

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

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

Balster moved and Pfeifer 2nd to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the September 8th public hearings and regular meeting, minutes from September 12th special meeting, claims, Trunk or Treat Event and solar permits for 306 E Main St and 602 N Oak St: 3 ayes, motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Supervisor Calder Bender prepared a report stating the DNR is ok with the plan to cap the old well while staying away from the clear well. He has been completing the water certification classes and plans to test around December.

Water Operator Jason Rebling said he has been training Calder in the water plant. He completed a bypass on the softener, and it is working properly. Soon he will start the pre samples for the lagoon discharge which will be done in November.

City Clerk Sarah Claeys stated the building demolition has been pushed back to November or December. The TN law firm is waiting on the judge to sign the final judgement order, after the 30-day waiting period, the defendant is expected to start making payments to the city. Richland will be receiving the KCCEF grant to make more updates at the ballfields, funds will be available after January 1.

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

No comments.

Scott with MMS provided an update on the lagoon. He said no major updates are required and the DNR is comfortable moving forward as is. If the city wanted to make a few improvements, he recommends an automatic influent sampler. For the sampler, electricity would be required at the lagoon site. The city will explore grants for updates and electricity to the site. No action taken.

Gary Neel spoke regarding the nuisance letter he received for the property at 104 E Main St. He requested an updated letter with the specific items to fix and an extended timeline to complete the work. City hall will work to send out a revised letter. No action taken.

Chad Reed requested reimbursement for the demolition costs for the property on Walnut St. Hadley moved and Pfeifer 2nd to reimburse Reed up to \$2,000 for demolition costs: roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

The council reviewed quotes to cap the old well as requested by the DNR. Pfeifer moved and Hadley 2nd to approve the quotes totaling \$3825: roll call vote, 3 ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Capps discussed 320th avenue and the city attorney's recommendation to have a survey done. The surveyor said it may come back inconclusive and did not feel it would be beneficial. The council members discussed having the city attorney and the Ombudsman work together to resolve any issues regarding 320th avenue. No action taken.

After reviewing the 28E for fire protection, the city attorney recommended including more detail. There is not an updated draft available yet. No action taken.

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

Balster moved and Hadley 2nd to move garbage and recycling pickup to Wednesday, November 12th due to Veteran's Day: 3 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Pfeifer 2nd to approve the Annual Financial Report for FYE2025: 3 ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Capps adjourned the meeting at 8:14pm.

Mayor John Capps

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk Sarah Claeys