Official Minutes of Emergency City Council Meeting

Of the City of Richland, Texas

Mayor Kenneth Guard called the meeting to order on August 24, 2023, at 4:00 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 and Jay Tidwell, Operations Director Sharon Settlemyer. Interim Chief Winston. There were no (0) visitors present.

Sharon Settlemyer gave the invocation.

Comments from citizens: None.

There was discussion of hiring Bobby Rachel as an officer of the Richland Police Department. Sharon explained he is going to do the background checks on the applicants for Chief. Sharon explained that she had learned that it shouldn’t take more than ten (10) days. Jodie Farmer asked if anyone knew him, Jay stated he does. Jay Tidwell made a motion to hire Bobby Rachel as an officer. Motion carried with a vote of 4 “ayes” and 0 “nays”.

There was discussion of Paying Officer Rachel $500.00 per week. Jay Tidwell made a motion to pay him $500.00 per week. Shirley Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 4 “ayes” and 0 “nays”.

There was discussion of repairing 2008 Buick Lucerne at a cost of $1,287.00 or put in auction. Mayor Guard explained that B&W had given a quote to fix the seized vehicle. He explained that there were several issues, and the quote did not fix everything. B&W expects the car to bring between $1,200 and $1,800 at auction. Jodie Farmer made a motion to put the car in the auction. Caren Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 4 “ayes” and 0 “nays”.

Meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

These minutes approved by the City Council of Richland, Texas on September 14, 2023.

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 Mayor Kenneth Guard

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City Operations Director