The Richlands Town Council held a "Public Hearing" on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 5:45pm in the Richlands Council Chambers with the following present:

Mayor: Rod. D. Cury

Town Manager: Jason May

Town Attorney: Michael Thomas Finance Manager: Ronnie Campbell

Office Manager: Susan Whitt

Town Clerk: Absent

Council Members: Seth White, Gary Jackson, Rick Wood, Jordan Bales, Jan White, and

Laura Mollo.

Mayor Cury called the meeting to order.

Mayor Cury led the Invocation and Pledge.

Mayor Cury advised the Public Hearing is for the purpose of receiving Public Comment regarding the implementation of a monthly fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for the purposes of brush and bulk pickup applicable to every municipal garbage/trash account within the Town of Richlands to be found in the Town of Richlands Code of Ordinances Section 50.16.

Mayor Cury advised the meeting was open to take public comment and asked if there was anyone who would like to speak.

Wanda Lowe, 292 Plantation Drive- advised she is in favor of the one-dollar fee because she recently had to pay forty dollars for someone to pick up a load of brush from her property. Mrs. Lowe asked how the citizens would be assured the extra fee would be used for a grapple truck and would like to see this fee reflected in monthly financial reports.

Morgan Earp, 1618 Sixth Street- advised he supports this fee, but would like citizens to have the option to use the service and be charged the fee or to opt out of it.

Mr. May advised he is currently working on a Capital Ordinance Project with the Towns Finance and Legal teams so this fee would have its own account and they would be able to track these funds from month to month and be reflected on the Monthly Financial Reports for citizens to see.

Mayor Cury closed the Public Hearing.

Rod D. Cury, Mayor

Amanda Beheler, Town Clerk