

**City of Richland**  
**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting**  
**March 9, 2026**

The Richland City Council met on Monday, March 9, 2026, in regular session. Mayor John Capps called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council members Michael Hadley, Steve Pfeifer, Joe Adrian, Cyndia Crafton and Jim Gaines were present. Also present: City Clerk Sarah Claeys.

Hadley moved and Gaines 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the February 9<sup>th</sup> special meeting, public hearing and regular council meeting, claims and building permits for 306 W Stroup St and 402 S Oak St: 5 ayes, motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Public Works Supervisor Calder Bender submitted a report stating the new flow meter has been installed and is working well. He also installed a solar panel to charge the flow meter. The new bleachers for the ballfields have been delivered but are not assembled yet. Affidavit operator Jason Rebling said he will be ordering test supplies soon and ION picking up samples is working great. He stated the DNR retracted the minor violation after proper documentation was submitted.

City Clerk Sarah Claeys said the city is still waiting on reimbursement from the DNR for the derelict building grant. There is mediation scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> for the TN garbage truck case, with another hearing scheduled for April 6 if the mediation is unsuccessful.

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

No comments.

The library board president, Mike Adrian, is talking to a few candidates regarding the library board vacancy. No action taken.

Katie Phillips presented advertising options for the 2026 Keokuk County Visitor's Guide. Adrian moved and Crafton 2<sup>nd</sup> for the city to purchase a quarter page advertisement in the guide: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

The council discussed the yield signs being ineffective at the intersection of S Richland St and W Stroup St and the intersection of S Richland St and W South St. Crafton moved and Gaines 2<sup>nd</sup> to change the yield signs to stop signs at both intersections: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Crafton moved and Gaines 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Resolution 03-09-26 (1): Establishing a stop sign on S Richland Street at the intersection of S Richland Street and W Stroup Street: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

Crafton moved and Gaines 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Resolution 03-09-26 (2): Establishing a stop sign on S Richland Street at the intersection of S Richland Street and W South Street: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

Pfeifer moved and Adrian 2<sup>nd</sup> to proceed with the petition for 657A for the property at 400 N Richland St: 5 ayes, motion carried.

The council considered food truck operations in city limits and the lack of application/permit required. Hadley moved and Crafton 2<sup>nd</sup> to table the discussion: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Pfeifer 2<sup>nd</sup> to donate the city firearm to the Keokuk County Historical Society: 5 ayes, motion carried.

The council members briefly discussed the vacant lot at 121/123 N Richland St. No action taken.

Mayor Capps adjourned the meeting at 7:59pm.

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Mayor John Capps

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