

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The City Council City of Richwood

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of City of Richwood was held Monday, June 13, 2016, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Richwood City Hall, 1800 N. Brazosport Blvd. Richwood, Texas.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mark Guthrie, Mayor and presiding officer.

II. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Glenn Patton, City Manager.

III. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge of Allegiance were recited by those in attendance.

IV. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Roll call showed the following members present:

Mark Guthrie, Mayor and presiding officer
Melissa Blanks, Council, Position #2
Jarrod Beaty, Council, Position #3
Lauren LaCount, Council, Position #4
Chris Hardison, Council, Position #5

Absent:

Paul Raymond, Council, Position #1

A quorum was declared. Others present included Glenn Patton, City Manager, Karen B. Schrom, City Secretary, Bryan Corb, Police Chief, Clif Custer, Public Works Director, Kenny Williams, Director of Permitting, Jason Cordoba, City Attorney, Patti Guthrie, Jason Helms, Mike Brown, Larry Nutt, Ronnie Woodruff, Kevin and Michelle Story.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Councilman Beaty, seconded by Councilman Hardison, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
- B. Payment of bills

VII. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Update on Brazos Crossing Apartment

Jason Helms, representing the 210 Developers Group, was present to update City Council on the Brazos Crossing Apartment project. He explained that during this project, we have experienced two of the wettest springs on record. They had 117 rain days last year and then the TxDOT permit took 9 months. Once they got on track, work progressed very nicely. Current delays are due to problems with Centerpoint. They can't proceed on finishing several buildings until they get permanent power.

Phase 1 of the project is complete and they hope to have 2 buildings open next week and then 2 more after that. They will begin leasing by the end of this month and hope to have the project completed by October of this year if Centerpoint comes through.

Council expressed concern about the lack of communication. Mr. Helms agreed to address this. He stated the second complex is also experiencing problems with Centerpoint but hope to have that reconciled soon and get back on schedule.

- B. Resolution 16-05, City of Richwood Participating Customer Resolution - Series 2016

Ronnie Woodruff, with BWA, explained that this is for the actual construction and is the second part of a swift funding agreement with the Texas Water Development Board. They hope to be drilling the first brackish water well sometime around August. Mr. Patton explained to the new Councilmembers that this came about because of the drought in 2011. We couldn't get water off the Brazos River. By using a reverse osmosis system, we will be able to use the brackish water underground.

On motion by Councilman Beaty, seconded by Councilman Hardison, with all

members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve the Resolution 16-05, City of Richwood Participating Customer Resolution – Series 2016 as presented.

C. Approval of the Formation of the Economic Development Corporation

On motion by Councilman Beaty, seconded by Councilman LaCount, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve the formation of the Economic Development Corporation.

D. Making a finding the formation of Said Economic Development Corporation is advisable

On motion by Councilman Beaty, seconded by Councilman LaCount, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve the finding that the formation of the Economic Development Corporation is advisable

E. Approval of the Certificate of Formation to be filed with the Secretary of State

On motion by Councilman Beaty, seconded by Councilman LaCount, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve the filing of the Certificate of Formation with the Secretary of State.

F. Approval of Initial Bylaws

On motion by Councilman Beaty, seconded by Councilman LaCount, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve the initial bylaws of the Economic Development Corporation.

G. Appointing members of said economic development corporation

On motion by Councilman Beaty, seconded by Councilman LaCount, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve the members of the Economic Development Corporation.

H. Conveyance of real property to City of Richwood Economic Development Corporation following formation and filing with Texas Secretary of State

On motion by Councilman LaCount, seconded by Councilman Beaty, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to table this item.

I. Executive session pursuant to Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of a public officer or employee in particular succession plans

1. City Manager

Council entered executive session at 6:45 p.m.

Council exited executive session at 7:9 p.m.

J. Action as a result of executive session

No action was taken.

K. Approve Items removed from Consent Agenda

There were no items.

VIII. REPORTS

A. Finance Reports

Par for the period ending May 31, 2016 is 33% remaining. Administration, Fire Department and Streets and Drainage are currently over.

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Patton reported that though we did have high water and had to close several streets, we managed to not have any water in any of the houses in Richwood. He complimented all the city departments stating there was continuity between the departments. It showed very clearly how well the City works together as a team when needed.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Follow up with 210 developers
Outcome of our submission for the Economic Development Corporation
Appointment of City Liaisons for Committees

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

All American Night is July 9th. It is our second. There will be dunking booth, bounce houses, a bicycle parade and awards for the best decorated bike. They awarded two scholarships from the Blue Santa Scholarship Program and those will be presented at All American Night.

XII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS & REPORTS

Councilman LaCount stated there were a lot of people here that deserve applause for a job well done during the recent flood event. She helped with odd jobs and it was wonderful seeing everyone working together. Chief Corb managed the entire situation and there was fantastic communication across the board – from volunteers to staff.

Councilman Blanks agreed and commended the City for their communication with the residents. Residents from other cities did not receive the same amount of information.

Councilman Beaty agreed as well and stated that when the water went down, many residents told him that the city did a good job. Chief Corb returned phone calls, made decisions to minimize traffic and got a lot of information out. He appreciated how well the City took care of its residents.

Mayor Guthrie stated that communication was the key. He would like to see all the pictures we have from the event downloaded on the City's website. He also stated that Council needs to complete Sections 100, 200, 700 and 800 of the NIMS program. It is a requirement of participating in the EOC.

XIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

There was none.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF COUNCIL ON JULY 11th, 2016

Mark Guthrie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen B. Schrom, City Secretary