## **TOWN OF NEW RICHMOND**

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## Minutes of the Meeting

July 5, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present, President Minnie Howard, Council Member Linda Forbes, Rachelle Cowherd,

Clerk/Treasurer Alaathea Foust.

Present: Town Superintendent Jay Busse

Pledge of allegiance

Alaathea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Minutes of Meeting on June 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., Linda F. made the motion to approve the minutes, Rachelle C. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea Foust Clerk/Treasurer presented approval for Public Hearing Meeting Minutes on June 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., Linda F. made the motion to approve the minutes, Rachelle C. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Julie Bolling 2023-7 Bond Ordinance 2023-7 New Richmond Waterworks Revenue Bonds: Julie Bolling (Bond Attorney) explained the purpose of the Bond Ordinance. After some discussion Linda F. made the motion to approve the Bond Ordinance 2023-7, Rachelle C. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried. Linda F. made the motion to suspend the rules and waive the second reading, Rachelle C. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

**2023-6 Resolution Amending 2018-5 & 2022-5 Resolution:** Julie Bolling explained the reason for amending the resolution to say that the 2018 Water Meter loan will be junior and subordinate to payment of the Waterworks revenue Bonds. Rachelle C. made the motion to approve Resolution 2023-6, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Amendments/Additions to Agenda: None

**Streets/Maintenance:** Jay Busse said there was some holes patch on streets. The bleacher at the park needs repaired. We need to order metal post for the electronic speed signs. Jay said there were no issues during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, he checked with the committee a couple of times to see if they needed anything. If they want to do anything different next year, they just need to talk with him.

Water/Sewer: Earl Heide was not present.

Town Marshal: Jeremy Minor was not present.

**Fire Department:** Fire Chief Darren Foreman gave a report on their runs for the month. Alaathea F. asked Matt Kelp if he had received the check for the Coal Creek Fire & Rescue contract. Matt Kelp said yes.

Report from Attorney: Rob Reimondo was not present.

**Clerk/Treasurer:** Alaathea F. presented Accounts Payable Voucher Register for July 5, 2023 to the Board, Rachelle C. made the motion to approve the APV Register, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. presented the bank reconcilements for May 2023.

Alaathea F. presented the Board with the Fund Report, Appropriation Report, Revenue Report up to date.

Alaathea F. presented the Council an invoice from HWC Engineers for \$12,908.75 for approval to pay when grant money is received. Linda F. made the motion to approve the payment, Rachelle C. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Alaathea F. said camaras on the Fire Station will be installed July 6.

Alaathea F. said there is Movie night at the park on August 5 at 9:00 p.m.

## Old Business:

**Traffic Ordinance Speed Limit**: Alaathea F. said she has not been able to get with Rob R. about the ordinance other issue have come up that needed to be handled first.

**Shelter House:** Darrell Birge (from the Volunteers for New Richmond Improvements) said he bought the doors for the shelter house, but they are not installed yet.

**2024 Budget Meeting**: Alaathea F. said 2024 Budget Hearing will be set for August 2 and the Budget Adoption set for September 6. Alaathea asked the Council if there were any issues with those dates, the Council said no.

**Bid for Water System Project from Graves Construction Services, Inc.:** Rachelle C. made the motion to approve the following bid contingent upon SRF loan closing and OCRA Release of Funds, Linda F. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Linda F. made the motion to approve the Council President Minnie Howard to be authorize to sign documents as needed for the water project, Rachelle C. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

**HWC Bid Opening Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2023**: Linda F. made the motion to approve the minutes from HWC Engineering, Rachelle C. seconded the motion, Minnie H. called for a vote, motion carried.

Minnie H asked if there was any new business. Rachelle C. said we need to address the residents who want to block off a street for any reason, that they need to address the Town Council beforehand in a polite matter and not to threaten the Town Council. Rachelle C. said she asked Jay Busse to talk to the resident in regards to this.

Next Town Hall Meeting is August 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Opened for Public Comments. There were some concerns from residents about people building on right aways and easements. Linda F. said she will check into the property that was of concern.

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