

City of Richland
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
February 9, 2026

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

Hadley moved and Gaines 2nd to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the January 12th regular meetings, claims and building permit for 201 S Locust St: 4 ayes, motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Supervisor Calder Bender has been busy training with Jason Rebling in the water plant. Bender installed a solar panel for the flow meter at the lagoon. The flow meter recently malfunctioned, however he has been in contact with the manufacturer for a replacement.

City Clerk Sarah Claeys stated the new website is now live. The DNR report for the derelict building grant was submitted and the city is waiting on the reimbursement. She is continuing to finalize the budget for FYE2027.

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

No comments.

The council members reviewed the two recent DNR violations by the affidavit operator Jason Rebling. The council considered using an alternative company as the affidavit operator. Hadley moved and Pfeifer 2nd to table the discussion until the April meeting: 4 ayes, motion carried.

Andy Nelson spoke regarding moving the annual car show to the last Saturday in September. Hadley moved and Crafton 2nd to allow the car show the last Saturday in September at the ballfields, repeating annually: 4 ayes, motion carried.

Bender informed council that he needs more rock to fill holes. Crafton moved and Gaines 2nd to purchase a load of rock: 4 ayes, motion carried.

The council examined a proposal from Ion Environmental Solutions for water and wastewater lab testing. Crafton moved and Gaines 2nd to use Ion Environmental Solutions as the vendor for lab testing: 4 ayes, motion carried.

Bender presented a quote to upgrade the lagoon flow meter sensor. Gaines moved and Crafton 2nd to approve the purchase of the sensor: roll call vote, 4 ayes, motion carried.

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

Mayor Capps informed council of the old firearm that is registered to the city and the council discussed options for the firearm. Council member Pfeifer will reach out to the Keokuk County Historical Society. Hadley moved and Pfeifer 2nd to table the discussion: 4 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Crafton 2nd to approve Resolution 02-09-26: Budget Amendment for FYE2026: 4 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Crafton 2nd to hold the public hearing for the Property Tax Levy on Tuesday, March 24th at 6:00pm: 4 ayes, motion carried.

The council discussed getting quotes for a concrete pad for the bus shelter so it can be anchored down. No action taken.

Mayor Capps adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

Mayor John Capps

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk Sarah Claeys