



Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 21, 2024

7:00 P.M.

Members in Attendance at Roll Call:

Alderman Wilbert Reed Jr.

Alderman Simeon Profit

Alderman Janice Fleming

Alderman Leola Keys

The Town of Richwood met for Regular Meeting held on March 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Richwood Multi-Purpose Center, 2710 Martin Luther King Drive, Richwood, Louisiana to consider the following business:

I. Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Gerald Brown at 7:04 P.M.

II. Prayer- was offered by Mayor Gerald Brown

III. Pledge of Allegiance - recited in unison.

IV. Roll Call- Mayor Gerald Brown called roll with the following results:

- **The record shall reflect all (4) Aldermen present at time of roll call.**

Present: Alderman Wilbert Reed Jr.

Alderman Simeon Profit

Alderman Janice Fleming

Alderman Leola Keys

Alderman Wysinger Cleveland (entered at 7:13 p.m. after roll call)

V. Adoption of the Agenda- it was requested the addition of Executive Session be added to the agenda as Item # XVII.

It was motioned by Alderman Simeon Profit and seconded by Alderman Janice Fleming to adopt the amended agenda with the inclusion of Executive Session as Item # XII.

- **The record shall reflect a vote was taken to adopt the March 21, 2024, amended agenda as follows All (4) Aldermen present votes to adopt the agenda.**

Alderman Wilbert Reed Jr Yes .

Alderman Simeon Profit Yes

Alderman Janice Fleming Yes

Alderman Leola Keys Yes

VI. Adoption of February 15, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes and March 7, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes:

February 15, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes:

It was motioned by Alderman Simeon Profit and seconded by Alderman Janice Fleming to adopt the February 15, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

- **The record shall reflect a vote was taken to adopt the February 15, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes with the following results: All (4) Aldermen present votes yes to adopt .**

Alderman Wilbert Reed Jr Yes .	Alderman Simeon Profit Yes
Alderman Janice Fleming Yes	
Alderman Leola Keys Yes	

March 7, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes:

It was motioned by Alderman Simeon Profit and seconded by Alderman Janice Fleming to adopt the March 7, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes

- **The record shall reflect a vote was taken to adopt the March 7, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes with the following results: (2) Yes and (2) Abstain votes .**

Alderman Wilbert Reed Jr Abstain	Alderman Simeon Profit Yes
Alderman Janice Fleming Yes	Alderman Leola Keys Abstain

VII. Adoption of Financial Reports:

It was motioned by Alderman Simeon Profit and seconded by Alderman Janice Fleming to adopt the Financial Reports as presented.

- **The record shall reflect a vote was taken to adopt the Financial Reports as follows All (4) Aldermen present Votes Yes to adopt the Financial Reports.**

Alderman Wilbert Reed Jr Yes .	Alderman Simeon Profit Yes
Alderman Janice Fleming Yes	Alderman Leola Keys Yes

VIII. Public Comments as they relate to the Agenda:

None (the Agenda proceeded)

IX. Mayor's Dialogue:

Mayor Gerald Brown – *advised the forum the Monroe Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Town of Richwood would be presenting a Conversation & Coffee Event on March 25, at 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.*

Mayor Gerald Brown – advised the forum that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt would be held at Mary Goins Park Saturday, March 30th 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

X. Presentation from: Henry Newman with the Black Farmers Association

Mr. Henry Newman – *addressed the forum and introduced himself and thanked the Board for the opportunity to come before them with this presentation. Mr. Newman stated they are affiliated with the 20/20 Black Farmers . Mr. Newman advised the Board that Reverend Davis would be coming forward to present some information beneficial to Black farmers.*

Reverend Earl Davis – addressed the forum and shared with the attendees his appreciation in allowing them to present this information.

Rev. Davis -stated under the Biden administration there is a lot of money being passed around through the Department of Agriculture to help farmers and a lot of people don't know about it, what we are beginning to find out about.

Rev. Earl Davis – advised the forum there is an organization called the 20/20 Black Farmers Cooperative that organization has been around for 4 years, they are 501 C3 organization. About 2 months ago they were in Morehous Parish, what happened there was an opportunity which they were offering every farmer a settlement offers of \$ 50,000. You really didn't have to have a whole lot of documentation to receive the funds you needed to be able to tell your story, but what we found out was that most of the people were intimidated by the application which is a 40-sum odd application . Two companies went and got a contract with the federal government, to help with technical assistance because they realized the farmers really didn't have time to fill out the applications because they were dealing with the actual farm work. It was Analytic Acquisitions and another one and those two said they would help farmers to get the submission done. What I need from you guys is to do is tell me what your problems are and what you need.

The Black Farmers Cooperative has a survey and if you take that survey the Black Farmers Cooperative will provide you with one (1) free year membership. The advantage of that Co-op is first of all we operate a marketing co-op that promotes staff, integral agriculture opportunities for black farmers nationwide.

XI. Discussion of Orther Meadows proposal: None ...Not Present

XII. Executive Session

It was motioned by Alderman Simeon Profit and seconded by Alderman Janice Fleming to go into Executive Session @ 7:33 p.m.

The Board Members returned from Executive Session, and it was motioned by Alderman Wilbert Reed Jr. and seconded by Alderman Janice Fleming to return to Regular Session @ 7:48 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

It was motioned by Alderman Wilbert Reed Jr. and seconded by Alderman Janice Fleming to adjourn meeting @ 7:48 p.m.



Special Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

6:00 P.M.

Members In Attendance:

Alderman Simeon Profit

Alderman Janice Fleming

The Town of Richwood met for a Special Meeting held April 2, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the Richwood Multi-Purpose Center, 2710 Martin Luther King Drive, Richwood, Louisiana to consider the following business:

- I. Meeting Called to Order @ 6:30 P.M.**
 - **Meeting did not proceed for lack of Quorum**