

Minutes of the City Council

The City Council called Meeting of June 14, 2021

BE IT KNOWN THAT, a City Council of City of Richwood was held June 14, 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 6:57 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Steve Boykin, Mayor:	Absent
Mike Johnson, Position 1:	Present
Melissa Strawn, Position 2:	Present, remote
Matthew Yarborough, Mayor Pro Tem:	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; Stephen Mayer, Chief of Police; Phillip Knop, City Attorney

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There was no public comment.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Regular meeting held May 10, 2021
- B. Budget Report, April 2021
- C. Appoint Jeremy Fountain to Keep Richwood Beautiful Commission.

Motion to approve consent agenda. This motion, made by Mike Johnson and seconded by Mark Brown II, Passed.

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

- A. Final review and action of re-plat of Lots 167 & 168; Block 1 of Oakwood Shores Subdivision Section 1, also known as 33311 and 33319 Blue Marlin Drive

Motion to approve re-plat of Lots 167 & 168; Block 1 of Oakwood Shores Subdivision Section 1, also known as 33311 and 33319 Blue Marlin Drive. This motion, made by Mark Brown II and seconded by Rory Escalante, Passed.

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

B. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Richwood, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021; and levying an Ad Valorem tax; authorizing the execution of a transfer and paying agency agreement; and other matters in connection therewith.

John Roebuck presented.

Motion to approve an ordinance authorizing the issuance of City of Richwood, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2021; and levying an Ad Valorem tax; authorizing the execution of a transfer and paying agency agreement; and other matters in connection therewith. This motion, made by Mike Johnson and seconded by Rory Escalante, Passed.

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

C. Presentation and discussion regarding request for modification to city owned parking lot to assist pedestrian crossing.

Leslie Klug, resident, presented.

Discussion held on resources and responsibility.

Discussion held on liability and school district use of City property.

No action taken.

D. Discuss and consider awarding Matula and Matula Construction with bid contract 1-2021 for the 2021 Richwood Street Improvements.

Clif Custer presented.

Motion awarding Matula and Matula Construction with bid contract 1-2021 for the 2021 Richwood Street Improvements. This motion, made by Mark Brown II and seconded by Rory Escalante, Passed.

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

E. Discuss and consider resolution approving spending plan for projects recommended by staff using fund from the American Rescue Plan.

Eric Foerster presented.

Discussion held on projects needed and current capital improvement needs.

Motion to approve resolution approving spending plan for projects recommended by staff using fund from the American Rescue Plan. This motion, made by Mark Brown II and seconded by Mike Johnson, Passed.

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

F. Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance amending Appendix C - Fee Schedule of the Code of Ordinances, revising sewer rates and facility rental rates.

Tricia Ditto presented.

Discussion held regarding facility rental fees and comparisons to the surrounding area.

Discussion held on facility rental fee allocation and upkeep of community building.

Discussion held on utility rate structure and rate study conducted by Strand Associates.

Motion to approve an ordinance amending Appendix C - Fee Schedule of the Code of Ordinances, revising sewer rates and facility rental rates. This motion, made by Rory Escalante and seconded by Mike Johnson, Passed.

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

G. Discuss and consider proceeding with drainage repairs/improvements in the order prioritized by Strand Associates, not to exceed the amount of \$1,500,000.00

Clif Custer presented.

Motion to approve proceeding with drainage repairs/improvements in the order prioritized by Strand Associates, not to exceed the amount of \$1,500,000.00. This motion, made by Mark Brown II and seconded by Rory Escalante, Passed.

Yea: 4, Nay: 0

VI. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Clif Custer presented.

VII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Eric Foerster reported on financial awards received, the ARP grant, budget and advised residents to get prepared for hurricane season.

VIII. COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS & REPORTS

Mike Johnson reported that CCPD held a meeting and it went good, they passed their FY 21-22 budget. He added that he read an article regarding bounce house injury, it's important to ensure these companies have the appropriate insurance policies. He also expressed congratulations to staff regarding the budget award and financial transparency star, he thanked KRB for their work at the community garden, adding that it looks real good. Melissa Strawn requested staff put together a survey asking if anyone has problems with broadband.

Rory Escalante requested follow up on the level 2 assessment of the water system. Mark Brown II recognized KRB for the work they have done, he asked that whoever took the grow bins to please return them. He added that he plans to attend the next KRB meeting. He also thanked the first responders, the for Mayor sending our weather updates, and staff for moving us in the right direction.

IX. MAYOR'S REPORT

Matthew Yarborough, Mayor Pro Tem - Reminded residents to prep for hurricane season and don't wait until the last minute, he also thanked the police department for increase in patrolling.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Creekbend signs

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Being there no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32

These minutes were read and approved on this 19th day of July 2021.

ATTEST:

Mayor