

City of Richland
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
December 8, 2025

The Richland City Council met on Monday, December 8, 2025, in regular session. Mayor John Capps called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council members Michael Hadley, David Balster, Brei Beam, Steve Pfeifer and Joe Adrian were present. Also present: City Clerk Sarah Claeys and Public Works Supervisor Calder Bender.

Hadley moved and Pfeifer 2nd to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the November 10th regular meeting and claims: 5 ayes, motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Supervisor Calder Bender said the lagoon discharge is halfway finished. The water plant is currently running two pumps while waiting on a breaker from Linder Electric to get the third pump running. The building demolition is about 90% complete and should be done within the next few days. Bender will be testing for Level I certifications this week.

City Clerk Sarah Claeys stated the FY2026 budget looks good so far as the city is 50% through the fiscal year and she will start working on FY2027 budget soon. She spoke to the TN lawyer last week and he is still waiting for the judge to sign the final judgment order before the collections process can begin.

PUBLIC FORUM FOR CITIZEN COMMENTS –No action to be taken:

No comments.

No complaint form was submitted by the Wright's, no action taken.

The city council discussed a dog complaint for 307 S Richland St. Beam moved and Adrian 2nd to send the owner a letter regarding the excessive barking: 5 ayes, motion carried.

The city council reviewed and discussed a nuisance complaint for 400 N Richland St. Beam moved and Adrian 2nd to have the city attorney investigate options for the nuisance property and send the property owner a letter: 5 ayes, motion carried.

The property owner from 105 W Division St was not in attendance, no action taken.

The city council members discussed the current city attorney and reviewed a proposal from Lynch Dallas Legal. Pfeifer moved and Adrian 2nd to terminate the current contract with Heslinga Law Firm and move forward with the Lynch Dallas Legal contract: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

Hadley moved and Balster 2nd to approve Resolution 12-08-25: Appointing Lynch Dallas Legal as City Attorney: roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion carried.

The elected officials for 2026 read their oath of office. No action taken.

Mayor Capps adjourned the meeting at 7:52pm.

Mayor John Capps

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk Sarah Claeys