

MINUTES

RICHWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 09, 2024 at 6:00 PM

BE IT KNOWN THAT a City of Richwood City Council will meet Monday, September 9, 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. INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Tricia Ditto, Finance Director.

III. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Durham led the pledges.

IV. 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.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Budget Report, July 2024

B. Approval of minutes from regular meeting held August 12, 2024.

Motion to approve consent.

Motion made by Amanda Reynolds, Seconded by William Yearsin.

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

Motion carried.

VII. PRESENTATION

A. After Action Report, Hurricane Beryl

Chief of Police, Stephen Mayer, presented the report.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2024 - 2025 BUDGET

Mayor Durham opened the public hearing at 6:16 PM

Tricia Ditto, finance director, presented the proposed budget.

The mayor called for public comment.

There was no public comment.

Mayor Durham closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2024 - 2025 TAX RATE

Mayor Durham opened the public hearing at 6:24 PM

Tricia Ditto, finance director, presented the proposed tax rate.

Mayor Durham closed the public hearing at 6:44 p.m.

X. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Second reading, discussion, and action on Ordinance 24-518, amending, imposing, and updating water and wastewater impact fees on new development in the city limits to the extent allowed by law.

David Gregory, a resident, spoke out regarding the population.

Discussion was held on the current infrastructure and ability to develop.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 24-518, amending, imposing, and updating water and wastewater impact fees on new development in the city limits to the extent allowed by law.

Motion made by Amanda Reynolds, Seconded by Jeremy Fountain.

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

Voting Nay: Mike Challenger

Motion carried.

- B. Discuss and consider adopting Ordinance 24-519, an ordinance appropriating adopting a budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 24-519, an ordinance appropriating adopting a budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.

Motion made by Amanda Reynolds, Seconded by William Yearsin.

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

Voting Nay: Mike Challenger

Motion carried.

- C. Discuss and consider Ordinance 24-520, an ordinance adopting a tax rate and levying taxes for the use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of Richwood, Texas, and providing for the interest and sinking fund of the taxable year 2024.

I MOVE THAT THE PROPERTY TAX RATE BE DECREASED BY THE ADOPTION OF A TAX RATE OF \$0.535799, WHICH IS EFFECTIVELY A 0.89 PERCENT DECREASE IN THE TAX RATE.

The motion was made by Jeremy Fountain, Seconded by Amanda Reynolds.

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

Voting Nay: Mike Challenger

Motion carried.

- D. Discuss and consider authorizing the Public Works Director to solicit bids and select the lowest responsible bidder for repair to Lift Station #6 in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00

Clif Custer, Public Works Director, presented.

Discussion was held on the scope of the project and the materials needed.

Motion to approve.

Motion made by Amanda Reynolds, Seconded by Jeremy Fountain.

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

Voting Nay: Mike Challenger

Motion carried.

- E. Discuss and consider adopting Ordinance 24-512, adopting and enacting a new code for the City of Richwood, Texas.

Discussion was held on the language used in the new code.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 24-512, adopting and enacting a new code for the City of Richwood, Texas.

Motion made by Amanda Reynolds, Seconded by William Yearsin.

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

Voting Nay: Mike Challenger

Motion carried.

- F. Consider items removed from the consent agenda

No items were removed.

XI. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Clif Custer presented an update.

XII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Eric Foerster presented his report.

XIII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS & REPORTS

Councilman Stallberg spoke regarding the storm; if you know anyone who needs assistance, please don't hesitate to have them reach out to him. He added that the board needs to continue to work together and be as professional as possible.

Councilman Challenger stated he was disgraced to be here.

Councilwoman Reynolds stated that this was the third time we'd had a similar conversation, and she apologized to the audience and anyone watching on behalf of the council for Councilman Challenger's behavior.

Councilman Yearsin would like to second Councilman Stallberg's statement. He spoke regarding Councilwoman Reynolds's comment, adding that he agreed one hundred percent. Spoke regarding Councilman Challenger's comment.

Councilman Fountain had no comment.

XIV. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Durham spoke regarding decorum and appreciation of everyone being here for the City.

He stated he would like to send a message to the Fire Department. I haven't seen them in the last few months, and he would like to see them participate in the fair parade.

He also thanked former Mayor Boykin for his weather updates.

XV. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

National Night Out, October 1, 2024

Trunk or Treat, October 25, 2024.

NextTrex Recycling Program

XVI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Update procurement policy

Charter Review Appointments

Bid award for MIT mod

Grant info

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Being there no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

These minutes were read and approved on the 9th day of September 2024.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary