

MINUTES

RICHWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, July 15, 2024 at 6:30 PM

BE IT KNOWN THAT a City of Richwood City Council will meet Monday, July 15, 2024, beginning at 6:30 PM at Richwood City Hall, located at 1800 Brazosport Blvd. N., Richwood, Texas 77531 with the following agenda:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michael Durham, Mayor:	Present
Paul Stallberg, Position 1:	Present
Mike Challenger, Position 2:	Present
Amanda Reynolds, Position 3:	Present
William Yearsin, Position 4:	Present
Jeremy Fountain, Position 5:	Present

Others present: Eric Foerster, City Manager; Clif Custer, Public Works Director; Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary; Tricia Ditto, Finance Director; Police Chief, Stephen Mayer.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes from special meeting held June 17, 2024.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Amanda Reynolds, Seconded by Jeremy Fountain.

Voting Yea: Paul Stallberg, Mike Challenger, Amanda Reynolds, William Yearsin, Jeremy Fountain
Motion carried.

V. PRESENTATION

A. Steve Cook, Public Works - 10 Years

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution No. 24-R-87, setting a public hearing to consider amendments to land use assumptions, capital improvement plans, and impact fees on new development for water and wastewater improvements

Motion to approve Resolution No. 24-R-87, setting a public hearing to consider amendments to land use assumptions, capital improvement plans, and impact fees on new development for water and wastewater improvements.

Motion made by Amanda Reynolds, Seconded by Jeremy Fountain.

Voting Yea: Paul Stallberg, Mike Challenger, Amanda Reynolds, William Yearsin, Jeremy Fountain

Motion carried.

- B. Discuss and consider a resolution extending the disaster declaration issued by Mayoral Proclamation on July 7, 2024, in response to Hurricane Beryl.

Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary, presented.

Motion to approve resolution extending the disaster declaration by 100 days.

Motion made by Amanda Reynolds, Seconded by William Yearsin.

Voting Yea: Paul Stallberg, Mike Challenger, Amanda Reynolds, William Yearsin, Jeremy Fountain

Motion carried.

- C. Discussion regarding the status of the city post Hurricane Beryl.

Eric Foerster, City Manager, presented current updates.

Discussion held on debris pick up.

- C. Discuss and consider waiving permit fees for storm related permit applications.

Eric Foerster, City Manager, presented.

Motion to waive fees for storm-related permit applications.

Motion made by Amanda Reynolds, Seconded by Jeremy Fountain.

Voting Yea: Paul Stallberg, Mike Challenger, Amanda Reynolds, William Yearsin, Jeremy Fountain

Motion carried.

- E. Discuss and consider approving licensing agreement for a median located at Business 288 and Creekwood Landing Dr.

Eric Foerster, City Manager, presented.

Motion to approve licensing agreement for a median located at Business 288 and Creekwood Landing Dr.

Motion made by Jeremy Fountain, Seconded by William Yearsin.

Voting Yea: Paul Stallberg, Mike Challenger, Amanda Reynolds, William Yearsin, Jeremy Fountain

Motion carried.

- F. Discussion regarding Fiscal Year 2025 budget and utility rates.

Discussion held on supplemental.

Discussion held on Misty Ct roadwork.

Discussion held on Streets and Parks Master Plan

Discussion held on distribution operator definition.

Discussion held on the need for additional assistance.

- G. Consider items removed from consent agenda
No items removed.

VII. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Clif Custer, Public Works Director, presented.

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Eric Foerster presented an update on pipe leak.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS & REPORTS

Paul Stallberg expressed thanks to City Staff and PD who worked extended hours during the storm. He stated there will always be people who are not happy, but we just need to move on and keep working. He added for everyone to be mindful and to prepare for the next event.

Mike Challenger thanked the community for what they did for each other during the storm. He saw neighbors helping neighbors and he thought it was great to see, just wished it didn't take an emergency to happen.

Amanda Reynolds echoed what Councilman Stallberg said, adding that she couldn't be prouder of the job staff did. She expressed appreciation to staff for the information given out to the public and to the Public Works department for how quickly the streets were cleared and drivable. She also thanked resident, Lauren LaCount, for opening her doors to people and their pets. She apologized to Clif for him constantly having to defend his position and needs and that she is embarrassed by that. She added she was glad we vote as a panel of five and not individually.

Will Yearsin stated that what staff did was amazing, including public works, police department and fire department. He added that we were able to do what many other cities couldn't do by keeping utilities running through this event.

Jeremy Fountain thanked the staff and everyone in the city for all that has been done. He also wanted to mention that he was happy to see the drainage and flood mitigation has worked very well.

X. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor thanked everyone for their efforts during this event. He stated there was more good than bad and will continue to do what he can do for the community.

Thanks former Mayor Boykin for his weather updates.

Spoke regarding the incident that happened to former President Trump.

Community needs to know that this council is not paid, everything we do is in goodwill toward the community.

XI. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Lauren LaCount, resident - Spoke regarding water quality and manpower. Unity missionary baptist church is working on helping people and she has offered to pay people \$10 an hour to work. If anyone knows anyone that could help, please have them come out tomorrow at 8:00 a.m.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No report.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being there no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

These minutes were read and approved on the 12th day of August 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary