

**City of Richland**  
**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting**  
**September 8, 2025**

The Richland City Council met on Monday, September 8, 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 Adrian 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the August 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, claims and liquor license renewal for Bernie's: 5 ayes, motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Public Works Supervisor Calder Bender informed the council that he has obtained his CDL. He has still been busy mowing and starts water classes on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Water Operator Jason Rebling said the flow chart at the water plant is not working properly. He mentioned a few upgrades that may be beneficial and will obtain quotes.

City Clerk Sarah Claeys mentioned the asbestos abatement was completed for the McReynolds buildings. The contractor has submitted for the demolition permit and that should take place within the next few weeks. She also said the deadline for election nomination paperwork is September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

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

No comments.

Scott Linder provided clarification on a generator for the well pump. He submitted a quote for an LP standby generator however he does not believe it is necessary. He explained how the portable generator would hook up to the well pump and is sufficient. No action taken.

The council discussed the property at 400 N Richland St. Adrian moved and Balster 2<sup>nd</sup> to have a building inspection completed: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

Bender presented a quote from Midwest Water to repair the tile line on Stroup St. At this time is unclear how much tile line will be needed. Pfeifer moved and Adrian 2<sup>nd</sup> to proceed with the Midwest Water quote to repair the line: 5 ayes, motion carried.

The city council reviewed a quote to cap the old well. Hadley moved and Beam 2<sup>nd</sup> to table the quote until after Bender meets with the DNR regarding the capping: 5 ayes, motion carried.

There was no quote for additional Oak Street repairs. No action taken.

The council members reviewed and discussed possible changes for the 28E agreement for fire protection. Hadley moved and Beam 2<sup>nd</sup> to have the city attorney review the agreement and discuss again at October's regular meeting: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Pfeifer moved and Adrian 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Resolution 09-08-25: Budget amendment for FY2026. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

Beam moved and Pfeifer 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Resolution 09-08-25 (1): Road vacation request for 320<sup>th</sup> Ave. Roll call vote, 3 ayes, 1 nay (Balster), 1 abstain (Adrian), motion carried.

Pfeifer moved and Balster 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Resolution 09-08-25 (2): Alley vacation request for 205 S Walnut St. Roll call vote, 4 ayes, 1 abstain (Beam), motion carried.

Pfeifer moved and Adrian 2<sup>nd</sup> to deny the alley vacation request for 301 W North St. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Pfeifer 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Resolution 09-08-25 (4): Numerical address of 117 North Richland Street for the fire station. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

There was no resolution to approve the mayor and council term petitions. No action taken.

The city council members looked over two complaints regarding the property at 104 E Main St. Beam moved and Adrian 2<sup>nd</sup> to have the city clerk send the owner a letter: 5 ayes, motion carried.

The council discussed the library board vacancy. No action taken.

Balster moved and Beam 2<sup>nd</sup> to have the city Trick or Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5pm – 8pm: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Capps adjourned the meeting at 8:36pm.

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Mayor John Capps

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