

MINUTES
RICHWOOD CITY COUNCIL
Public Hearing, Tuesday, November 6, 2012
Grace Community Fellowship Church
1495 FM 2004
Richwood, TX 77531
6:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Clint Kocurek, Mayor and presiding officer.

II. OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was given by Councilman Bryant.

III. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Roll call showed the following members present:

Clint Kocurek, Mayor and presiding officer
Roy Welch, Council, Position #1
John Pitts, Council, Position #2
Lee Bryant, Council, Position #3
Morgan Laird, Council, Position #4
Donna Lacy, Council, Position #5

A quorum was declared with all members present. Others present included Glenn Patton, City Administrator, Karen B. Schrom, City Secretary, Brad Caudle, Police Chief, Linda Pace, Jennifer and Jarod Beaty, Gayle Pitts, Tressie Bryant, Sal Aguirre, Bill Yenne, Joe Rinehart, Ellis Feiner, Garry and Janet Ellis, Reg Aplin, Bobby Weaver, Jan Ward, Robin and David Riley, Patrick Rangel, Scott Schwertner, RB and Carol Percle, Starla Crawford, Steve Stein, Anne Shepard, John and Debbie Barnard, Jeff and Kelle Hickey, Eileen Gilliam, D.D. and Mike Miller, Jason and Jessica Lorenz and Lewis and Anita Pullon.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

A. Public Hearing - Proposed interconnecting bridge between Oyster Bend and Audubonwoods III Subdivision

Mayor Kocurek opened the public hearing at 6:09 p.m.

He explained the public hearings were for informational purposes only and we will limit discussion only to those things on the agenda. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next regular Council meeting to be held November 15th for action. He asked that those who wish to speak please sign up. Only one person will be allowed to speak at any one time, speakers will be limited to 3 minutes and allowed to speak only once.

He gave a brief synopsis of the proposed project. Audubonwoods III will be an additional 60 homes for Richwood. The interconnecting bridge will tie in Audubonwoods III and

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Oyster Bend subdivisions. In the proposed final section of Oyster Bend, the developers have put a great deal of thought into the street layout and have placed cul-de-sacs to minimize traffic flow.

Audubonwoods III will expand Oyster Creek Drive and Cardinal Drive.

Some of the benefits the City of Richwood will receive include increasing the tax base, improving drainage in the area and allowing the city to tie in to Lake Jackson's water system. We currently have a similar arrangement with Clute on College Boulevard. The cities of Richwood and Lake Jackson are working together along with the County. The bridge will be built at no cost to the City.

He then opened the floor for discussion.

Ellis Feiner was the only one who signed up to speak. He stated he has lived in Richwood for 43 years. There was significant flooding in the area years ago but things have improved greatly so he's not sure that drainage is a good excuse. This is a dream come true for Lake Jackson and the developers of Oyster bend as it will add probably about 200 homes but he fails to see how this will benefit Richwood. He foresees a traffic nightmare and there are no sidewalks along this portion of Oyster Creek Drive. He would like to see them tie in to Schrader Lane in Lake Jackson.

Mayor Kocurek explained that Schrader Lane actually is in Richwood's extra territorial jurisdiction. He further explained that Richwood will need the access to Lake Jackson's drainage otherwise, we would have to have the developer of Audubonwoods III expand his retention pond and put in pumps to pump the water into Oyster Creek Drive. Its very difficult to get another outlet in to Oyster Creek. Also, since there will be access to Oyster Creek Drive and Cardinal Drive, you will see traffic disperse. We do not anticipate seeing a great deal of traffic from Oyster Bend unless there is a train.

Brazoria County is booming at the moment and people are looking for places to live. This subdivision will bring an additional 60 homes to the area. The more people that live in Richwood, the more likely that people will bring in commercial enterprises. This is a positive for the city.

The public hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m.

B. Pursuant to Section 43.028 of the Local Government Code, Public Hearing - Proposed annexation of 21.69 acres

The public hearing was opened at 6:20 p.m.

With no one to speak, the public hearing was closed at 6:21 p.m.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 15, 2012.

Clint Kocurek, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen B. Schrom, City Secretary