

City of Richland
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
April 14, 2025

The Richland City Council met on Monday, April 14, 2025, in regular session. Mayor John Capps called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council members Michael Hadley, David Balster, Brei Beam, Steve Pfeifer and Joe Adrian were present. 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 the March 10th regular meeting, March 24th public hearing, March 24th special meeting and claims: 5 ayes, motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Supervisor Garrett Webb stated it has been a smooth month, and the new water meters seem to be working well. He has a few more on hand that he plans to install. City Clerk Sarah Claeys said the lawyer in Tennessee is working on collecting a payment from Mr. Brown. She also stated the city will be receiving the DNR Derelict Building grant to demolish two buildings located on North Richland Street. This project will start after July 1.

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

Resident Sherry Cobb discussed nuisance issues with a vacant house located at 404 W Main St. Resident Mike Adrian asked for some clarification on the ordinance for vacating alleys and streets.

Keota fire chief Ryan and Keota council member Mike Bender explained how their 28E agreement works for fire protection. Richland City Council members were able to ask questions to gain a better understanding of this structure. Pfeifer moved and Beam 2nd to move forward with legal advice on the 28E setup similar to Keota: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

The council reviewed the LL Pelling road repair quote for 2025. Beam moved and Adrian 2nd to table the discussion until an updated quote with only repairs around the square can be reviewed: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Since Webb has submitted his resignation, the council discussed options for advertising and reviewing applications. Pfeifer moved and Hadley 2nd to advertise the public works position and review applications Monday, April 28th at 7pm: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Balster moved and Beam 2nd to have spring clean up Friday, May 2nd 5pm-8pm and Saturday, May 3rd 8am-12pm with Scott Steen handling appliances: 5 ayes, motion carried.

City clerk Claeys presented accounting software quotes. Pfeifer moved and Adrian 2nd to move the accounting software system to Banyon Data: 5 ayes, motion carried.

The city council discussed different options for the Keokuk County Endowment Fund grant for 2025, no action taken.

There was discussion on the current street signs and lack of East, West, North, South on the signs. The city will explore possible grants, no action taken.

Hadley moved and Balster 2nd to approve the second reading of Ordinance 6-6-7, Vacation and Disposal of Streets: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Adrian 2nd to approve Resolution 04-14-25: Approval of City Budget for FYE2026: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Beam 2nd to approve Resolution 04-14-25 (2): Budget amendment for FYE2025: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Capps adjourned the meeting at 8:36pm.

Mayor John Capps

ATTEST: _____

City Clerk Sarah Claeys