

**City of Richland**  
**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting**  
**April 13, 2026**

The Richland City Council met on Monday, April 13, 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 and Public Works Supervisor Calder Bender.

Hadley moved and Crafton 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the March 9<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting, March 24<sup>th</sup> public hearing and special meeting, claims and spring cleanup for Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> 5pm-8pm and Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 8am-12pm: 5 ayes, motion carried.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Public Works Supervisor Calder Bender said training is going well with affidavit operator Jason Rebling. There are no issues at the water plant or lagoon, and the solar panel is working great. He fixed a water leak at the ballfield bathrooms, and the new bleachers have been assembled. Bender has the mower ready to go.

City Clerk Sarah Claeys said the DNR has accepted the final reports for the derelict building grant and reimbursement should be distributed within 30-60 days. The defendant for the TN lawsuit did appear in mediation and agreed to refund the full amount within 30 days.

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

No comments.

Before Mayor Capps read Resolution 04-13-26 (1), council member Adrian declared a conflict of interest, left the room and did not participate in discussion or voting. Gaines moved and Crafton 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Resolution 04-13-26 (1): Resolution outlining the City's interest in portion of property located on 320<sup>th</sup> Avenue: roll call vote, 4 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Adrian 2<sup>nd</sup> to continue using Jason Rebling as the water/wastewater affidavit operator: 5 ayes, motion carried.

The council members reviewed the LL Pelling road repair quote for 2026. Hadley moved and Crafton 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the quote: 5 ayes, motion carried.

The city council discussed road issues located in multiple areas on E Harrison St. Hadley moved and Gaines 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the repair quote from PNA Ag Drainage: 4 ayes, motion carried. Pfeifer abstained.

Mayor Capps nominated Katie Lyon for the library board. Pfeifer moved and Adrian 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the nomination of Katie Lyon to the library board: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Crafton moved and Gaines 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the food truck application: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Adrian 2<sup>nd</sup> to use The Clarion Plainsmen as the City of Richland's official news paper for publication: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Claeys presented information regarding online payment processor options. Adrian moved and Pfeifer 2<sup>nd</sup> to use GovCard as the online payment processor: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Capps discussed options for the T-Mobile Hometown grant. Hadley moved and Crafton 2<sup>nd</sup> to pursue the grant for park repairs and replacements: 5 ayes, motion carried.

The city council reviewed current garbage rates and the monthly expenses vs revenues for garbage. Hadley moved and Adrian 2<sup>nd</sup> to increase residential garbage rates by \$2.50 and commercial rates by \$5.00 with the rates being reevaluated annually with the option to increase rates: 5 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Pfeifer 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Resolution 04-13-26 (2): Approval of City Budget for FYE2027: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Crafton 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve Resolution 04-13-26 (3): Establishing internal control policies regarding the approval of timecards and the signing of payroll checks: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Capps adjourned the meeting at 8:13pm.

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Mayor John Capps

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