

Minutes of Special Meeting

The City Council Special Meeting of Monday, March 23, 2020

BE IT KNOWN THAT, a City Council Special Meeting of the Special Meeting of City of Richwood was held Monday, March 23, 2020, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Richwood City Hall, 1800 N. Brazosport Blvd. Richwood, Texas.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Steve Boykin, Mayor

Mike Johnson, Position 1

Melissa Strawn, Position 2

Matthew Yarborough, Position 3

Mark Brown II, Position 4

Katie Johnson, Position 5

Others present: Eric Foerster, City Manager; Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary;

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

All public comments will be subject to the following rules: all speakers will be permitted to speak no longer than 3 minutes; all speakers will only be permitted to speak once; speakers cannot defer their 3 minutes to another speaker; the first five individuals who sign up for the public comment section will be permitted to speak.

No public comment.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Discuss and consider a resolution extending the disaster declaration issued by Mayoral Proclamation on March 17, 2020 in response to COVID-19, a public health emergency, and any matters related thereto.

Eric presented the resolution and explained how city operations are functioning. He stated the City is ensuring sanitization of City Hall and we are rotating staff members working from home and functioning with a skeleton crew.

Discussion held on how long the declaration should last.

Katie Johnson asked if this resolution would affect local elections.

Eric Foerster advised her that it wouldn't unless the county implements a shelter in place order.

Mark Brown II stated he would like to see the city to do more to get supplies to our residents.

Mike Johnson suggested the Food Basket in Clute 979-388-0024 and they are in Clute.

Discussion held on ways to help the community

On a motion by Matt Yarborough, second by Mark Brown II, with all present members voting aye, a resolution extending the disaster declaration issued by Mayoral Proclamation on March 17, 2020 in response to COVID-19, a public health emergency, and any matters related thereto was approved.

V. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Eric Foerster stated his report was given during the action item.

VI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS & REPORTS

Mark Brown II recognized the Mayor for his efforts in disseminating information that is relevant to the current issue and the flooding events. He also recognized the Police Department; they are travelling neighborhoods and being present and engaging with the kids.

Matt stated he wanted to recognize staff, Police Department, and Fire Department for doing what they have to do to keep the city going.

VII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Boykin stated he will keep in contact with county and state and get out as much information as possible.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

These minutes were read and approved on this 13th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:

Mayor

