

MINUTES

RICHWOOD CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM

BE IT KNOWN THAT a City of Richwood Crime Control and Prevention District Board will meet Thursday, October 10, 2024, beginning at 6:00 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 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS

Present:

Randy Day, Board chair

Randy Accord, Board vice chair

Buster Prim, Board member

Leslie Klug, Board member

Lauren LaCount, Board member

David Thompson, Board member

William Yearsin, Council Liaison

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes from meeting held January 25, 2024.

B. Approval of minutes from meeting held June 6, 2024.

Motion to approve consent agenda.

Motion made by Lauren LaCount, seconded by Leslie Klug.

All in favor, motion carried.

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. DISCUSS CCPD APPROVED EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 23/24

Chief Mayer began the discussion with a breakdown of FY23/24's CCPD budgeted items to include their original budget amount, expenditures, and remaining balance or overages.

The board discusses the total amount of savings from the various projects.

Board member David Thompson voiced concern regarding the failure to spend all monies assigned for training and the possible liability involved. Chief Mayer advised that when the staffing shortage, of last fiscal year, is considered (fewer officers to train/fewer opportunities to send officers to train) the training balance is easily understandable.

Board member David Thompson voiced concern regarding the failure to spend all monies assigned for equipment purchases. Chief Mayer advised that when budgeting for various projects it is wise to overestimate the cost whereas unforeseen incidentals are covered should they occur. The balance was the result of there being no unforeseen incidents.

Board member Lauren LaCount voiced interest in the fact that we saved money on the Taser purchase. Chief Mayer advised that the original Taser purchase budget was for funds not to exceed \$55,000 and the purchase amount was \$49,796. and all training and extra cartridges were included in the original quote therefore there were no overages.

Board member David Thompson returned to the topic of concern for not spending all the training funds allotted.

Board member Lauren LaCount voiced a question as to if Sergeant Nadia Nelson attended the Women in Policing Conference this year. Chief Mayer advised that Sergeant Nelson went last year, and Officer Leslie Ortiz and Samantha Stallberg went this year.

Board member Leslie Klug voiced a statement that the Richwood police officers were not undertrained.

Board chair Randy Day voiced a question regarding how many officers the department has at the present time verses what the department should have. Chief Mayer advised that the organization has one open unfilled position and one officer out on extended leave. The discussion continued into decisions related to scheduling.

Board chair Randy Day voiced a question regarding how the department advertises for open police officer positions. Chief Mayer advised that the department uses Texas Municipal League and social media.

Board member David Thompson voiced a question regarding the department's retention rate. Chief Mayer responded with the fact that he couldn't answer that question but would be willing to research it and bring it back to the next meeting. Mr. Thompson voiced his desire for that to happen.

Board member Lauren LaCount voiced a question regarding whether it was appropriate or authorized for CCPD to offer a sign on bonus. Chief Mayer advised that he was unsure and would need to research that as well.

Board member David Thompson voiced a question as to whether it would be allowed for CCPD to offer incentive bonuses based on longevity.

DISCUSSION ONLY – NO ACTION TAKEN

B. DISCUSS FISCAL YEAR 24/25 UPCOMING EXPENDITURES

Chief Mayer began the discussion with a breakdown of FY24/25's CCPD budgeted items to include their original budget amount, expenditures, and remaining balance or overages.

Board member Buster Primm requested clarification as to what the Bolawrap tool would be used for.

Board member Lauren LaCount voiced a question regarding whether the monies used for National Night Out came out of the current budget or last year's budget. Chief Mayer advised that it came from last year's budget.

Chief Mayer brought up the likelihood of bringing a budget amendment to the CCPD board for the purchase of ticket writers as a solution to issues uncovered following the transition to Lake Jackson Police RMS.

Board member David Thompson voiced a question regarding the level of cooperation between the Lake Jackson Police Department and the Richwood Police Department regarding the new RMS transition. Chief Mayer advised there was an abundance of cooperation.

Board member David Thompson voiced a question regarding the amount of money paid to Lake Jackson Police Department for dispatch services. Chief Mayer answered the question with "\$160,000."

DISCUSSION ONLY – NO ACTION TAKEN

VI. SET NEXT MEETING DATE

Tentative date, December 12, 2024.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Richwood police officer retention rate.

Use of CCPD funds for incentive pay and sign on bonuses.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion made by Lauren LaCount. Motion seconded by Leslie Klug.

All in favor, motion carried.