

MINUTES

RICHWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:00 PM

BE IT KNOWN THAT a City of Richwood City Council will meet Monday, January 13, 2025 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 PM.

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:	Present
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; and Matt Allen, City Attorney.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Page, 101 Hummingbird – Mr. Page spoke regarding the issue with the cats and requested that the council discuss the animal ordinance on a future agenda item.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Budget Report, November 2024
- B. Minutes from regular meeting held December 9, 2024.

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

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. 2024 Charter Review Report - presented by Charter Review Commission Chairman Lauren LaCount.
Lauren LaCount presented.

VIII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discuss and consider Ordinance 25-524, calling the May 3, 2025 General Election and approving a joint election agreement with Brazoria County.

Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary, presented.

Motion to approve Ordinance 25-524, calling the May 3, 2025 General Election and approving a joint election agreement with Brazoria County.

Motion made by Amanda Reynolds, Seconded by William Yearsin.

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

Motion carried.

- B. Discuss and consider Ordinance 25-525, calling a special election for May 3, 2025 for the consideration of proposed amendments to the Richwood City Charter.

Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary, presented.

Motion to approve Ordinance 25-525, calling a special election for May 3, 2025 for the consideration of proposed amendments to the Richwood City Charter.

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. Consider items removed from consent agenda

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Chapter 551.071, Consultation with Counsel on legal matters:

The council recessed into executive session at 6:15 p.m.

1. Consultation with City Attorney, Matt Allen, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071

X. ACTION AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

The council reconvened at 6:37 p.m.

Motion to authorize settlement in Cause No. D-1-GN-24-00161; TML Multistate Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool d/b/a Texas Health Benefits Pool v. The City of Richwood; In the 359th Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$85,000.00 to be paid in equal amounts over three years.

Motion made by Amanda Reynolds, Seconded by Jeremy Fountain.

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

Motion carried.

XI. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Clif Custer, Public Works Director, presented the capital improvements update.

XII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Eric Foerster, City Manager, gave a report and updated the Council on the staff's status with new software.

XIII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS & REPORTS

Paul Stallberg thanked those who showed up tonight, adding that it's easy to sit behind the computer and stir people up. He also gave warnings of the cold weather that is coming.

Mike Challenger spoke regarding the fire department, adding that he wants to recognize that we have a very good department that we count on. He stated that he would like to discuss their funding.

Amanda Reynolds gave thanks to members of the charter review committee.

Will Yearsin appreciated the charter review committee and would like the public to bring issues to the council.

Jeremy Fountain expressed thanks to the charter review committee. He also spoke on the issue of fires and the lack of water. Adding that the city spends the money on infrastructure to ensure we have the resources we need.

XIV. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Durham wished everyone a happy new year. He also encouraged the public to come to meetings so that their opinions are heard. He also requested everyone to treat everyone with respect.

XV. ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Update given on NexTrex Recycling program.

XVI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion regarding cats.

Preventative maintenance for generators

Water discussion

Zoning ordinance amendment

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Being there no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

These minutes were read and approved on the 10th day of February 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary