

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
RINCON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 25, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
107 W. 17TH STREET
7:00 PM**

Councilmembers Present:

Paul Wendelken
Reese Browher
James Dasher
Christi Ricker
Ann Daniel

Councilmember Absent:

Levi Scott

Present:

Ken Lee, Mayor
Wanda Simmons, Interim City Manager
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney
Dulcia King, City Clerk
Tim Bowles, Public Works Director
LaMeisha Kelly, City Planner
Phillip Scholl, Police Chief
Corey Rahn, Fire Chief

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM. Mayor Lee recognized three boy scouts in attendance. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Ricker and the Boy Scouts led the Pledge to the Flag.

Approval of the agenda with the following additions of items:

5A. Approval of a resolution designating public depository to Ameris Bank; and 5B. Presentation and request of a proclamation of Support for the Guard and Reserve.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Daniel

Second: Councilmember Ricker

Vote: Unanimous

Approval of the July 11, 2016 minutes:

Motion to approve: Councilmember Dasher

Second: Councilmember Ricker

Vote: Unanimous

Old Business:

1. R. B. Baker Construction requests payment of Pay Request #3 for Hwy 21 ROW Improvements, in the amount of \$696,754.42. LI# 70.4430.4412

LaMeisha Kelly informed Council this is the third pay request for R.B. Baker. They have not finished, but have demobilized and will come back to wrap everything up.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Daniel

Second: Councilmember Dasher

Vote by Council: Unanimous

New Business:

1. Approval to purchase a 2016 Dodge Charger with full equipment and transition existing police vehicle, Unit 1101, into K-9 service in the amount of \$44,782.52. LI #20.4210.4410; 20.4210.4415 and 20.4210.4412

Chief Scholl told Council last week one of cars almost harmed one of the K-9 officers. The vehicle is on its last leg, it has been through several radiators and water pumps. The other vehicle is overheating. They have both been stretched the limit. He said the officers are required to go to court in Springfield and sit several hours, and it doesn't make since to leave the dogs in Rincon while at the court house. They could have a call and would have to come back to the police department to retrieve the K-9's. Mayor Lee verified that there will be one new car and Unit 1101, the Chief's black car (Chief Scholl will drive a pool car) will be outfitted to house the K-9. Councilmember Wendelken asked about light bar on Unit 1101, Chief Scholl said he was trying to keep down on cost, but he could add light bar for around \$1,500.00 plus labor and a push bar for \$500.00 plus labor. The money is in SPLOST fund for this purchase.

Motion to approve the purchase of a new vehicle and the transition on Unit 1101 to include adding a light bar and a push bar: Councilmember Wendelken

Second: Councilmember Daniel

Vote by Council: Unanimous

2. Request for acceptance of annexation petitions and to set a Public Hearing for Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Petitions have been received for the following properties:

- **Effingham County Board of Education** **Map #04630018F** **10.68 acres**
- **Effingham County Board of Education** **Map #04630018** **29.23 acres**
- **Wendy Burns** **Map #04630006** **1.6 acres**
- **Willard Arnsdorff** **Map #04630007** **1.6 acres**

Attorney Dickey told Council this does not include all of the properties, there will be other properties brought in with these properties. Councilmember Dasher said he did not think the acreage is correct for the BOE property. Attorney Dickey said this is what the tax assessor's website shows. Mrs. Kelly told him she will verify what is on the deed. Attorney Dickey said this item is for the setting of the petitions, the public hearing, and validating the petitions. Councilmember Wendelken asked if the properties owners that are being

brought in without a petition will be notified, Attorney Dickey said yes. The following properties will be added without a petition:

Steve and Joyce Cross	275 Ackerman Rd	1.6
Steven Louis Arnsdorff	0 Ackerman Rd	1.25
Steven Louis Arnsdorff	0 Ackerman Rd	1.54
David and Catherine Proctor	301 Ackerman Rd	1.39
Mary MacDonald	0 Ackerman Rd	6.61

Motion to approve: Councilmember Daniel

Second: Councilmember Dasher

Vote by Council: Unanimous

3. Effingham County Board of Education requests approval of preliminary site plans for the new Rincon Elementary School building, located on Fort Howard Road. The properties are owned by the Effingham County Board of Education and is zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential). Map#04630018 and #0463018F

Matthew Renault with Buckley and Associates was present. Mrs. Kelly said everything has been addresses except two minor issues; the utility easement has to be signed off by the school because a regional lift station will be there and the other minor condition is the purple pipe requirement. Mr. Renault talked about the drop off and pick up traffic. He said the buses will enter in an entrance separate from cars. The cars will enter at the decel lane and zig zag through the parking lot to get every car off the street. Mrs. Kelly asked Council if they would like to approve preliminary and final site plans at one time since all major concerns have been addressed.

Motion to approve preliminary and final site plans: Councilmember Ricker

Second: Councilmember Daniel

Vote by Council: Unanimous

4. Approval of the Coastal Regional Commission FY 2017 annual membership dues in the amount of \$11,486.80 to be paid quarterly.

Wanda Simmons informed Council this is right in line with what was paid last year. Councilmember Browher wanted to know what services the City gets from the CRC. Mrs. Kelly said according to the legislator, they are the regional planning body. Attorney Dickey stated Georgia law mandates this. Mrs. Kelly did inform Council that council on aging is very active in the community.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Daniel

Second: Councilmember Ricker

Vote by Council: Unanimous

5. Approval of repairs to Well #4 located at 170 Silverwood Court.

Tim Bowles told Council the check valve went bad, it is down to 900 gallon a minute from 12,000. He requested quotes and has not heard anything from Well Road Drilling and would like to use the one quote he has received from Layne Christensen.

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

5A. Approval of a resolution designating public depository to Ameris Bank.

This item is to set a resolution to transfer funds that was approved at the previous council minute. Mrs. Simmons said BB&T had a chance to come back and talk about what they can do for the City. What they offer would be a deficit at what Ameris Bank could offer. Positive pay is not required with Ameris Bank. Councilmember Browher asked what is the bottom line savings, Mrs. Simmons said the interest that we had with BB&T at the end of the month was \$1,587.83 and at Ameris Bank it would have been \$3,777.23. Mrs. Simmons also added that there are no service fees with Ameris Bank. Councilmember Daniel said she would hate to make these changes and at the end of the year the rates go to the same prices as BB&T. Attorney Dickey said no bank will guarantee the fees for more than a year

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher
Second: Councilmember Dasher
Vote by Council: 4 to 1, Councilmember Daniel voted no.

5B. Presentation and request of a proclamation of Support for the Guard and Reserve.

Councilmember Daniel introduced Chuck Clark with ESGR, (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) he had come to her asking for the City to support our military troops by signing a proclamation recognizing USERRA. Mr. Clark told Council he has been doing something with the military since 1972. He said in Georgia employers discriminate and refuses to hire someone who is in the guard or reserve. The ESGR is asking businesses to sign a statement of support that they understand the law. Mr. Clark passed out information on ESGR.

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

6. Administrative Reports:

City Manager – Mrs. Simmons gave Council an update on the inmate work crew; She also reminder them about the August 3rd joint meeting; the Williams Street house has been cleaned and listed. Diebold will be fixing the drive thru teller on August 3rd, it will be closed for one day to complete work. Mrs. Susie Davis stopped by to talk about color Effingham County blue. She asked if the City will be a drop off spot for snacks for the service men. The City will be a drop off.

Chief of Police – Chief Scholl informed Council there have been several complaints of entering cars and burglaries. Mayor Lee asked if it was a particular area or wide spread,

Chief Scholl said it is two or three areas. Councilmember Browher wanted to confirm if the parks close at dark and stated we may need to put up signs stating the park is closed at dark. Councilmember Browher asked if this was in ordinance form, Attorney Dickey said yes. Mrs. Simmons said she would get with Mike on the signs.

Fire Department – Chief Rahn said they have had a busy last couple of weeks. The Fire Chief of Effingham County made two arrests for arson and there was a fire on Sagebrush Road. Councilmember Wendelken asked about staff, Chief Rahn said they hired one and short one. Also with budget talks coming up he has need for a workshop to discuss aging fleet.

Building/Zoning Dept. – Mrs. Kelly reminded Council about the workshop on August 15th.

Water/Sewer/Public Works – Mr. Bowles informed Council that the written report in the packet is not correct. Mayor Lee told Mr. Bowles he received phone call from Mr. Repasy, who complimented the public works crew.

Mayor and Council – Councilmember Daniel said she met with Josh Williams at the Golf Course. He needs to discuss some things with Council and needs a workshop (45min to 1hr).

Councilmember Browher asked Mrs. Kelly did she hear anything about the area in front of Williamsburg Subdivision. She told him she will call him when she hears anything, Travis was not here today and they could have contacted him by email. He also asked about the repaving on Lisa Street, she said she will know something this week.

Mayor Lee informed Council and staff Patrick Donahue's last day at the Effingham Herald will be August 5th.

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

Motion: Councilmember Dasher
Second: Councilmember Daniel
Vote by Council: Unanimous

Motion to return to meeting: Councilmember Daniel
Second: Councilmember Dasher
Vote by Council: Unanimous

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

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

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

No action taken.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn: Councilmember Ricker

Second: Councilmember Browher

Vote by Council: Unanimous