

MINUTES FOR THE CITY OF RICHLAND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2025 @6:00pm
103 W. MAIN ST.
RICHLAND, TX. 76681

CALL TO ORDER AT

ROLL CALL

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

SWEARING IN DAVID MORRIS, JAY TIDWELL AND CAREN SMITH.

FOR THE 2025 UNOPPOSED ELECTION

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2025, REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING.

MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 10, 2025.

JAY TIDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. 4 AYES 0 NAYES

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON FINANCIALS FOR JULY 2025

MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY FINANCIAL REPORT

JAY TIDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. 4 AYES 0 NAYES

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT FOR JULY RICHLAND AND ANGUS.

JAY TIDWELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MUNICIPAL COURT REPORT FOR RICHLAND AND ANGUS.

MIKE WEEMPE SECONDED THE MOTION. 4 YAYES 0 NAYES.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON POLICE REPORT FOR JULY 2025. CHIEF ROBINSON GAVE A REPORT ON THE MUNICIPAL COURT AND WATER DEPARTMENT GETTING SECURITY DOORS AND WINDOWS. OFFICE M. BLACKETER RESIGNED AND WENT TO WORK FOR AN ISD. SAMANTHA LUZADDER IS BACK IN THE POLICE ACADEMY. DA WILL THOMPSON GAVE RICHLAND MONEY TO PURCHASE BALISTIC VEST.

MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT.

JAY TIDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. 4 YAYES 0 NAYES

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON WATER DEPT REPORT

MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR JULY 2025.

JAY TIDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. 4 YAYES 0 NAYES

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON GRANT FOR FIXING PLANT (GET IT OPERATIONABLE) AT AIRPORT, GROUND STORAGE TANK TAKEN APART AND REASSEMBLED, PUMP REPLACED, DOOR REPLACED, AIR PACK, 50W GENERATOR, AND SCADA SYSTEM.

ITEM TABLED UNTIL SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON A REPORT FOR METER AT AIRPORT. MAYOR MORRIS ADVISED THE METER WOULD COST APPROXIMATELY \$4512.63.

MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION THAT THIS ITEM NEEDED TO WAIT UNTIL WATER FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE.

JAY TIDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. 4 YAYES 0 NAYES

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON HAVING RONDA ADDED AS A SIGNER ON CD'S FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO ADD RONDA FRANKS TO AS A SIGNER FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

JAY TIDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. 4 YAYES 0 NAYES

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CLOSING THE TAX ACCOUNT AND PUTTING MONEY INTO GENERAL FUND SINCE THAT IS WHERE ALL TAXES WILL BE PAID AND DEPOSITED.

MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION THAT UPON RENEWAL OF TAX CD TO CLOSE IT AND PUT MONIES INTO THE GENERAL FUND.

JAY TIDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. 4 YAYES 0 NAYES

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON AN ORDINANCE 2025-194 FOR REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS, STOPPING THEM FROM MOVING TO RICHLAND

MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-194 FOR REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS STOPPING THEM FROM MOVING INTO RICHLAND.

JAY TIDWELL DSRCONDED THE MOTION. 4 YAYES 0 NAYES

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON PROPOSING THE PROPERTY TAX FOR 2025.

MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO PROPOSE A NO NEW REVENUE RATE OF 0.1950 FOR THE 2025 PROPERTY TAX.

JAY TIDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. 4 YAYES 0 NAYES

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON APPROVING ORDINANCE 2025-193 FOR APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2025 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING.

MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-193 FOR APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2025 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING.

JAY TIDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. 4YAYES 0 NAYES

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON APPROVING **RESOLUTION 2025-195 FOR APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2025 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING.**
MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE **RESOLUTION 2025-195 FOR APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2025 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING.**

JAY TIDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. 4 YAYES 0 NAYES

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON **ORDINANCE 2025-190 WATER TAP FEE INCREASE.**

MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE **ORDINANCE 2025-190 CONCERNING WATER TAP FEES.**

JAY TIDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. 4 YAYES 0 NAYES

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON **ORDINANCE 2025-191 WATER DEPOSIT INCREASE.**

MIKE WEEMPE MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE **ORDINANCE 2025-191 WATER DEPOSIT INCREASE TO \$250.00.**

JAY TIDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. 4 YAYES 0 NAYES

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON **ORDINANCE 2025-195 WATER RATE INCREASE AS PER CITY OF CORSICANA LETTER DATED JUNE 30, 2025, FOR OCTOBER 01, 2025, RATE INCREASE.**

MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE **ORDINANCE 2025-195 FOR WATER RATE INCREASE OF .50 CENTS PER THOUSAND GALLONS**

JAY TIDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. 4 YAYES 0 NAYES

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON **APPROVAL OF REVISED EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK REVISIONS ON PAGE 5, 6, 7 AS PER MINUTES OF MAY 08, 2025, AND JULY 10, 2025.**

MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE **REVISIONS IN EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK.**

JAY TIDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. 4 YAYES 0 NAYES

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON **PAYING FOR MAYOR JERRY MORRIS TO ATTEND CLASS TO OBTAIN HIS CLASS- D WATER LICENSE.**

MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION FOR MAYOR MORRIS TO PAY THE \$450.00 EXPENSE FOR HIS CLASS D WATER CLASS. THE CITY WILL REIMBURSE MAYOR AFTER FUNDS BECOME AVAILABLE. BUT IF MAYOR MORRIS HAD TO DO SOMETHING FOR CITY OF RICHLAND AFTER OBTAINING HIS LICENSE IT WOULD BE UNPAID.

JAY TIDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. 4 YAYES 0 NAYES

TO BE PUT ON NEXT MONTHS AGENDA

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON **TX TOWING** BEING OUR TOWING COMPANY OF CHOICE. TABLED UNTIL COMPANY COMES TO COUNCIL MEETING TO SUBMIT THEIR PERPOSAL. 7/10/25

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 RESIDENTAL FOR MADELINE LOPEZ ON MILAM** TABLED DUE TO LACK OF INFORMATION FROM MS. LOPEZ.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTING UPON **UMER HAFEEZ** 920 MEMORIAL DR. WANTING TO OPEN A CAMPGROUND 7/10/25

Consider convening into executive session to receive attorney's advice on legal matters pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, to deliberate on certain matters concerning real property pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code, to deliberate on matters concerning personnel pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, and to discuss economic development.

ADJOURNMENT

MIKE WEEMPE MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING SINCE THERE WAS NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS.

JAY TIDWELL SECONDED THE MOTION. 4 YAYES 0 NAYES

MAYOR, JERRY MORRIS



CITY SECRETARY, RONDA FRANKS

