

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
RINCON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
107 W. 17TH STREET
7:00 PM**

Councilmembers Present:

Paul Wendelken
Levi Scott Jr.
Christi Ricker
Reese Browher
James Dasher

Present:

Ken Lee, Mayor
Wanda Simmons, Interim City Manager
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney
Ronda Allen, Minutes
Phillip Scholl, Police Chief
LaMeisha Kelly, City Planner
Mike Osborne, Recreation Director
Tim Bowles, Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. The invocation was given by Councilmember Browher and the Pledge to the Flag was recited.

Approval of the agenda: Change made to item #6, Request to purchase 575 baseball uniforms not 500; and the addition of item #7A, Request to approve the purchase of a blower motor in the amount of (including installation) \$5,091.00 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott
Second: Councilmember Ricker
Vote: Unanimous

Approval of the January 27, 2016 minutes:

Approval of the minutes with noted changes: Approval of the January 12, 2016 minutes council vote should read 4 yes votes, Councilmember Scott abstained; items 4 and 11 vote by council should read 4 yes votes, Councilmember Wendelken abstained; and Item 16A motion should read motion to accept not motion to approve.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Wendelken
Second: Councilmember Scott
Vote: Unanimous

Old Business:

1. Review and approval of design and oversight contract with South Atlantic Engineering, Inc. (Tommy Blewett, P.E.) for Lost Plantation club house renovations and expansion. (Item was tabled at the January 27, 2016 meeting)

Vote to remove from table: Councilmember Dasher
Second: Councilmember Scott
Vote by Council: Unanimous

Contract language needs to state that the contractors understand and agree all amounts will be charged to said contractors.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher
Second: Councilmember Dasher
Vote by Council: Unanimous

New Business:

1. Request to purchase two fully equipped patrol vehicles from Akins Ford Dodge Jeep Chrysler off of a state contract in the amount of \$65,550.04. LI# 20.4210.4410 and 20.4210.4415

Motion to approve: Councilmember Ricker
Second: Councilmember Scott
Vote by Council: Unanimous

2. Request to purchase two APX 6500 in car radios for the new patrol cars in the amount of \$10,949.50. LI #20.4210.4412

Motion to approve: Councilmember Dasher
Second: Councilmember Scott
Vote by Council: Unanimous

3. Request permission to surplus one cage for a 2009 Dodge Charger.

Chief Scholl was present; he explained the cage separates the officer from the prisoner. It will not fit in any of the current vehicles and City of Bloomingdale has a need for one.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Ricker
Second: Councilmember Dasher
Vote by Council: Unanimous

4. Request to review design options for signs at Macomber Park concession stand and the five entrance ways to the ball fields.

Recreation Director, Mike Osborne presented a couple of options for the new signs. The signs can be used to advertise and has space to add sponsors. They will cost \$3,861.85.

Motion to approve the design and purchase: Councilmember Wendelken
Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

5. Request to discuss a sponsor agreement proposal to have the Lewis and Clark Circus at Freedom Park.

This will be one of four tent circus that Lewis and Clark would like to hold at Freedom Park. They are requesting no rental fee and would like to offer a percentage of ticket sales. The City can monitor the ticket sales at the gate, tickets will be sold by the seat and the max capacity for each show is 500 people. Attorney Dickey has the contract ready to sign. This event has been held in other cities without incident and no police presence. The tent will be enclosed with heat and air. They will sell food and have a permit from health department. Lewis and Clark will advertise 2 shows each day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Councilmember Browher mentioned the safety of tent structure. Wanda Simmons stated they have a liability certificate of insurance and no alcohol will be sold. A motion was made to approve with a \$500.00 deposit and waive all rental fees in lieu of ticket sales. The dates of the shows will be April 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Ricker

Vote by Council: Unanimous

6. Request to purchase 575 baseball uniforms from Thompson's Sport Shop in the amount of \$12,075.00. LI#10.4650.3308

Mr. Osborne would like to purchase 575 uniforms not 500. These uniforms will have the player's name, number and the sponsor's name.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Dasher

Second: Councilmember Wendelken

Vote by Council: Unanimous

7. Approval to purchase 203 replacement registers in the amount of \$105.00 (if registers are under warranty) or \$115.00 (if transmitters are out of warranty) each for a total cost not to exceed \$23,345.00. LI #40.6260.4410

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher

Second: Councilmember Ricker

Vote by Council: Unanimous

7A. Request to approve the purchase of a blower motor in the amount of (including installation) \$5,091.00 for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

There are currently two blowers in service which are rotated. Tommy Kee checked on rebuilding a motor but the cost was \$5,475.00.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Dasher

Second: Councilmember Ricker

Vote: Unanimous

8. Administrative Reports:

City Manager – Interim City Manager, Wanda Simmons, informed Council that all the animals have been removed from 118 Fox Trace (nuisance abatement); GA DOT wants motorist to be aware of the nighttime paving on SR 21 between 7th and 4th Streets; the City owes \$43,745.24 to Effingham County BOC for capital cost recovery fees for the months of September – December.

City Engineer – No written report

Chief of Police – Chief Scholl informed Council that five to six people enrolled in the Citizens Police Academy; the wind screen on the fence in the Police department is falling apart, he will look at the cost of different options to replace the screen. Chief Scholl asked Council if he could remove the screen since there is nothing of value in the parking lot, Mayor Lee said it was ok to take it down.

Fire Department – Fire Chief Corey Rahn informed Council the tornado siren were activated for three minutes and worked well; he spoke with EPD about a fuel spill in the ground at 21 Fuel Stop, there was approximately 2,000 gallons spilled since July, Mr. Patel will be billed for all charges related to the spill. The pumps are closed, but the store is open. There will be long term monitoring to make sure it does not happen again.

Building/Zoning Dept. – LaMeisha Kelly gave the 2015 capitol cost recovery report to Council; She informed Council that Blandford Elementary Scholl is having Family Night and is asking for donations, she would like to donate bags for the event.

Water/Sewer/Public Works – Tim Bowles informed Council that they are still working on the water tower; the bull gang is working on the ditches on Scott Ave trying to open them up. They are picking up the inmates used at the facilities with the van and we need a replacement inmate for the Police Department and City Hall.

Wastewater – Tommy Kee informed Council Terracon will be coming out to the treatment plant for soil samples.

Mayor and Council - Mayor Lee discussed the railroad crossing repairs at the entrance of Picket Fences, the residents are having concerns about not being able to get out when the crossing is closed, Council needs to consider trying to resolve issue. Council discussed the house on Williams Street, having inmates clean the yard, paint and do minor repair. Tim Bowles said they could spend a week doing the work. Councilmember Browher stated we could spend \$500.00 to get the house ready to sell.

9. Executive session to discuss personnel, pending litigation, attorney client privilege, and real estate.

Motion: Councilmember Dasher

Second: Councilmember Ricker

Vote by Council: Unanimous

Motion to return to meeting: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Dasher
Vote by Council: Unanimous

10. Follow the statutes of executive session, to put on file an executive session affidavit and resolution.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Ricker
Second: Councilmember Browher
Vote by Council: Unanimous

11. Take any action that is needed on the items from executive session.

No action taken.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn: Councilmember Scott
Second: Councilmember Ricker
Vote by Council: Unanimous