

**MINUTES**  
**RICHWOOD CITY COUNCIL**  
Regular Meeting, Monday October 10, 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 Clint Kocurek, Mayor and presiding officer.

A. Opening Prayer

The opening prayer was given by Lee Bryant, Council, Position #3.

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:

Clint Kocurek, Mayor and presiding officer  
John Pitts, Position #2 and Mayor Pro Tem  
Lee Bryant, Position #3  
Charles Pettey, Position #4  
Sandra Boykin, Position #5

A quorum was declared. Others present included Glenn Patton, City Administrator, Karen B. Schrom, City Secretary, Brad Caudle, Police Chief, Ellis Feiner, BWA and Garry and Janet Ellis.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

On motion by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Boykin, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve the minutes with a correction on Item H which should read "On motion by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Pettey, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to authorize Mr. Patton to enter into negotiations for the potential purchase of property for a new City complex.

**IV. ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

There was no one who wished to address Council on matters on the agenda.

**V. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

A. Proclamation - Proclaiming October as Alpha Delta Kappa Month

Mayor Kocurek proclaimed October as Alpha Delta Kappa Month in the City of Richwood.

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B. Proclamation - Proclaiming November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Kocurek proclaimed November as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Richwood.

C. Report from Mr. Feiner, City's Representative to Brazosport Water Authority

Mr. Feiner, the City's representative on the Board of Directors for BWA, made a report to City Council. He reported that BWA purchased water early in the year and budgeted for a raise for their employees. This accounted for the increase in water rates. They had a budgeted reserve for future water purchases but had to use it again two weeks prior when they purchased additional water. The little bit of rain the area has received will not help much on the drought conditions. He also said the drought is causing the processing costs to rise.

He reported BWA has approved the engineering and study for increased capacity of the plant and they are looking into a reverse osmosis plan which is low pressure and uses brackish water rather than sea water. A high pressure system which would utilize salt water would be expensive and difficult to implement because of the disposal of the salts.

D. Alternative Watering Schedule

The City has seen a considerable drop in water consumption since the implementation of Stage 3 of the Drought Contingency Plan. Consumption has dropped to 279,000 - 365,000 gallons per day where it had been as high as 700,000 to 900,000 gallons per day.

It was recommended to allow even numbered homes to water their yard, wash their cars or use water as they deem necessary on Tuesday and odd numbered homes to do so on Thursdays.

On motion by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Boykin, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to allow even numbered homes to use water as they deem necessary on Tuesdays and odd numbered homes to do so on Thursdays.

E. Interlocal agreement between the City of Clute and the City of Richwood for emergency ambulance service

On motion by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Pitts, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve the Interlocal agreement between the City of Clute and the City of Richwood for emergency ambulance service as presented.

F. Interlocal agreement between the City of Lake Jackson and the City of Richwood to provide Emergency Communications Dispatching

Chief Caudle reported that Lake Jackson will take over the full time dispatching service once we are released from our contract with the City of Clute. The current contract calls for a 60 day notice. Clute and Lake Jackson will then pro-rate this year. The costs will remain the same with Lake Jackson as it is with Clute but the City will see a greater technological advance.

On motion by Councilman Pitts, with a second by Councilman Pettey, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve the Interlocal agreement between the City of Lake Jackson and the City of Richwood to provide Emergency Communications Dispatching.

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G. Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services - November election - Local Liquor Option

On motion by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Boykin, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve the Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services for the November election - Local Liquor Option.

H. Nominations for Brazoria County Appraisal District Board of Directors

As there were no nominations, this item was passed over.

I. Approval of LOGIC Investment Pool as an authorized investment

On motion by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Pitts, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve LOGIC Investment Pool as an authorized investment.

J. Approval of application for participation in the Local Government Investment Cooperative (LOGIC)

On motion by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Boykin, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve the application for participation in the Local Government Investment Cooperative (LOGIC).

K. Approval of TexSTAR Investment Pool as an authorized Investment

On motion by Councilman Bryant, seconded by Councilman Pettey, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve TexSTAR Investment Pool as an authorized investment

L. Approval of Application for Participation in the Texas Short Term Asset Reserve Program (TexSTAR)

On motion by Councilman Boykin, seconded by Councilman Pettey, with all members present voting aye, it was duly adopted to approve the Application for Participation in the Texas Short Term Asset Reserve Program (TexSTAR).

M. Payment of bills

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

N. Financial Report

Par for the period ending September 20<sup>th</sup> is 100% expended. The report as presented does not reflect the final for FY 11 as bills are still coming in. It is expected that both the General Fund and Water/Sewer Fund will see revenues exceed expenditures.

**VI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Patton reported City crews are still working 1 to 3 a day. Last Friday, they had 2 leaks on 8" inch lines. City crews have gotten very good at repairing water leaks and they are able to stay on top of the leaks. Currently it is estimated we've spent close to \$50,000 on water leaks this year. Most of the leaks now are happening along the highway.

We had hoped to have Mr. Felder here working on our new wells by now but he had been held up by TxDot in moving his equipment. He's hoping to begin no later than mid November.

He reported he is currently talking with 3 property owners about property acquisition and has visited with Mr. Madeley on his property across 288B.

He also reported there is a potential growth spurt. There has been interest in the Raymond Burroughs property, a permit application has been brought in for storage buildings and Mr. McMeans wants to add more office buildings on his property on FM 2004.

**VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Fire Hydrants in Oakwood Shores

**VIII. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Kocurek reported that BCCA will be hosted by the City of Jones Creek on October 19th.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 14, 2011.

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Clint Kocurek, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Karen B. Schrom, City Secretary