

# MINUTES

## RICHWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 08, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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BE IT KNOWN THAT a City of Richwood City Council will meet Monday, January 8, 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

Mayor Durham led the invocation.

III. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Durham led the pledges.

IV. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Michael Durham, Mayor:	Present
Mike Johnson, Position 1:	Present
Mike Challenger, Position 2:	Present
Amanda Reynolds, Position 3:	Present
Rory Escalante, Position 4:	Present
Jeremy Fountain, Position 5:	Present

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of minutes from regular meeting held December 11, 2023.

***Motion to approve.***

***Motion made by Rory Escalante, Seconded by Mike Challenger.***

***Voting Yea: Mike Johnson, Mike Challenger, Amanda Reynolds, Rory Escalante, Jeremy Fountain***

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion, on-site inspection, and possible action regarding the City of Richwood service center and P.K. Forrest Building.

(The City Council will travel to 720 N. Mahan to inspect the service center and community building.)

Discussion held on current facilities and future expansion needs.

Discussion held on the financial implications of discontinuing the use of the P.K. Forrest Building.

- B. Discussion regarding the status of the City of Richwood's wastewater treatment plant.

Clif Custer, Public Works Director, presented.

Discussion held on Richwood usage percentage of the WWTP.

Discussion held on technology/meters and usage.

Discussion was held on leakage and where we are seeing the issue occur.

Discussion held on possible expansions.

***Discussion only, no action.***

- C. Discuss and consider Ordinance 24-514, calling the May 4, 2024, General Election and approving a joint election agreement with Brazoria County.

Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary, presented.

***Approve Ordinance 24-514, calling the May 4, 2024 General Election and approving a joint election agreement with Brazoria County.***

***Motion made by Mike Johnson, Seconded by Amanda Reynolds.***

***Voting Yea: Mike Johnson, Mike Challenger, Amanda Reynolds, Rory Escalante, Jeremy Fountain***

- D. Consider items removed from the consent agenda

No items were removed.

#### VIII. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Clif Custer presented.

#### IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

No report.

#### X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS & REPORTS

Mike Johnson stated he was glad the holidays are over, and everyone is back together to get business done.

Mike Challenger stated that with the new year, it's not a bad idea to think about what we can do better in 2024. He added that he would like to see us work better as a team and he is looking forward to it.

Rory Escalante wished everyone a happy new year.

#### XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported on the storms and stated that he hopes everyone stays safe.

#### XII. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary, updated the public regarding the Christmas Tree drive that the City is assisting the City of Surfside with.

XIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Personnel Policy

Special meeting next 23rd 6 p.m. - executive session

Details for community building

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Being there no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Secretary