

MINUTES

RICHWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, November 06, 2024 at 6:00 PM

BE IT KNOWN THAT a City of Richwood City Council will meet Wednesday, November 6 2024, beginning at 6:00 PM at Richwood City Hall, located at 1800 Brazosport Blvd. N., Richwood, Texas 77531 with the following agenda:

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION

Tricia Ditto, Finance Director, led the invocation.

III. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Durham led the pledges.

IV. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of minutes from regular meeting held October 14, 2024.
- B. Budget Report, September 2024
- C. Investment Report, Q4 FY 2024
- D. Appoint Kai York to the Crime Control and Prevention District Board.
- E. Appoint Kimberly Garcia to the Keep Richwood Beautiful Committee.
- F. Appoint Lindsie Yearsin to the Charter Review Committee.
- G. Fire Department Year End Report, FY 2024

Motion to approve.

The motion was made by Amanda Reynolds and seconded by Jeremy Fountain.

Voting Yea: Mike Challenger, Amanda Reynolds, Jeremy Fountain

Voting Abstaining: William Yearsin

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discuss and Consider possible amendments to Chapter 2, Article IX, Code of Ethics of the City of Richwood Code of Ordinances.

Eric Foerster, City Manager, presented.

Discussion was held on possible additions.

Motion to add "Practice civility and decorum in discussions and debate. Difficult questions, tough challenges to a particular point of view, and criticism of ideas and information are legitimate elements of free democracy. This does not allow, however, public officials to make belligerent, personal, impertinent, slanderous, threatening, abusive, profane, or disparaging comments.

Treat all staff as professionals. Clear, honest communication that respects each individual's abilities, experience, and dignity is expected. Poor behavior towards staff is not acceptable."

Motion made by William Yearsin, Seconded by Amanda Reynolds.

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

Motion to add "not allow for intentional manipulation, intimidation, distraction, coercion, or deception in order to achieve a favorable outcome."

Motion made by Mike Challenger, Seconded by Amanda Reynolds.

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

City Secretary Kirsten Garcia will prepare an adoption ordinance to amend the Code of Ethics at next month's meeting.

- B. Discuss and consider approving Resolution 24-R-94 amending the FY 2023 - 2024 budget to allow for unbudgeted expenditures.

Tricia Ditto, Finance Director, presented.

Discussion held on items.

Discussion held on emergency expenditures.

Motion to approve Resolution 24-R-94 amending the FY 2023 - 2024 budget to allow for unbudgeted expenditures.

Motion made by Amanda Reynolds, Seconded by William Yearsin.

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

- C. Discuss and consider adopting a Prohibited Technologies Security Policy as required by Senate Bill 1893.

Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary, presented.

Motion to adopt Prohibited Technologies Security Policy as required by Senate Bill 1893.

Motion made by Amanda Reynolds, Seconded by Jeremy Fountain.

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

- D. Consider items removed from consent agenda

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

VIII. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Clif Custer, Public Works Director, presented.

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Eric Foerster, City Manager, presented his report.

X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS & REPORTS

Mike Challenger encouraged everyone to enjoy the nice weather.

Amanda Reynolds reminded everyone to sign up for city alerts on the eve of a potential storm.

Will Yearsin stated he appreciated hard work on the trunk or treat; it was a great turnout.

Jeremy Fountain recognized and thanked all election poll workers who worked yesterday. He also poked fun at the election.

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

The mayor thanked the city and staff for trunk or treat, adding that it was an excellent event.

He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

He also added that he would like everyone to be careful at the intersection 2004/288B, as he has seen people running the light.

XII. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Shop with a cop

Toys for tots

Food Drive

Soft Plastics Recycling

Dream Center needs help

XIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ethics Ordinance

Maybe charter review

Debris removal

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Being there no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

These minutes were read and approved on the 6th day of November 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary