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The Richlands Board of Aldermen met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 09, 2012 at 6:00 pm in the Board Room at the Richlands Town Hall. Present for the meeting were:

Mayor McKinley Smith
Alderman Kandy Koonce
Alderman Tom Brown

Alderman Paul Conner
Alderman Kent Painter
Alderman Rob Willems

Also present were:

Gregg Whitehead, Town Administrator
Johnathan Jarman, Public Works Director
Ron Lindig, Chief of Police

Town Attorney, Keith Fountain
Doreen Putney, Town Clerk

There were no citizens present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor McKinley Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alderman Kent Painter

INVOCATION: Mayor McKinley Smith

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

A **motion** was made by Alderman Paul Conner, seconded by Alderman Tom Brown to adopt the agenda as written. The motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (September 11, 2012 & Special Call Meeting of September 14, 2012):

A **motion** was made by Alderman Tom Brown, seconded by Alderman Rob Willems to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes from September 11, 2012 and the Special Call Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2012. The motion was unanimously carried.

BRADFORD PEAR TREE REMOVAL PROJECT (Hwy 24/258):

Gregg Whitehead updated the Board on a grant of \$2,000 that the 3rd grade class at Richlands Elementary School received for "Rebuilding Richlands" from Jones Onslow Electric. Their goal was to replace the Bradford Pear Trees along Hwy 24/258 that were damaged by the 2011

hurricane season with Crepe Myrtles. The grant, however, does not cover the cost of removing 40 Bradford Pear trees, grinding the stumps or planting new trees. Mr. Whitehead provided the Board with a quote summary from four different companies to remove and grind the stumps only. This amount would constitute the town's contribution to the project. The lowest bid was from Kip's Tree Service at \$2,750.00 and the highest was from Country Boy Stump & Tree Service at \$8,150.00. Public Works Director, Johnathan Jarman, reported that we already have an encroachment agreement with DOT. The new crepe myrtles would be 10 gal red & white trees and take 3-4 years for maturity to 15 feet. Mr. Whitehead reported that these quotes only provide for the removal and stump grinding of the old trees. It does not provide for the planting. We are still working on finding someone to plant the new trees.

After a brief discussion and questions from the Board, a **motion** was made by Alderman Tom Brown, seconded by Alderman Paul Conner to table the Bradford Pear tree removal project until more information is presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

NCLM AUTHORIZED VOTING DELEGATE:

The NCLM Annual Business meeting will be held at the Annual Conference, October 23, 2012 and requires one voting delegate and one alternate from each member government present. The Board needs to establish voting delegates for this year's NCLM business meeting. Mr. Whitehead, Town Administrator and Alderman Paul Conner will be attending the Conference.

A **motion** was made by Alderman Tom Brown, seconded by Alderman Kent Painter to appoint Gregg Whitehead as the Town's voting delegate and appoint Alderman Paul Conner as the Town's alternate voting delegate for the 2012 NCLM Annual Conference's business meeting. The motion was unanimously carried.

ADMINISTRATOR NOTES AND UPDATES:

The Town Administrator, Gregg Whitehead, presented a copy of notes and updates to the Board which is incorporated by reference and hereby made part of these minutes. He also reported on the following:

- Doreen Putney, Town Clerk, gave an update regarding the GovDeals Surplus Auction. The auction began October 8, 2012 at 9:00 am and ends on October 18, 2012 at 10:00 pm. The board can go onto govdeals.com and type in "richlands" to monitor the auction. Employees are not permitted to bid, however, family and friends can. She also gave an update on the number of bids so far on each vehicle.
- Mr. Whitehead reminded the Board of the Organizational Meeting for the Small Town Main Street Program, Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 6:00 pm.
- Forwarded to the Board an invitation for them to attend the groundbreaking ceremony of the Albert J. Ellis Airport terminal redevelopment project for Friday, October 19, 2012 at 10:00 am. Attorney Keith Fountain gave a brief overview of the project to the Board.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Ron Lindig provided a copy of the Activity Report for the month of September 2012 to the Board, which is incorporated by reference and hereby made a part of these minutes. He also reported on the following:

- The video system has been installed and is in operation in the interview room and also in the lobby. Chief Lindig invited the Board to check it out.
- Provided the Board with a graph of the past years traffic stats.
- Reported that the new police vehicle is now on the road.
- Reported on a recent vehicle accident where the vehicle ran into the building of the Richlands Post Office.
- Focusing more officers on nights and weekends where activity has increased.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS:

Alderman Tom Brown: No concerns at this time.
Alderman Kent Painter: No concerns at this time.
Aderman Paul Conner: No concerns at this time.
Alderman Kandy Koonce: No concerns at this time.
Alderman Rob Willems: No concerns at this time.
Mayor McKinley Smith: No concerns at this time.

PERSONNEL: None

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURN:

With no further business, a **motion** was made by Alderman Tom Brown, seconded by Alderman Paul Conner to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 pm. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest:
Doreen Putney, Town Clerk

Mayor McKinley Smith