

Minutes of the City Council

The City Council called Meeting of March 8, 2021

BE IT KNOWN THAT, a City Council of City of Richwood was held March 8, 2021, beginning at 6:20 PM PM in the Richwood City Hall, located at 1800 Brazosport Blvd. N, Richwood, Texas 77531.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02p.m.

II. 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
Mark Brown II, Position 5:	Present

Others in attendance: Eric Foerster, City Manager; Kirsten Garcia, City Secretary; Patricia Ditto, Finance Director; Clif Custer, Public Works Director; Matt Allen, City Attorney

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Regular meeting held February 8, 2021.
- B. Budget Report, January 2021
- C. Memorandum of Understanding with Richwood VFD
- D. After Action Report, Winter Storm Uri
- E. Racial Profiling Report, 2020

Motion to remove Item D and discuss separate and approve remaining items. This motion, made by Melissa Strawn and seconded by Mark Brown II, Passed.

Yea: 4, Nay: 0,

Abstain (With Conflict): Matthew Yarborough

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Final review and action of re-plat of lots 90 & 91; Block 1 of Oakwood Shores Subdivision Section 1, also known as 32710 Bayou Bend.

Motion to approve the replat. This motion, made by Matthew Yarborough and seconded by Mark Brown II, Passed.

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

B. Discuss and consider approving Draft Task Order Amendment to Task Order No. 19-04, increasing the original design costs from \$283,000 to \$365,000 for Geotechnical Engineering Services.

Clif Custer presented.

Jared Engelke presented on behalf of the engineers.

Motion to approve task order amendment. This motion, made by Rory Escalante and seconded by Matthew Yarborough, Passed.

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

C. Presentation of Financial Audit Report, FY 20

Clayton Rogers, from Patillo, Brown & Hill, presented.

Discussion held on possible recommendations for improvements.

D. Brazosport Water Authority update, presented by Jeremy Fountain

Council took a brief recess at 7:40 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:47 p.m.

Jeremy Fountain presented updates from the Brazosport Water Authority.

E. Discuss and consider approval of disaster pay for employees who responded during the City Closure due to Winter Storm Uri, as per policy #502.

Kirsten Garcia presented information regarding hours worked by employees during the closure.

Discussion held on accountability for hours worked since administrative staff had to work remotely.

Motion to approve pay as per policy. This motion, made by Mike Johnson and seconded by Matthew Yarborough, Passed.

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

F. Set a date to hold workshop to reach resolution regarding Oakwood Shores drainage easements and maintenance.

Discussion held on including the HOA in deciding the date.

Council directed staff to check with the HOA for their availability and schedule it from

there.

G. Discuss and consider a resolution amending the FY 21 budget to increase water line maintenance & repair for Oyster Creek Clute/Richwood Interconnect.

Eric presented.

Discussion held on mitigation and insulation for future freezes.

Motion to approve a resolution amending the FY 21 budget to increase waterline maintenance and repair for Oyster Creek Clute/Richwood interconnect. This motion, made by Rory Escalante and seconded by Matthew Yarborough, Passed.

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

H. Approve items removed from Consent Agenda.

Item D - Uri After Action Report

Discussion held on changes in plans that need to be made and possible funding for projects to be prepared.

Discussion held on generator at city hall and it being used for the wells.

Discussion held on standing up the EOC here at City Hall.

Discussion held on possible ability to be productive at City Hall during the emergency.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to Chapter 551.0745, Personnel Matters to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee:

1. Eric Foerster, City Manager

Motion to table annual review for March 15. This motion, made by Mike Johnson and seconded by Mark Brown II, Passed.

Yea: 4, Nay: 1

Rory Escalante: Nay

VII. ACTION AS RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action - itemed tabled to later date.

VIII. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Clif Custer reported updates.

IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Eric Foerster reported on the many projects underway and their statuses, information received from a meeting with the General Land Office, and an update on debris removal in the aftermath of winter storm Uri.

X. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS & REPORTS

Melissa Strawn expressed thanks to staff and volunteers in their efforts during Storm Uri. Matt Yarborough seconded the sentiment, added that any negatives are only meant to improve for the future.

Mike Johnson expressed thanks to all.

Rory Escalante expressed thanks to KRB and their efforts during the event, also to the Yearsins for their efforts.

Mark Brown II echoed the comments, Staff did great and our Emergency Coordinator did great work. Thanks to KRB being active and there for the community. He also recognized Councilmembers for passing out water and helping their neighbors. He recognized the Yearsins for setting out flags for Presidents day. He added remarks about Servolution helping with the garden. Stated the farmer's market is a great thing for the community. He ended with thanks to the Fire Department and the Mayor for his efforts.

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor acknowledged efforts during the storm, resident volunteers, fire department.

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Annual Review - 03/15/21

Drug Paraphernalia being sold at stores in Richwood.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Being there no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

These minutes were read and approved on this 12th day of April 2021.

ATTEST:

Mayor

City Secretary