

TOWN OF RICHLANDS

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Richlands Town Council held a “Regular Monthly Meeting” on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:00 pm in the Richlands Council Chambers with the following present:

- Mayor: Rod. D. Cury
- Interim Town Manager: Don Marr
- Town Attorney: Absent
- Finance Manager: Ronnie Campbell
- Project Manager: Absent
- Town Clerk: Amanda Beheler
- Council Members: Rick Wood, Jordan Bales, Jan White, and Laura Mollo.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm and opened with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Mayor Cury.

IN RE: Additions, Deletions, or Corrections to the Agenda

The following additions/deletions were made to the Agenda:

The following were added to Unscheduled Public Comments:

- Tate Dickerson

Mayor Cury requested the following changes:

- Remove (f) Pooling Agreement with Amp
- Remove #2 Review of Municipal Power Supply Portfolio Analysis and Restructuring from Executive Session

Upon a motion by Jan White, seconded by Rick Wood and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 4-0 to approve the amended Agenda.

IN RE: Authorization to Pay Bills (March)

Upon a motion by Rick Wood, seconded by Jordan Bales, and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 4-0 to approve paying the bills for March.

IN RE: Minutes

Upon a motion by Rick Wood, seconded by Jan White, and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 4-0 to approve the following Meeting Minutes.

- February 10, 2026- Regular Scheduled Meeting
- March 24, 2026- Special Called Meeting

IN RE: Scheduled Public Comments

There were no Scheduled Public Comments.

IN RE: Unscheduled Public Comments

Tate Dickerson, 306 Rockbridge Ave-

- Advised he saw that the new generator was delivered today and asked when they were going to install it.
- Compared his 3 utility bills in Richlands to his bills in Kentucky.
- Asked when the power purchasing contracts would end.
- Stated natural gas should be an option for citizens.

Upon a motion by Rick Wood, seconded by Jordan Bales, and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 4-0 to approve Resolution R-2026-04-02 to renew the Merchant McIntyre Contract.

Mayor Cury declared a ten minute recess.

IN RE: Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Campbell gave a brief overview of the Monthly Financial Report for February as follows:

- General Fund- Year to Date Net Income Loss is -\$1,003,241
- Water- Year to Date Net Income Loss is -\$512,671
- Sewer- Year to Date Net Income Loss is \$277,565
- Water and Sewer Line Maintenance Year to Date Net Income Loss \$236,773
- Electric Fund w/o Generator \$232,719
- General Fund- Unreserved Cash Balance \$1,859,341
- Water Department Unreserved Cash Balance \$491,648
- Sewer Department Unreserved Cash Balance -\$413,715
- Electric Department Unreserved Cash Balance \$863,280

Mrs. Mollo inquired about the Fire Department Wages and Salaries and the note said a reclass entry is needed, Mr. Campbell advised they are still researching and trying to determine that. Mr. Campbell stated it is correct in total; this was the first year they had done it this way with overtime.

Mrs. Mollo asked if the Overtime line item had been beneficial, Mr. Campbell advised it had.

Mrs. Mollo inquired about Salaries and Wages in Sanitation at 87.96%, and asked if they will go over budget, Mr. Campbell advised he will check but he feels like they will be on budget by end of year.

Mrs. Mollo inquired about the REC Department Sports Expenses, and does that offset with the collections, Mr. Campbell advised it should.

There were no other questions from Council regarding the Monthly Financial Report.

IN RE: Attorney Report

Absent- Mayor Cury gave his condolences and prayers on behalf of the Town to Mr. Thomas and his family.

IN RE: Town Manager Report

Mr. Marr advised he will give Generator Updates monthly to Council and wants to improve communication regarding the Generator Contract.

Mr. Marr gave a brief Update & Overview Presentation to Council regarding the Generator Project.

Mrs. White thanked Mr. Marr for taking the time to share the information with Council.

Mrs. Mollo inquired about the two new jobs the project would create, because they were told they would not have to hire any new employees when they approved of the project.

Mr. Marr advised they will need to hire someone to dispatch the generator and do some maintenance, etc.

Mr. Marr said that he can't answer for what people prior to him advised Council.

Mr. Wood stated that when they found out about the contracts the Town had prior to the project, their plans had to adjust.

Mrs. Mollo stated that it is vital to have all Council Members on the same page with the project and thanked Mr. Marr for what he is doing.

Upon a motion by Rick Wood, seconded by Laura Mollo and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council certified 4-0 that only the following VA Code Sections were discussed during the Executive Session.

VA Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1) Personnel-

- Hiring Freeze

VA Code Section 2.2-3711 (A)(6) Contract Negotiations-

- Review Bids on Website Design Bids and Video Recruiting Bids
- Legal Services RFP responses and Selection of Provider (if any)

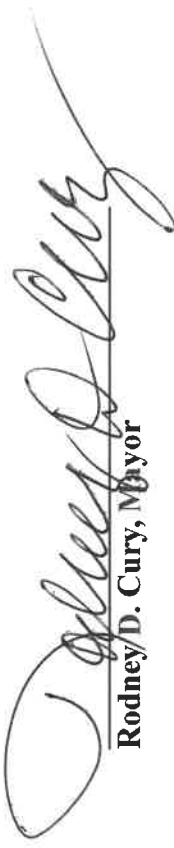
IN RE: Hiring Freeze

Upon a motion by Rick Wood, seconded by Jan White and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the Council voted 4-0 to adopt R-2026-04-01 to lift the Hiring Freeze, effective immediately, at the approval of the approved Council Budget.

IN RE: Adjournment

Upon a motion by Rick Wood, seconded by Jan White and the unanimous roll call vote of all members present, the meeting was adjourned.


Amanda Beheler, Town Clerk


Rodney D. Cury, Mayor