAPTER 12-500 "ADMINISTRATION", PART 12-505 "NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC HEARINGS", CHAPTER 12-2003 "SUBDIVISION PROCESS", PART 12-2003-3 "PRELIMINARY PLAT PROCESS" AND PART 12-2003-5 "COMBINED PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT PROCESS" AND CHAPTER 12-1000 "OVERLAYS", PART 12-1030 "MULTIPLE-FAMILY DWELLING UNIT OVERLAY "MF"", PART 12-1030-7 "ACCESSORY APARTMENTS".

JUSTIN: This is a housekeeping Ordinance. The legislature recently adopted a bill which makes it so we no longer have to advertise in The Herald Journal. Viewership is so low it no longer makes sense to advertise in the newspaper. We are now required to advertise all public hearings on the Utah Public Notice website and our website. We will post at the city office, library, and post office as well. This Ordinance removes the newspaper advertising requirement. We are also removing the requirement for a public hearing on preliminary plats. There is no reason for a public hearing in this regard. Public hearings are held during annexations and rezones. After that point, the developer basically cannot be stopped if they meet all of the requirements of the code and standards. The legislature also made it much easier for people to have accessory apartments. We need to amend our code to new state requirements.

MAYOR: I have a concern about making it mandatory a person has a business license if they have an accessory apartment. I am not sure if that is the best option. I think the process is to make sure there is accountability but don't think a business license is the right avenue.

A motion to close the regular council meeting and open the public hearing 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 opened at 7:59 P.M.

MICHAEL IVIE: I see this is making changes to existing code. How do I see the ordinances before the council meeting?

JUSTIN: I am happy to provide you a copy of any Ordinance you want to review.

TERRIE: We are removing the requirements in our code which are no longer needed. Accessory apartments are included in our existing code. Right now, a conditional-use permit is required. The legislature is in the process of getting rid of conditional-use permits. I disagree with the legislature on this. I think a business license or other mechanism is needed to monitor them.

MICHAEL: I guess the code talks about the number of people who can live in one, parking, etc.?

TERRIE: Parking is discussed and the units must be owner-occupied. The goal is to help with affordable housing challenges.

CHERYL: Home costs have risen over 20% in the last year.

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

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

The public hearing closed at 8:03 P.M.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2021-10.

MAYOR: I understand the premise of the business license requirement. I think it is good timing for some changes. We need to consider scenarios of what can be done administratively moving forward. I think items can be administrative, and if there are issues or exceptions, they can then come to the council. I think we need to have something in place, and if certain guidelines are met, it automatically qualifies. We already having zoning rules such as setbacks in place.

TUCKER: Are you wanting to make the accessory apartment issue all administrative?

MAYOR: Yes.

TERRIE: We have a requirement right now where conditional-use permit requests come before the council the first time, and then they are renewed annually unless there is a problem. I don't see an issue having them coming in when they first decide to start renting.

MAYOR: I don't think all homebased businesses need to come before the council as well. It has just always been something we have required in the past. I think it would be more effective to have a checklist, and it is handled administratively. The requests can come before the council if there are concerns or issues.

TERRIE: So, you want to revise our code on business licenses as well?

MAYOR: Yes.

TERRIE: That would need to be in a different ordinance than is being proposed tonight.

MAYOR: Correct. We need to establish some guidelines for the staff to follow. It should be something like if the applicant does this, then we will approve that.

CHERYL: I agree. Most of those which came in tonight did not really need to come in.

MAYOR: The council could establish some ground rules for the staff to follow.

TERRIE: So, you are okay with just registering with the city?

CHERYL: Yes.

MAYOR: Yes, with some guidelines in place.

CHERYL: I think a checklist with owner contact information would be good. Especially, in the case of a fire where we need to contact someone.

TERRIE: I know in the past we had a hard time finding some property owners.

MAYOR: Agreed. We need to know what is going on.

TUCKER: I have a concern where it says, "within the footprint of the primary dwelling".

TERRIE: That is from state code.

CHERYL: What happens if you do an addition to your home?

TERRIE: Do the addition. Then, come in later for approval of the accessory dwelling unit.

TUCKER: I think it is good to have a legal process in place.

TERRIE: I agree. We have been asked about these many times.

DAREK: There will always be people who try and find ways to get around any ordinance.

TERRIE: The building addition project must be completed before an applicant applies. The addition must be attached to the primary residence and must be owner-occupied.

TUCKER: I am glad it says the owner must live in one of the units.

***A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-10, an Ordinance amending the Richmond City Municipal Code, Title 8-000 "Municipal Property", Chapter 8-102 "Acquisition and Disposal", Part 8.102.040 "Disposal of Surplus Real Property", Title 12-000 "Land Use, Development and Management", Chapter 12-500 "Administration", Part 12-505 "Notification and Public Hearings", Chapter 12-2003 "Subdivision Process", Part 12-2003-3 "Preliminary Plat Process" and Part 12-2003-5 "Combined Preliminary and Final Plat Process" and Chapter 12-1000 "Overlays", Part 12-1030 "Multiple-Family Dwelling Unit Overlay "MF"", Part 12-1030-7 "Accessory Apartments" amending the Ordinance to delete the portion of the Ordinance

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including Chapter 12-1000 “Overlays”, Part 12-1030 “Multiple-Family Dwelling Unit Overlay “MF””, Part 12-1030-7 “Accessory Apartments” was made by Terrie, seconded by Tucker, and the vote was unanimous.***

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

JUSTIN: We currently have an application for a conditional-use permit for an accessory apartment. How do you want us to proceed?

TERRIE: The current code says they need a conditional-use permit.

JUSTIN: Do you want them to come in next month for the conditional-use permit?

MAYOR: Yes. Have it listed after the new ordinance on accessory apartments, so we can handle it properly.

TERRIE: The second family is already living in the home.

MAYOR: They, for sure, need to come in next month then.

TERRIE: We will look at a new ordinance in regard to homebased business licenses as well as accessory apartments.

JUSTIN: I am not sure if we will have the new ordinance ready for next month.

MAYOR: The applicant needs to come in now, as we will follow our current code.

The council took a short recess at 8:16 P.M.

The council meeting was reconvened at 8:30 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ORDINANCE 2021-07, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHMOND CITY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 14-000 “UTILITIES”, CHAPTER 14-100 “WATER” ADDING IN ITS ENTIRETY PARTS 14-170 “WATER DEDICATION PURPOSE”, 14-171 “GENERAL STANDARDS”, 14-172 “WATER STOCK OR WATER RIGHT DEDICATION PROCEDURE”, 14-173 “CONTRIBUTION OF WATER RIGHT OR WATER STOCK”, 14-174 “WAIVER OF DEDICATION OF SHARES OR RIGHTS; IRRIGATION”, 14-175 “PROPERTY NOT IN A SUBDIVISION”, 14-176 “ANNEXATION REQUESTS”, 14-177 “SECONDARY/OUTDOOR SYSTEM CONDITIONS”, 14-178 “WATER SHARES LEASED”, 14-179 “DEFINITIONS (FOR THIS SECTION)”, AMENDING 12-506 “INNER-BLOCK DEVELOPMENT”, 12-517 “WATER EXACTION” AND 12-2003 “SUBDIVISION PROCESS”.

JUSTIN: I think Darek, Terrie, Jeremy, and I spent more time working on this ordinance than any other ordinance I can remember. There were at least six or seven versions before we were all comfortable with what we are bringing to the council for consideration. We wanted to get something good written and put in place. It is not perfect but is a good starting point. In the past, the council has required irrigation water shares be turned over to the city as part of the subdivision process. We don’t think our existing code is strong in this regard, and if we were challenged in court, we do not think we would win. The proposed ordinance would give the developer three options. The options would be to turn over irrigation water shares, irrigations rights, or pay a water dedication payment. The developer would have the option to choose which of the three options is best for them. The city would not dictate which option is chosen. The preference of the city is to get the irrigation water shares, so they can be kept with the land such as in the Traveller Lane Subdivision.

TERRIE: We have skated by so far because we have not had many subdivisions come in. It is changing drastically in this regard. We would rather be proactive than reactive. We will now have actual water in hand or funds in hand to purchase water rights or water shares in the future. Water is gold. We need to get something in place. I read a number of other city ordinances in this regard throughout the state. Many are more restrictive than what we are proposing. Our current city code is vague right now in this regard.

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

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

The public hearing opened at 8:35 P.M.

SHARIK PECK: I would like to thank you for all of the good work being done. Find a way to properly fund the sewer system. Take care of all of the departments in the city. I am pleased with the efforts by everyone. These are good ordinances. I am glad people will know the plan and how to proceed with their projects.

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 8:37 P.M.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2021-07.

MAYOR: Terrie, thank you. There is a very specific purpose behind this ordinance. This will affect generations to come. If we don't have something in place, it will affect them. This is something we have discussed for a long time, especially the last couple of years. This will help to bring us inline with things as growth is coming. Water is gold, and we will only have less as time goes on. The city must provide culinary water. Culinary water being put on grass is our current trend. This ordinance gives us an avenue with options. I think this ordinance covers everything we have previously discussed. There are now options for developers. They can pay a dedication payment or provide shares to the city. This also helps to formalize our relationship with the irrigation company. We will continue to work with them.

TERRIE: We have a great team. Justin, Jeremy, and Darek were all involved. It was definitely a group effort. All of our comments, questions, and concerns in each draft challenged our thinking and made us clarify our thinking. I appreciated being involved.

TUCKER: Overall, I think it looks good. I have a question on property not in a subdivision. What about a person who wants to build a home on a large amount of acreage? They would typically water the remainder of their parcel with irrigation water. What about platted and minor subdivisions?

TERRIE: Section 14-175 "Property Not In A Subdivision" discusses this. This talks about an instance of one home going on ten acres and what the requirement would be.

DAREK: As written, the person in this case would only be required to provide one share. If the parcel is developed over time, they would be required to pay more or give more shares at that time.

MAYOR: If they give us a share, will we lease it back to them? If they cannot provide a share, then what happens?

DAREK: The intent would be if the land is already irrigated to lease the share back to the person. We cannot move shares from lateral to lateral. The intention is to lease them back to the owners of the property.

JUSTIN: The property owner is welcome to keep the irrigation share; they would just have to pay a water dedication payment instead.

DAREK: The intent is to keep the water on the land.

JUSTIN: Like we did with the Traveller Lane Subdivision, the developer turned over six shares on the project. In turn, we notified the irrigation company we will use those six shares on developed lots in the subdivision.

MAYOR: Where is metering the irrigation water discussed?

JUSTIN: In our standards, not in this ordinance.

TUCKER: I am good with it as written. I just had a concern with Section 14-175.

TERRIE: It was one of our biggest discussion items when the ordinance was drafted. We can amend if you want to change how it is written.

TUCKER: Whether one home or a subdivision, everyone will pay.

MAYOR: There will be pushback on this, especially from those who own single lots. They will want to keep their water shares.

JUSTIN: They are more than welcome to keep the share; they will just pay the fee instead.

MAYOR: With nothing really in place, it gets complicated with growth. The water situation is not looking good this year. Some wells are doing okay, but others are struggling already.

DAREK: We would be willing to take water rights as well.

CHERYL: How would we collect a fee if we charge someone to lease a share?

JUSTIN: It would be added to their utility bill.

MAYOR: People use culinary water to water their yards because our water is cheap. It takes about ten years of water consumption to cost the equivalent of one water share. Subdivisions won't be a problem. Property owners developing individual parcels will complain.

JUSTIN: This process is not new. Almost every city I contacted already has this in place and has had in place for a long time.

MAYOR: It is mostly smaller towns who have nothing in place. It is one of the reasons they don't have any funds to pay for future growth.

DAREK: Most cities and districts have this in place. New sources of water cost a lot of money.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-07, an Ordinance amending the Richmond City Municipal Code, Title 14-000 "Utilities", Chapter 14-100 "Water" adding in its entirety Parts 14-170 "Water Dedication Purpose", 14-171 "General Standards", 14-172 "Water Stock or Water Right Dedication Procedure", 14-173 "Contribution of Water Right or Water Stock", 14-174 "Waiver of Dedication of Shares or Rights; Irrigation", 14-175 "Property not in a Subdivision", 14-176 "Annexation Requests", 14-177 "Secondary/Outdoor System Conditions", 14-178 "Water Shares Leased", 14-179 "Definitions (For this Section)", amending 12-506 "Inner-Block Development", 12-517 "Water Exaction" and 12-2003 "Subdivision Process" 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 RESOLUTION 2021-03, A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE PREVAILING FEE SCHEDULE OF THE CITY.

JUSTIN: We were told the current value of a share in the Richmond Power & Irrigation Company is worth approximately \$3,500 to \$4,500 per share. With staff time, legal counsel time if needed, and city engineer time if needed, we felt \$5,000 was a comparable value. We wanted the value of the share to be approximately the same as the dedication payment amount. We talked to other cities and some are higher and some are lower as the value of shares varies from city to city. The highest fee we came across was Nibley, and they charge \$7,000.

TERRIE: We are a little higher on the dedication payment amount, as we would prefer to have the water share in hand.

TUCKER: If a share change is done, it would equate to approximately four-acre feet.

DAREK: Keep in mind, a share only allows the use of the water right. The irrigation company owns their rights.

TUCKER: If a change was done long term, it would cost more than \$5,000 to purchase four-acre feet of water. We could buy around 1.5 to 2.0 acre feet of water for \$5,000.

JUSTIN: Another issue we deal with is the irrigation company does not allow the use of partial shares. They would require at least one share per lot.

DAREK: Nibley wants water as opposed to collecting a fee, so they charge a substantial amount.

MAYOR: The biggest concern of the irrigation company is keeping the water on the same property.

A motion to adopt Resolution 2021-03, a Resolution updating the Prevailing Fee Schedule of the City 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 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING ORDINANCE 2021-09, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHMOND CITY MANUAL OF DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS, CHAPTER 6.0 “IRRIGATION WATER DESIGN”, SECTION 6.01 “GENERAL”.

JUSTIN: We have construction standards for roads, water, sewer, and irrigation systems. The standards tell developers what they are required to do when they do a new development. Darek has reviewed and updated our standards for irrigation systems in new subdivisions. This is his specialty, and we relied heavily on him for the verbiage in the Ordinance.

DAREK: The standards talk about things such as the type and size of the pipe to use. The build and design of the irrigation system is included as well. The material of the pipe is discussed. The standards include the nuances of the system. What we are talking about is the city owned system. The irrigation company does not own the system which would be installed. The irrigation company is protected by these standards as well. We have seen poor quality material installed in the past, and that won't happen with the new standards as they are written. We want good C900 pipe installed. The color is typically purple, as that is the designation for irrigation water. C900 is a more robust pipe than some other classifications.

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

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga

No Vote: None

Absent: Bair

The public hearing opened at 8:57 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 Kelly, seconded by Tucker, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga

No Vote: None

Absent: Bair

The public hearing closed at 8:57 P.M.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON ORDINANCE 2021-09.

A motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-09, an Ordinance amending the Richmond City Manual of Design & Construction Standards, Chapter 6.0 “Irrigation Water Design”, Section 6.01 “General” was made by Terrie, seconded by Tucker, and the vote was unanimous.

Yes Vote: Thatcher, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga

No Vote: None

Absent: Bair

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE MONTHLY SEWER UTILITY RATE.

JUSTIN: We have prepared several options for the council to consider as we evaluate increasing the monthly sewer utility rate. None of the options factor in Depreciation Expense. Here are the results of five scenarios we have considered. Scenario 1 is increasing the monthly rate \$1.00 on July 1st. This results in negative cash flow of over \$151,000 per year. Scenario 2 is increasing the rate \$10 on July 1st and an additional \$10 on January 1st. This would get us to just over a breakeven point in regard to cash flow. Scenario 3 is increasing the rate \$15 on July 1st and \$5 on January 1st. This would result in positive cash flow of about \$32,000 per year. Scenario 4 is increasing the rate

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\$20 on July 1st. This would result in positive cash flow of \$60,000 per year. Scenario 5 is increasing the monthly rate \$25 on July 1st. This would result in positive cash flow of just over \$116,000 per year.

CHERYL: When does a decision need to be made by?

JUSTIN: The plan is to hold the public hearing and vote of the council in June.

MAYOR: We were approached a couple of months ago by Logan City. They are considering additional upgrades to their new sewer plant. They are installing three bioreactors, but four are needed. Part of the new funding from the federal government that is coming to the state is for water and sewer projects. Mayor Daines from Logan City asked us to team up with them and Hyrum City to ask the state for additional funding. Logan has hired a lobbyist to present the information to the legislators. If the request is approved, we would receive about \$800,000. This would help to replace pumps and other equipment at the MBR Plant. We don't have any idea if the request will be approved.

CHERYL: When should we know?

MAYOR: Sometime in May.

TUCKER: Are the funds for operations or capital projects?

JEREMY: Capital projects.

TERRIE: Does this mean equipment?

MAYOR: Yes, the plant is aging and some of the equipment needs to be replaced. This would be a big upgrade for us to make improvements to the plant. My preference on what we are currently considering is \$10 in July and another \$10 in January. It will hurt everyone, but hopefully it won't be detrimental.

CHERYL: Will we still do the \$1.00 per year increase?

TERRIE: At least that much, if not more.

MAYOR: The \$1.00 per year will always be included.

DAREK: The council has been smart to include \$1.00 per year. You might be to the point you need to consider \$2.00 per year. We have gotten behind. I understand people are on a fixed income, as I am one of them.

TERRIE: We planned all along, there would be three increases to the sewer rate. We only implemented two of them. We have pushed off the third increase over seven years.

DAREK: The previous increases worked well, but it is time for change now.

CHERYL: Troy is saving us money by what he is doing in maintaining the plant as well.

MAYOR: As is Jeremy. They are doing as good as they can running an expensive sewer plant.

JUSTIN: I will draft the Ordinance for a \$10.00 per month increase on July 1st and another \$10.00 per month increase in January.

TUCKER: We might need to consider another \$5.00 increase in July 2022 as well.

TERRIE: I think we will have to do \$2.00 per year increases after that as well. Wages are increasing to around \$15.00 per hour. The cost of materials is increasing.

JUSTIN: Studies have shown the standard of living will decrease if everyone is forced to pay a minimum of \$15.00 per hour.

TUCKER: What about our water rate? Do we need to consider \$2.00 per year there as well?

JUSTIN: At this point I think we focus on sewer because of the state of the fund at this time.

MAYOR: I agree it needs to be considered long term. If we had not been doing the \$1.00 per year increase, we would be looking at a \$25 or more dollar per month increase in that fund as well.

INITIAL DISCUSSION ON THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET WHICH IS THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022.

JUSTIN: Tonight is just an initial review of the proposed budget. Nothing is being voted on tonight. The new budget includes a 3.00% cost of living wage increase. The budget does not include filling the position vacated by Holly Jo Karren. This would mean the city office would continue the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. daily.

CHERYL: Is that working out?

CHRIS: I think so.

JEREMY: I would say it is working. The one downside is when Chris needs a day off. I have to cover the front desk or close the office if I have meetings. The only challenge is when she needs time off. I have not had much negative feedback since the change was made.

MAYOR: I have not heard anything negative.

JEREMY: The only comment I have heard is one person said all governmental agencies should be open until 5:00 P.M.

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JUSTIN: I have included the property tax revenue amount from last year at this point. I won't have the new number from the county until around the first week of June, and I will include it at that time. We intend to hold the property tax rate the same again this year. Local Road Tax is such an unknown. It projects to be around \$48,000 per year, so we are going to budget \$42,000 to make sure we are covered. We are including Class "C" Road Funds at \$125,000. This is a tax that never seems to increase. Interest earnings have taken a large decrease since the start of COVID-19. We are down at least 70% in this regard in all funds. The rental equipment of \$8,334 is for the water and sewer fund paying their portion of the new backhoe. Last year, we purchased a new mini excavator, so this year we are getting a backhoe. The rent for city buildings includes Spartan, Bear River Head Start, gym rental, and the amount paid by water and sewer for their portion of the Park Community Center. At this point, I have included the RAPZ Tax application amount. We should know in May if we will receive any funding, and at that time, we will adjust to the exact amount. Credit/Debit card fee expenses are being increased in all funds. More people are using cards all the time. The election expense of \$7,000 has been included which includes both a primary and general election. In the past, we have not paid the planning commission anything for their service. The proposal in the new budget is to pay the commissioners \$25 per meeting attended. The payment would be made in June of each year.

TERRIE: I strongly support paying the stipend to the commissioners. What about the library board?

CHERYL: I don't think that is necessary. I don't know any of the board members who would want to be paid. They are happy to volunteer.

MAYOR: I think the library board is separate from a legislative body.

CHERYL: I don't think a stipend is needed for the library board.

TERRIE: I would agree.

MAYOR: That is a great price on the backhoe replacement.

JEREMY: We switched to John Deere a couple of years ago and got a really good price this time. There was a hit financially when we made the change two years ago, but we have already made that up with this purchase.

JUSTIN: The only improvements we have included for the Park Community Center are replacing four furnaces. There are over twenty furnaces in this building, and we need to replace some each year. Jeremy has done a great job of keeping track of which ones need to be replaced and which ones have been replaced. The new police contract amount of \$41,461 is included. The cost of the new backhoe is \$12,500. The White Pine Park playground is tentatively included based on receiving RAPZ Tax funds. If we don't receive RAPZ Tax funding, this item will be removed. Per your direction, we have included the county trails coordinator position at a cost of \$1,046. A new tractor is included at a cost of \$30,000. The fire contract I was told will be increasing from \$52,592 to \$91,008. Chief Downs will be coming before the council next month to review the contract and explain the price.

MAYOR: We knew when we signed the original contract, it would change over time. The intent has always been to pay what they are paying for coverage in their city. By adjusting the amount we pay, it would bring us on par with what each Smithfield resident is paying for fire department coverage. Amalga, Hyde Park, and Richmond would all pay the same as Smithfield. They are not asking to charge us more than their residents are paying.

JUSTIN: If I recall correctly, the proposed contract equates to \$31 or \$32 per resident per year.

MAYOR: Logan is paying \$80 per year per resident, and North Logan is paying \$91 per year per resident. They are trying to keep costs as low as possible. The only other option is to go back to a volunteer department.

JUSTIN: Lora has asked for some changes to the library budget. A few small increases, as well as reallocating some funding from one line item to another. Interest revenue in the Water Enterprise Fund is down substantially. Increases to credit and debit card fees are included. The equipment rental in the Water Fund is paying their share of the new backhoe. For the first time, our interest on the water tank project will be under \$100,000 per year. We are making progress. Revenue in the Sewer Enterprise Fund will be adjusted when the council makes a final decision on what they intend to do with the monthly utility rate. Interest revenue is down in this fund as well. Gasoline Expense is up in this fund, as the cost of propane and fuel have risen drastically. The Cub River Sports Complex will include the annual revenue of \$10,000 from Lewiston and \$10,000 from Richmond. Interest in the Capital Projects Fund is decreasing substantially. Items will be reviewed and tweaked over the next couple of months. The public hearing and vote of the council will be held at the June council meeting.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW WITH DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS AS NECESSARY.

JUSTIN: In March, we received \$32,349 in sales tax revenue. Our fourth allocation of Class "C" Road Funds was received in the amount of \$23,961. The library received a grant in the amount of \$4,900. Hats off to Lora, Terrie, Cheryl, and everyone else at the library who work tirelessly to get additional funding for the library. They have received several grants this year. In March, we collected \$18,152 in Water Impact fees with a yearly total of

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\$79,204. Sewer impact fees collected in March totaled \$8,614 and for the year total \$43,943. As you can see, we don't collect a lot in sewer impact fees even when we have average or above average growth.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

TERRIE: We met with the county and BRAG (Bear River Association of Governments). There are three more days to go on the trail survey. Through mid-April, there were just shy of 300 responses.

JEREMY: That is more than I expected.

JUSTIN: I agree.

TERRIE: Most of the responses are from Richmond residents, as well as some from local hiking groups.

CHERYL: The survey is actually quite long.

TERRIE: A lot of time has been spent by BRAG and the county. I used the green waste bins for the second time in the 20 years I have lived here. It was nice there was room I was able to put my items in the bin. I have even done it a few more times since then.

MAYOR: We had some new signage made. Lots of people are utilizing the bin during the day as well.

CHERYL: Justin, thanks for being so meticulous in what you prepare.

JUSTIN: It is not just me. It is Chris, Jeremy, Darek, me, and the rest of the staff. We need to thank the council and the mayor for the support you give to us. We always know you will have our back. All of you, as well as the staff, do things behind the scenes nobody ever sees or hears about. Thank you for all you do for the community. We have an awesome staff.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR: Jonathan Badger from Lee's Marketplace contacted me and wants to meet. They are working through the process. I will call him tomorrow. On a personal note, I want to talk about my COVID-19 experience. It is one of the most difficult things I have ever gone through, especially with timing. It is still ongoing which really is frustrating to me. I have had a good month to ponder and reflect on things. I have learned to appreciate things. It was the first time I have ever been admitted to a hospital, and it was in the COVID-19 unit. This has been very problematic mentally. People asked if I have changed my perspective on COVID-19. Yes, I have, but people are still entitled to their opinions, and I won't try and change them. I won't tell people to do things differently. I feel for people trying to explain what they are going through. I have a better understanding of that now. I appreciate all of you being here because you care. The agenda items we discussed tonight were not about us individually but about the city as a whole. It is about making things better for the future and not leaving them worse than we found them. The council in 1972 and about ten years ago had the foresight to deal with the sewer issue. If we didn't have a sewer system, it would cost us about \$30,000,000 today to install. COVID-19 is hard to overcome mentally. I appreciate what everyone has done while I have not been available. A special thank you to Jeremy for just taking over and doing what needs to be done. I appreciate what Jeremy and the staff have done behind the scenes to keep things going. It shows we are an incredible team. The next council meeting will be on May 18th which is after Black & White Days.

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

Yes Vote: Tucker, Peck, Crafts, Wierenga

No Vote: None

Absent: Bair

Adjournment at 9:35 P.M.

RICHMOND CITY CORPORATION

Jeffrey D. Young, Mayor

ATTEST:

Justin B. Lewis, City Recorder