

**City of Richland**  
**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting**  
**August 11, 2025**

The Richland City Council met on Monday, August 11, 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 Calder Bender.

Beam moved and Pfeifer 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the July 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and claims: 5 ayes, motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Public Works Supervisor Calder Bender stated he is still mowing frequently and has started learning the water plant operations. He said the fans are helping with the humidity inside the water plant and he is waiting on a quote to repair the exhaust fan.

Water Operator Jason Rebling said ACCO has fixed the small leak on the chlorine tank. He is working on a temporary bypass to fix the malfunctioning valve.

City Clerk Sarah Claeys advised council of the new law requiring open meeting training within 90 days of oath of office. She stated there has been an accepted offer for the property at 400 N Richland St. Claeys explained the sewer rates were not calculating properly which is why some residents thought rates had increased, all rates are correct and now billing correctly.

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

No comments.

Rebling stated he has insurance coverage as of August 11. He will provide a certificate of insurance to the City. Hadley moved and Balster 2<sup>nd</sup> to reinstate Rebling as a contract employee at \$1600 per month: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

Bender informed council of a broken tile line on Stroup St. He has filled the hole temporarily with dirt and quotes to fix the issue will be presented at a future meeting. No action taken.

The city council discussed the portable generator being used for the well pump. Scott Linder informed Bender that it can be done and will show Bender how to hook it up. Bender will reach out to Linder about attending the next meeting. No action taken.

The council members reviewed a dog complaint for 307 S Richland St. Hadley moved and Adrian 2<sup>nd</sup> to have the clerk draft a letter to the resident for Deputy Clark to deliver: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Pfeifer 2<sup>nd</sup> to hold a public hearing to consider a road vacation request for 320<sup>th</sup> Ave on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Adrian 2<sup>nd</sup> to hold a public hearing to consider an alley vacation request for 205 S Walnut St on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Pfeifer 2<sup>nd</sup> to hold a public hearing to consider an alley vacation request for 301 W North St on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:45pm: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Adrian 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Street Finance Report for FYE2025: 5 ayes, motion carried.

The city council reviewed different fencing setback options for the new codebook. No action taken.

Mayor Capps provided an update on the property at 404 W Main St. On July 28 it was approved for the property to go to a Sheriff's sale. At this time, no sale date has been determined. No action taken.

Mayor Capps adjourned the meeting at 7:58pm.

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Mayor John Capps

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk Sarah Claeys