

City of Richland
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
January 13, 2025

The Richland City Council met on Monday, January 13, 2025, in regular session. Mayor John Capps called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council members Michael Hadley, David Balster, Brei Beam and Steve Pfeifer were present. Council member Joe Adrian was absent. Also present: City Clerk Sarah Claeys and Public Works Supervisor Garrett Webb.

Hadley moved and Pfeifer 2nd to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from December 9th and claims: 4 ayes, motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Supervisor Garrett Webb said that LL Pelling will be coming through town in the next few months to review possible road work. These repairs will be presented to the council at a future spring meeting. Webb is waiting on a batch of new water meters to arrive. The new brand of meters will be a trial run for a more cost-effective option.

City Clerk Sarah Claeys stated that work continues for the FYE26 budget. There will also be an upcoming budget amendment for this fiscal year.

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS –No action to be taken:

There were no citizen comments.

The city council met and interviewed Nicole Steddom with Heslinga Law Firm for the city attorney position. Pfeifer moved and Hadley 2nd to appoint Nicole Steddom as the City of Richland's attorney: roll call vote, 4 ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Capps discussed the lack of an ordinance for vacating city property. The council members discussed reviewing other cities ordinances. City attorney Steddom said she could help facilitate this review and creation of the ordinance. Beam moved and Pfeifer 2nd for the City and Steddom to construct an ordinance on vacating and selling property: 4 ayes, motion carried.

Chris Bowers from Area 15 Regional Planning Commission presented information regarding different programs available through the commission. The program areas include economic development, transportation planning and housing assistance. No action taken.

Pfeifer moved and Beam 2nd to approve Resolution 01-13-25: City of Richland to continue membership with Area 15 Regional Planning Commission: roll call vote, 4 ayes, motion carried.

Jerry Gorman presented information for an upcoming fire training opportunity at the Iowa Farm Show. Balster moved and Hadley 2nd for the city to send 6-8 fire department members to training with hotel and transportation, the total spent should not exceed \$1500: 4 ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Capps adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm.

Mayor John Capps

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk Sarah Claeys