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The Richlands Board of Aldermen met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 08, 2014, at 6:00 pm in the Board Room at the Richlands Town Hall. Present for the meeting were:

Mayor McKinley D. Smith, Sr.
Alderman Michael Carpenter
Alderman Kent Painter

Alderman Paul Conner
Alderman Tom Brown
Alderman Kandy Koonce

Also present were:

Gregg Whitehead, Town Administrator
Ron Lindig, Chief of Police
Keith Fountain, Town Attorney

Doreen Putney, Town Clerk
Johnathan Jarman, Public Works Director

There were four (4) citizens present.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

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

Mayor Smith welcomed Zachery Ashton from the Boy Scouts of America.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alderman Kandy Koonce

INVOCATION: Mayor McKinley Smith

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Gregg Whitehead, Town Administrator, presented the agenda to the Board.

A **motion** was made by Alderman Kandy Koonce, seconded by Alderman Tom Brown to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was unanimously carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (March 11, 2014):

A **motion** was made by Alderman Tom Brown, seconded by Alderman Kandy Koonce to approve the Regular Board meeting minutes of March 11, 2014. The motion was unanimously carried.

SURPLUS PROPERTY RESOLUTION 2014-02 (May 2014 Auction):

Gregg Whitehead, Town Administrator, presented to the Board Resolution 2014-02 to declare various items of personal property as surplus property and authorizes town staff to offer the items for sale by internet auction through GovDeals.com. The auction is scheduled to run from May 12 to May 21 2014.

After a brief discussion, a **motion** was made by Alderman Tom Brown, seconded by Alderman Kent Painter to approve Resolution 2014-02 Authorizing the sale of Surplus Property by Electronic Public Auction. 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 are incorporated by reference and hereby made part of these minutes.

- Town Hall Day is scheduled for June 04, 2014. Please let Ms. Putney know if you would like to attend. Deadline for registration is May 15, 2014.
- Requested the board to schedule a special call meeting for a budget workshop sometime during the end of April. Ms. Putney will contact board members to determine an appropriate date and time.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Ron Lindig provided a copy of the Activity Report for the months of March 2014 to the Board which are incorporated by reference and hereby made part of these minutes. He also reported on the following:

- The SBI's DCI audit is complete and went well. We are in compliance with the audit.
- We completed range qualifications and all of our police officer passed qualifications.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joan Campbell of Trifield Estates: Ms. Campbell approached the board with concerns regarding pot holes on South Onslow Street by the high school and also on Nicholson Street. She stated that they repeatedly have been filled with dirt and during the recent rains have washed out and gotten worse especially with all of the school traffic. She asked the board to look into this issue and see if there is anything else we can do besides just filling them up with dirt.

Sheryl Brown of Elizabeth Street: Ms. Brown approached the board and expressed her appreciation for Public Works Department employees for their hard work on picking up debris and limbs. She also thanked the Police Department for their increased patrolling of the town.

Ms. Brown expressed her continued concerns with wet grass being blown onto the sidewalks after the grass is being mowed. She stated that the sidewalk by the museum and also Foy Street seem to be the worst. She asked the board to see if there is anything they can do to resolve this issue.

She also expressed concerns with animal waste on the sidewalks and described a recent incident where she witnessed a dog owner allowing the animal to defecate on a public right-a-way and not cleaning it up. She asked the board to look into better enforcement of this ordinance.

BOARD MEMBER CONCERNS:

Paul Conner: Looking forward to this years' budget workshop to see if we can locate any funds to repair some of the streets in town.

Doreen Putney, Town Clerk: Ms. Putney presented to the Board a scrapbook that she has been working on that contains old copies of documents, pictures, newspaper clippings and other items from years past dating as far back as 1905 up to present time. She stated that she has been gathering items over the last several years and requested for the board and local citizens to take a look at the book. If they recognize someone, something, or someplace to please let her know. She also asked for the board and town residents to bring in items that they may have and would like to contribute to the scrapbook. This is a good piece of history for the town and very interesting.

PERSONNEL: None

CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURN:

With no further business, a **motion** was made by Alderman Paul Conner , seconded by Alderman Kent Painter to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 pm. The motion was unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Attest:
Doreen Putney, Town Clerk

Mayor McKinley D. Smith, Sr.