

MINUTES
RICHWOOD CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting, Monday, March 14, 2011
Richwood City Hall
215 Halbert
Richwood, TX 77531
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Michael Johnson, Mayor and presiding officer.

A. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was given by Glenn Patton, City Administrator.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

II. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Roll call showed the following members present:

Michael Johnson, Mayor and presiding officer
James Hughes, Position #1
John Pitts, Position #2 and Mayor Pro Tem
Lee Bryant, Position #3
Sandra Boykin, Position #5

Absent:

Charles Pettey, Position #4

A quorum was declared. Others present included Glenn Patton, City Administrator, Karen B. Schrom, City Secretary, Ricky Brinkman, Public Works Director, Clint Kocurek and Roy Welch.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On motion by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Pitts, with all members present, the minutes of February 14, 2011 were approved as presented.

IV. ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

There was no one present who wished to address Council on matters not on the agenda.

V. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

A. Proclamation - Proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month

Mayor Johnson proclaimed April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Richwood.

B. Ordinance No. 363 -Ensuring proper clearance for city water wells

On motion by councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Boykin, with all members present voting aye, +Ordinance No. 363, ensuring proper clearance for city water wells was approved as presented.

C. Replacement wells for Water Well #1

Councilman Pitts stated that the City is looking to drill two new wells for an approximate cost of \$750,000 because our current well is failing and we want to acquire two wells for future growth. The two wells will be in separate locations. One is planned for near the P.K. Forrest Building and the other is planned for the pool property.

Mayor Johnson stated the cost per household will be less than \$4.00 per month and the cost will be spread out between a flat rate assessed to all connections and an increased tier rate. Mr. Patton explained the City has looked into Texas Water Development money and into funding from a local bank in the form of certificates of obligations. Currently it appears the bank funding is the best option.

Councilman Pitts wanted to make sure everyone knows and understands why we need to do this and are prepared for the future. Councilman Bryant said he was excited that the City is in a position of planning for the future rather than just maintenance and feels this is a good move in the right direction.

On motion by Councilman Pitts, seconded by Councilman Bryant, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve the approximately \$750,000 to drill two wells.

D. Payment of bills

On motion by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Pitts, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to pay the bills as presented.

E. Financial Report

Par for the period ending February 28, 2011 is 59% remaining. Revenues are exceeding expenditures. On motion by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Pitts, with all members present voting aye, the Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2011 was approved as presented.

VI. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Patton explained the splash pad is almost completed and should be completed soon if the rain holds out. Everything looks good.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT

Brazoria will host BCCA this Wednesday, February 16th and Phyllis Saathoff will be the speaker.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF COUNCIL ON APRIL 11, 2011.

Michael Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen B. Schrom, City Secretary