Town of Richey Council Meeting
Approved Minutes
Tuesday, August 12, 2025—Town Office/Fire Hall
6:00 p.m.

Open Meeting and Pledge of Allegiance: Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

Roll Call of the Council Members and Guests: Mayor Brown, Councilmember Barnhart, Councilmember Gibson, Councilmember Clinton, Councilmember Ulrich, Public Works/Clerk Chance Senner, Guest Brandy Schipman.

Consent Items*: Mayor Brown asked for questions and concerns on consent items. Councilmember Clinton requested to pull claims for an inquiry. Motion made by Councilmember Gibson to approve the remaining consent items, seconded by Councilmember Barnhart. Motion carried. See attached voting record. Councilmember Clinton had wondered where the Town's monthly charge for League of Cities services was located on the claims list. Treasurer Jodi Rogers had stated that the new contract had not been signed yet, so that specific claim was not present on the list. Mayor Brown then asked for any remaining questions on the claims list. Councilmember Barnhart made a motion to approve the claims list, seconded by Councilmember Gibson. All in favor, motion carried. See attached voting record.

- Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s)
- Monthly Bank Reconciliation
- Monthly Payroll, Claims, and Journal Entries

** **Consent Items** are those upon which the presiding officer considers no discussion should be necessary. However, at the beginning of each meeting, any Council Member may request one or more items to be removed from the consent agenda for the purpose of discussion prior to a separate vote on the item(s). The presiding officer shall schedule such discussion and vote immediately following adoption of the consent agenda.*

Correspondence:

Sheriff's / Dispatch Report - See attached correspondence.

Unfenced swimming pool concerns - See attached correspondence.

Back flow prevention compliance - See attached correspondence.

Not obstructing or covering streets and water valves compliance - See attached correspondence.

Public Comment for items not on the agenda: None.

Mayor's Report: See attached report.

Council Reports and Concerns: Councilmember Barnhart noted that the stop sign at the intersection of Antelope Avenue East and South Main Street has faded. Mayor Brown stated that the Town has extra available and will replace it.

Committee Reports: Planning Board report, updates and actions

Councilmember Ulrich updated the Town council that there may be another public hearing to take place with the Planning Board concerning County zoning in regards to the windfarms.

Public Works / Clerk's Report - Delinquent accounts

Chance Senner updated the Town Council on delinquent accounts, there being two at 314 1st Street East and 212 Antelope Avenue West. He then updated the Council on recent/ongoing public works and clerical activities such as, grating and sweeping Antelope Avenue to remove excess gravel and bring it back to pavement for the purpose of patching, cold patching various streets, fire extinguisher inspections, flushing and maintenance of fire hydrants, addressing reports of a chlorine smell in the water, maintaining the warranty list of failing areas, and having plans of dura-patching streets once Circle has completed their streets.

Old Business:

1. Updates and action to approve updated Interlocal Ambulance Agreement between Town and County with approval of County donating one time $10,000 ARPA money to Ambulance Fund.

   Mayor Brown presented the updated Interlocal Agreement for ambulance services to Council. Mayor Brown asked for questions and comments on the updated Interlocal Agreements. EMT Brandy Schipman was please that the County was providing funding for the Richey Ambulance service. Motion made to approve the updated Interlocal Ambulance Agreement between Town and County with approval of County donating one time $10,000 ARPA money to Ambulance Fund made by Councilmember Gibson. Seconded by Councilmember Clinton. All in favor, motion carried. See attached voting record.

2. Council approval to contract with Solestone for ambulance billing services and paying $1,500 start-up fee.

Councilmember Clinton noted favorability towards contracting with Solestone for the company's transparency and ease of viewing necessary documents. Councilmember Gibson had asked how the company was funded. Mayor Brown stated that the company collects commission. Mayor Brown noted that when contacting the company they were incredibly helpful and easy to work with. Mayor Brown asked for further public comment. There was none. Motion made by Councilmember Barnhart to approve contracting with Solestone for ambulance billing services and paying $1,500 start-up fee. Seconded by Councilmember Ulrich. All in favor. Motion carried.

3. Discussion and action to adopt standard practice ambulance services policies (tabled until September)
4. Muni-code ordinance recodification update (tabled until September)
5. Updates and approval to accept compliance of mitigation efforts of nuisance property at 305 1st Street North East.

   Motion made by Councilmember Gibson to accept compliance of mitigation efforts of nuisance property at 305 1st Street North East. Seconded by Councilmember Barnhart. With no public comment and all in favor, motion carried. See attached voting record.

6. MMIA tendered claim to Engineer and Contractor on property damage claim by the owner at 305 1st Street East from a failed service main before the curbstop.

   Mayor Brown updated the council on the tendered claim, noting that the Engineering Company is refusing to accept responsibility of the failed service main as it was not on the engineering plans. Though with the contract, it is written to replace service lines and curb stops on the entirety of that street. MMIA sent a letter to both the Engineering Company and the Contractor requesting they reach out to the property owner and MMIA to cover the claim.

7. Updates to Phase 2 warranty work to be completed and timeline.

   Council was given an updated list of warranty work to be completed sometime in September.

New Business:

8. Council approval of League of Cities contract for Financial Services.

   Mayor Brown informed Council that the contracts with League of Cities are formed yearly, with recent months League of Cities has been sending the Town monthly bills with a max of $1,000.00, unfortunately this system does not always work with the amount of labor being done by League of Cities. The new contract details that they are to be paid $65.00/hour and removing the $1,000.00 cap. Treasurer Jodi Rogers informed Council that typically charges will range from $800-$900 a month, though during months where budget work is being done, the AFR, and auditing the price will increase. Motion made by Councilmember Clinton to approve the League of Cities contract for Financial Services. Seconded by Councilmember Barnhart. All in favor, motion carried. See attached voting record.

9. Council approval of Attorney contract.

   Mayor Brown noted to council that Town staff consults with the Attorney a lot, noting his importance to the Town. The contract details that the Town will pay the Attorney the sum of $650.00 per month to handle legal representation and assistance on matters concerning the Town up to ten (10) hours per month. Motion made by Councilmember Gibson to approve the Attorney Contract. Seconded by Councilmember Clinton. All in favor, motion carried. See attached voting record.

10. Council approval of Great West Engineering Phase 3 Water Main design proposal and submission of CDBG grant application.

    Councilmember Ulrich noted that in Section 2, Item A, "311 Railroad Avenue" should read as "311 Railroad Avenue West" to portray clear language that the water main will be replaced the the address on the West end of the Town. Mayor Brown noted that "3rd Avenue" should also read as "3rd Street East" for clear language. Motion made by Councilmember Ulrich to approve Great West Engineering Phase 3 Water Main design proposal with the clarification of the street names and submission of CDBG grant application.Seconded by Councilmember Gibson. All in favor, motion carried. See attached voting record.

11. Council approval to order portable speed bumps.

    It was discussed that in order for speed reduction, it would be best to contact MDT to order solar speed signs that notify drivers of their current speeds to put on Highway 254 going in and out of town. Several Councilmembers were worried about the effectiveness of the speedbumps and whether or not they'd be stolen. No motion made, motion died on the floor.

12. Council approval of Resolution 2025- 05 to adopt Dawson County Addendum Dawson County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion made by Councilmember Clinton to approve Resolution 2025-05 to adopt Dawson County Addendum Dawson County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Councilmember Barnhart. All in favor, motion carried. See attached voting record.

Adjournment: Motion made by Councilmember Gibson to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Ulrich. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM. See attached voting record.

Public comment is listed on the agenda for individuals to discuss any public matter not otherwise specifically listed on the agenda. If any individual desires to speak about an item specifically listed on the agenda, time will be allowed and identified by the mayor as "Any public comment?" when the item comes up for discussion and/or action.

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ATTEST: ______________________ Chance Senner, Deputy Clerk

APPROVED: ______________________ NaDean Brown, Mayor