

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The City Council City of Richwood

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of City of Richwood was held Monday, September 14, 2015, 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 Clint Kocurek, Mayor and Presiding officer.

II. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Glenn Patton, City Manager.

III. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

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

IV. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Roll call showed the following members present:

Clint Kocurek, Mayor and Presiding Officer
Paul Raymond, Council, Position #1
Melissa Blanks, Council, Position #2
Jarrod Beaty, Council, Position #3
Sarah Harris, Council, Position #4
Chris Hardison, Council, Position #5

A quorum was declared. Others present included Glenn Patton, City Manager, Karen B. Schrom, City Secretary, Kenny Williams, Public Works Director, Bryan Corb, Police Chief, Clif Custer, Public Works Foreman, Susan Chapman, Patrick Byrne, Matthew Stewart and Alan Simon.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Councilman Beaty, seconded by Councilman Raymond, with all members present voting aye, the items on the Consent Agenda were approved as presented.

- A. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings
- B. Payment of bills
- C. Road and Bridge Interlocal Agreement - FY 16
- D. Proclamation - Constitution Week 2015

VI. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Public Hearing - FY 16 Budget

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:02 p.m.

Councilman Hardison commented on the new excel spreadsheet provided by Ms. Schrom. He stated that some of the revenues are short in areas. It was suggested that trends be tracked.

With no further comments, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m.

- B. Ordinance No. 404 - Adoption of FY 16 Budget

On motion by Councilman Hardison, seconded by Councilman Beaty, with all members present voting aye, Ordinance No. 404, Adoption of FY 16 Budget was approved as presented.

- C. Ordinance No. 405 - Adoption of FY 16 Tax Rate

On motion by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Raymond, with all members present voting aye, Ordinance No. 405, Adoption of FY 16 Tax Rate was approved as presented.

- D. Ordinance No. 81L-15 - Water and Sewer Rates for FY 16

On motion by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Beaty, with all members present voting aye, Ordinance No. 81L-15, Adoption of Water and Sewer Rates for FY 16 was approved as presented.

- E. Variance Request - Oyster Creek Apartments – Parking

Councilman Hardison asked if there were any problems with dropping the amount of parking from a usability/operation standpoint. Patrick Byrne from Big Red Dog Engineering explained that there will still be plenty of parking. The request for the variance is due to the water and drainage easements. They also wish to save 60% of the trees on the property.

Mr. Williams explained that the majority of the apartments will be one bedroom apartments. Of the 200 apartments, 116 will be 1 bedroom, 72 will be 2 bedrooms and 12 will be 3 bedrooms. As a result, there will not be as large a need for parking.

On motion by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Hardison, with all members present voting aye, the variance request for parking at Oyster Creek Apartments was approved as presented.

F. Ordinance No. 403 - 4 way stop signs at intersection of Warbler Ct/Dove Trail and Audubonwoods Dr.

Chief Cob presented a week's worth of data. It shows that 85% of the vehicles traveling Audubonwoods Dr. is doing so at 24 mph or less. There is a lot of traffic on this street as it is a main corridor to the elementary school. Only 2% are speeding. The new speed machine shows the best enforcement times which are primarily as folks are coming and going to work.

Several members of council questioned whether putting a stop sign at this intersection would be effective or if it would impede traffic.

On motion by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Blanks, with all members present voting aye, this item was tabled until the next meeting.

G. Appointment of Alternate Municipal Court Judge

Courtney Gilbert was referred to us by the City Attorney. She is an attorney.

On motion by Councilman Beaty, seconded by Councilman Harris, with all members present voting aye, Courtney Gilbert was appointed as the Alternate Municipal Court Judge

H. FY 15 Budget Amendment #1

FY 15 BUDGET AMENDMENT #1

INSURANCE CONTINGENCY

General Ledger Account	Amount Currently Budgeted	Amended Budget	Difference
12-53-4113 Intergovernmental Inc.	-	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Revenues			2,000.00

General Ledger Account	Amount Currently Budgeted	Amended Budget	Difference
12-53-5240 Expendable Operating Supplies	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
			-
			-
Total Expenditures			2,000.00

Deductibles for two EEOC complaints

REPLACEMENT

General Ledger Account	Amount Currently Budgeted	Amended Budget	Difference
13-52-4113 Intergovernmental Inc.	-	8,040.94	8,040.94
Total Revenues			8,040.94

General Ledger Account	Amount Currently Budgeted	Amended Budget	Difference
13-52-5240 Expendable Operating Supplies	-	8,040.94	8,040.94
			-
			-
Total Expenditures			8,040.94

Purchase of low boy trailer for Public Works

Purchase of new server

On motion by Councilman Harris, seconded by Councilman Hardison, with all members present voting aye, the FY 15 Budget Amendment #1 was approved as presented.

I. City Council Table - Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be Friday, October 30th at the Richwood Municipal Park. It is hoped that City Council will have a table and participate. Councilmen Harris and Blanks will be there representing other groups.

VII. REPORTS

A. Finance Reports

Par for the period ending August 31, 2015 is 8% remaining. Administration, City Maintenance, Streets and Drainage and the Fire Department are over.

VIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Patton reported the apartment complex has been delayed at least 117 days due to rain so far. They are hoping to actually begin construction on the buildings within the next 30 days. The City is still getting contacts on the 924 acres across the highway but there have been no permanent plans as of yet.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ordinance No. 403

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were 37 garage sales this year for the City Wide Garage Sale.

XI. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS & REPORTS

Councilman Harris reported she attended the Police Departments quarterly meeting recently. She commended the Police Department for how well they've come together as a team and for their involvement.

XII. MAYOR'S REPORT

BCCA will be hosted by the City of Oyster Creek.

He thanked City staff and the Council for their work on the budget.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 12, 2015.

Clint Kocurek, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen B. Schrom, City Secretary