

**MINUTES FOR CITY OF RICHLAND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 13, 2025, AT 6:00PM  
103 W. MAIN ST.  
RICHLAND TX. 76681**

**CALL TO ORDER AT 6:00PM**

**ROLL CALL DAVID MORRIS, MIKE WEEMPE, CAREN SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEM JAY TIDWELL, SHIRLEY THOMAS, MAYOR JERRY MORRIS. FINANCIAL ADVISOR BRUCE THOMAS. EMPLOYEES: CHIEF TRACY ROBINSON AND RONA FRANKS. NO GUEST WERE PRESENT.**

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS**

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2025, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.**

**JAY TIDWELL HAS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2025, REGULAR MEETING.**

**SHIRLEY THOMAS SECONDED THE MOTION. 5 AYES 0 NAYES**

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON FINANCIALS FOR JANUARY 2025**

**MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINANCIALS FOR JANUARY 2025.**

**JAY TIDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. 5 AYES 0 NAYES**

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT FOR JANUARY, RICHLAND AND ANGUS.**

**JAY TIDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RICHLAND MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025.**

**CAREN SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION. 5 AYES 0 NAYES**

**JAY TIDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ANGUS MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025.**

**CAREN SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION. 5 AYES 0 NAYES**

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON POLICE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2025. CHIEF ROBINSON REPORTED THAT AS OF SEPTEMBER 01, 2025, CITIES WILL HAVE TO PURCHASE: TASERS, BULLET PROOF VEST AND SHIELDS, WEAPONS AND AMMO FOR THE POLICE OFFICERS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF ROBINSON ASKED IF THE CITY WOULD PROVIDE WATER AND GATORADE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. CHIEF ROBINSON REPORTED ON THE DEPARTMENT IS STILL WAITING ON AXON DECISION ON ONE TIME FEE TO GET OUT OF CONTRACT. CHIEF ROBINSON ALSO REPORTED ON THE NEW TAHOE WE SHOULD BE GETTING IT NEXT MONTH. HE WILL ALSO BE INTERVIEWING TWO POTENTIAL OFFICERS NEXT WEEK. MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE POLICE REPORT. CAREN SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION. 5 AYES 0 NAYES**

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON POSSIBLY POSTING A HANDICAP PARKING SIGN FOR DISABLED PERSONS. THE AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT SAYS THAT PARKING GARAGES OR PARKING LOTS WILL POST SIGNS.**

**MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE POSTING HANDICAP PARKING SIGN POSTING IT ON THE POLE NEXT THE HANDICAP RAMP AND GET SOMEONE TO PAINT THE HANDICAP PARKING AREA. CAREN SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION. 5 AYES 0 NAYES**  
**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON PURCHASING A RADIO READ METER FOR THE AIRPORT TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE SCADA SYSTEM AT OFFICE. DOUG SPAIN WAS TO GET THE COST FOR THIS PROJECT. ITEM WAS TABLED DUE TO DOUG SPAIN LEAVING THE CITY. MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO HAVE RONDA WILL ASK BRENT MITCHELL WITH 3M CONTRACTING TO LOOK INTO THIS AND GET THE CITY A QUOTE. CAREN SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION. 5 AYES 0 NAYES**

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTING THE NEWSPAPER OF RECORD FOR THE 2025 YEAR. NAVCO CHRONICLE WAS THE NEWSPAPER OF RECORD FOR 2024. MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE NAVCO CHRONICLE FOR THE CITIES NEWSPAPER OF RECORD FOR 2025. CAREN SMITH SECONDED THE MOTION. 5 AYES 0 NAYES**

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON JAMES HARDIN TO PURCHASING THE PIECE OF PROPERTY ON SUNSET THAT IS NEIGHBORING PROPERTY TO HIS PROPERTY. JAY TIDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE SELLING THE PROPERTY TO JAMES HARDIN FOR \$1,000.00. MIKE WEEMPE SECONDED THE MOTION. 5 AYES 0 NAYES**

**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON REMOVING KENNY GUARD AND SHIRLEY THOMAS FROM SIGNATURE CARDS AT INCOMMONS BANK AND ADDING MAYOR, JERRY MORRIS AND MAYOR PRO-TEM JAY TIDWELL TO THE SIGNATURE CARDS.**

**MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE REMOVING KENNY GUARD AND SHIRLEY THOMAS FROM THE SIGNATURE CARDS AT INCOMMONS BANK, ALSO ADDING MAYOR JERRY MORRIS AND MAYOR PRO-TEM JAY TIDWELL AS THE NEW SIGNERS ON THE SIGNATURE CARDS AT INCOMMONS BANK. DAVID MORRIS SECONDED THE MOTION. 5 AYES 0 NAYES**  
**DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON HIGGINBOTHAM PUBLIC SECTOR HPS GOVERNMENTAL BENEFITS COOPERATIVE.**

**MAYOR JERRY MORRIS DISCUSSED WITH COUNCIL THE INFORMATION THAT HE HAD BROUGHT BACK FROM THE TMHRA THE CIVIL SERVICE AND LABOR RELATIONS WORKSHOP. MAYOR MORRIS WENT OVER THE HIGGINBOTHAM PUBLIC SECTOR HPS GOVERNMENTAL BENEFITS COOPERATIVE INFORMATION EXPLAINING TO COUNCIL WHAT THE COMPANY HAD TO OFFER OUR EMPLOYEES AS BENEFITS (HEALTH, DENTAL, VISION, LIFE, MASA (AMBULANCE AND HELICOPTER POLICY) RETIREMENT PACKAGES CANCER INSURANCE. THIS COMPANY WOULD CONTINUE OUR HEALTH INSURANCE FROM MAY TO JANUARY AND THEN START A NEW HEALTH CARE PLAN. MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO GO WITH HIGGINBOTHAM. SHIRLEY THOMAS SECONDED THE MOTION. 5 AYES 0 NAYES**

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON **FORENSIC AUDIT**. MAYOR JERRY MORRIS AND COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE COST OF THE AUDIT APPROXIMATELY 4,500.00 TO 6,000.00 TO AUDIT THE HARD DISK DRIVE OR SOLID-STATE DRIVE. MIKE **WEEMPE** MADE A MOTION TO PROCEED WITH THE FORENSIC AUDIT. **JAY TIDWELL** SECONDED THE MOTION. **5 AYES 0 NAYES**

**OLD ITEMS:**

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON CREATING AN **ORDINANCE** REQUIRING ALL RESIDENCE TO HAVE A DRIVEWAY CULVERT.  
DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON **ZONING CHANGE FROM COMMERCIAL TO RESIDENTIAL FOR MADELINE LOPEZ ON MILAM**  
TABLED DUE TO LACK OF INFORMATION FROM MS. LOPEZ.

**THINGS TO BE PUT ON NEXT MONTHS AGENDA**

POST ADD FOR MOWING JOB MUST HAVE THEIR OWN TRACTOR AND BUSH HOG TO MOW LARGE LOTS AROUND CITY.  
LEXIPOL TO GO OVER CITY ORDINANCES AND FIND THE MOST CURRENT COPIES OF YEARS' WORTH OF ORDINANCES THAT MAYBE REPEATED OR A MORE CURRENT VERSION  
POLICE DEPARTMENT HOLIDAY PAY IF WORKED MAY RECEIVE TIME AND A HALF, IF NOT WORKED STRAIGHT HOLIDAY PAY  
PURCHASING WATER AND GATORADE IN BULK FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT  
REPORT FROM 3M FOR METER AT AIRPORT

**ADJOURNMENT** MIKE **WEEMPE** MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING DUE TO NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS. **DAVID MORRIS** SECONDED THE MOTION. **5 AYES 0 NAYES**



MAYOR, JERRY MORRIS



CITY SECRETARY, RONDA FRANKS

