Official Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting

Of the City of Richland, Texas

Mayor Kenneth Guard called the meeting to order on December 8, 2022, at 6:00 PM in the Civic Center of Richland, Texas. Those in attendance were Chief Financial Officer Bruce Thomas, Council members Shirley Thomas, Jodie Farmer, Caren Smith, Jay Tidwell and Mike Weempe, Operations Director Sharon Settlemyer. Chief Luu and Officer Winston. There was one (1) visitor present.

Kenneth Guard gave the invocation.

Comments from citizens: None.

Discussion with Mr. and Mrs. Steelman about Richland Clean-up letter was tabled since they did not show up.

Discussion with Gerald Tierce about Richland Clean-up letter. Mr. Tierce stated that he needs more time to work on the property he is leasing to come into compliance with the Code Book. Mike Weempe made a motion to allow extra time if it’s obvious he’s trying and to re-visit in a month. Jodie Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5 “ayes” and 0 “nays”.

There was discussion of the Minutes of the November10, 2022 meeting. Mike Weempe made a motion to accept the minutes. Jodie Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5 “ayes” and 0 “nays”.

There was discussion of the financial report for November 2022. Caren Smith made a motion to accept the report. Jodie Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5 “ayes” and 0 “nays”.

There was discussion on CD’s. Bruce stated that there are three (3) CD’s coming due on 12/24/22 around $57,000. He had called several banks and most offered 1.0 for six (6) months and 1.26 for twelve (12) months. He called Incommons Bank and they are offering 3.9% for six (6) months or 4.0% for twelve (12) months. He is suggesting the Council roll-over the CD’s at Incommons for the six (6) month period. Since they don’t come due until 12/24/22, he will check again to see if the rate is any higher at that point. Mike Weempe made a motion to roll-over the CD’s. Shirley Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5 “ayes” and 0 “nays”.

There was discussion on Bruce Thomas continuing as Chief Financial Officer. Jodie Farmer made a motion to keep Bruce Thomas as Chief Financial Officer. Mike Weempe seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5 “ayes” and 0 “nays”.

There was discussion of Resolution #96 Adopting Investment Policy. Caren Smith made a motion to adopt the Investment Policy. Jodie Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5 “ayes” and 0 “nays”.

There was discussion of the Hudson, Anderson, and Marx contract for 2022 audit. Mike Weempe made a motion to accept the contract. Shirley Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5 “ayes” and 0 “nays”.

There was discussion of the Police Department/Municipal Court Reports. Chief Luu asked if there were any questions on the report. Jodie Farmer made a motion to accept the report. Caren Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5 “ayes” and 0 “nays”.

There was discussion of Purchasing Dashcam and Body Cameras. Chief Luu stated these are the best bang for our buck. Jay Tidwell made a motion to purchase the dashcams and body cameras. Mike Weempe seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5 “ayes” and 0 “nays”.

There was discussion of the Water Report. Shirley Thomas made a motion to accept the water report. Jodie Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5 “ayes” and 0 “nays”.

There was discussion of Vacation Policy. Sharon stated the current vacation policy is “use it or lose it” and she is asking the Council to allow the days to carry over to next year or for the employee to be paid if they don’t want to take them. Caren Smith made a motion to allow the vacation days to carry over to next year, or the employee to get paid for them up to five (5) days at the employee’s choice. Mike Weempe seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 5 “ayes” and 0 “nays”.

Things to place on next month’s agenda: Employee Exit Interview Form.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

These minutes approved by the City Council of Richland, Texas on January 12, 2023.

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 Mayor Kenneth Guard

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City Operations Director