

MINUTES

RICHWOOD CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM

BE IT KNOWN THAT a City of Richwood City Council will meet Monday, April 10, 2023, 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

Tricia Ditto, Finance Director, led the invocation.

III. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Boykin led the pledges.

IV. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Steve Boykin, Mayor:	Present
Mike Johnson, Position 1:	Present
Melissa Strawn, Position 2:	Present
Matthew Yarborough, Position 3:	Present
Rory Escalante, Position 4:	Present
Jeremy Fountain, Position 5:	Present

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

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Challenger - 32726 Bayou Bend - spoke regarding the care of special needs loved ones and how the State Government is funding programs that benefit those with special needs.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Appoint Elvira Garcia to the Richwood Police Department Reserve Force.
- B. Approval of minutes from regular meeting held March 13, 2023.

Motion to approve consent agenda.

Motion made by Mike Johnson, Seconded by Melissa Strawn.

Voting Yea: Mike Johnson, Melissa Strawn, Matthew Yarborough, Rory Escalante, Jeremy Fountain

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discuss and consider setting alternate date for the May 2023 City Council meeting.

Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary, presented.

Motion to reschedule May's City Council Meeting to May 15, 2023.

Motion made by Matthew Yarborough, Seconded by Jeremy Fountain.

Voting Yea: Mike Johnson, Melissa Strawn, Matthew Yarborough, Rory Escalante, Jeremy Fountain

- B. Discuss and consider approving tax resale of property located within the City of Richwood.

Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary, presented the information.

Discussion held on possible uses of the property.

Discussion held on the City's options for approve this sale.

Discussion held on possibility of the City purchasing this property.

Motion to approve tax resale of property located within the City of Richwood.

Motion made by Mike Johnson, Seconded by Matthew Yarborough.

Voting Yea: Mike Johnson, Melissa Strawn, Matthew Yarborough, Rory Escalante, Jeremy Fountain

- C. Discuss and consider adopting Ordinance 23-504 amending Chapter 15, Article II, Sections 27 and 28, of the City of Richwood Code of Ordinances for the purpose of amending membership and vacancy guidelines of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary, presented.

Discussion held on quorum and vacancy requirements.

Discussion held on possible conflicts of interest that may arise.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 23-504 amending Chapter 15, Article II, Sections 27 and 28, of the City of Richwood Code of Ordinances for the purpose of amending membership and vacancy guidelines of the Planning and Zoning Commission as presented.

Motion made by Jeremy Fountain, Seconded by Mike Johnson.

Voting Yea: Mike Johnson, Matthew Yarborough, Jeremy Fountain

Voting Nay: Melissa Strawn, Rory Escalante

- D. Discuss and consider approval of Resolution 23-R-77, a budget amendment in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 within Fund 32 Utility Capital Improvements for the rebuilding of the electrical panel at Lift Station #4.

Clif presented.

Discussion held on materials to be used on the rebuild.

Discussion held on cost savings by the City doing the work.

Discussion held on what will be replaced.

Discussion held on precautions taken to prevent the issues from recurring.

Motion to approve Resolution 23-R-77, a budget amendment in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 within Fund 32 Utility Capital Improvements for the rebuilding of the electrical panel at Lift Station #4.

Motion made by Matthew Yarborough, Seconded by Melissa Strawn.

Voting Yea: Mike Johnson, Melissa Strawn, Matthew Yarborough, Rory Escalante, Jeremy Fountain

- E. Consider items removed from consent agenda

No items removed.

VIII. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Clif Custer presented.

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Eric Foerster presented information regarding our website updates.

X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS & REPORTS

Mike Johnson thanked volunteers and KRB for the Easter Egg Drive Thru event.

Melissa Strawn advised this will be her last meeting, as she won't be able to make the next. She expressed thanks to everyone in the City and her fellow councilmembers for a memorable four years.

Jeremy Fountain expressed thanks to KRB and volunteers for the Easter Egg hunt event, even if the weather messed up the original plans. He also expressed appreciation to the outgoing Councilmembers and Mayor for their service.

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boykin stated he attended the TCEQ meeting online and will continue to follow up.

Mayor also thanked everyone who has supported him. Advised this would be his last full meeting as Mayor. He added that he is proud of what this Council has achieved over the years and stated that the City is in a very good place.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ellis Park Pathway

Solid Waste

Canvass Election

Budget Session

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being there no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

These minutes were read and approved on this 15th day of May 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary