

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
RINCON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
107 W. 17TH STREET
7:00 PM**

Councilmembers Present:

Paul Wendelken – Arrived at 7:06 PM
Christi Ricker
Reese Browher
James Dasher
Levi Scott Jr.

Present:

Ken Lee, Mayor
Wesley Corbitt, City Manager
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney
Dulcia King – City Clerk

Absent:

Councilmember Scott Morgan

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Mayor Lee. Councilmember Dasher gave the invocation and the Pledge to the Flag was recited.

Approval of the agenda with the addition of new business item number 4A, Griffin Contracting, Inc. request approval of a change order in the amount of \$43,163.00 for the 9th Street Overlay Project.

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

Approval of the November 23, 2015 minutes:

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

Approval of the November 30, 2015 minutes with noted corrections: The invocation and Pledge were not recited and new business item 1 Councilmember Scott Morgan abstained from the vote.

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

Approval of the December 7, 2015 minutes with noted changes: The invocation and Pledge were not recited.

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

Old Business

1. Second reading of an ordinance to adopt the FY 2016 Budget.

Wesley Corbitt went over the 2016 budget.

Motion to table until after executive session: Councilmember Browher
Second: Councilmember Wendelken
Vote by Council: Unanimous

New Business:

1. Approval of purchase of vehicle and body cameras from Government Service Administration in the amount of \$41,489.00. LI#10.4210.4405

Chief Scholl said the old cameras are from 2007 or 2008, they are not working and the quality is poor. The quote from GSA will outfit seven vehicles and they will be transferable to other vehicles. The body cameras will also be in sync with the vehicle cameras. The funds to purchase the cameras will come from condemned funds. Mayor Lee asked about applying for grants, Chief Scholl said the City was not eligible for grants at this time.

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

2. Amend the motion of Councilmember Scott to accept Councilmember Scott Morgan's resignation as of December 31, 2015.

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

3. Consider electing a Mayor Pro Tempore to complete the term vacated by Councilmember Scott Morgan.

Councilmember Wendelken nominated Councilmember Christie Ricker to fill the vacancy until January, when a new Mayor Pro Temp will be elected.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Wendelken
Second: Councilmember Browher
Vote by Council: 4 yes votes, 1 no vote

4. Awarding of engineers for the design of WWTP Headworks and LF Well and Tank.

The Lower Floridian Well and Tank design was awarded to HHNT for an amount of \$103,915.00.

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

The WWTP Headworks design was awarded to PC Simonton for \$98,500.00.

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

4A. Griffin Contracting, Inc. request approval of a change order in the amount of \$43,163.00 for the 9th Street Overlay Project.

Wesley Corbitt, Councilmember Dasher and Councilmember Scott met with EMC at the site to discuss the newly paved rough road conditions. The contractor made the suggestion to do half inch of leveling course and one inch surface course, they will charge for the cost of crew labor. On the east bound lane they will mill off one inch and will charge for trucking the millage off. Councilmember Browher asked why they didn't know this from beginning. Wesley Corbitt said the raised questions about sinking due to prior work, but they never addressed the lateral cut, lateral cut may have caused the sway and not paved evenly. Councilmember Scott said that it was poor planning on the contractor's part, they did not call EMC before they started work on Saturday. Both lanes are not level now but they will come back and level. LaMeisha Kelly mentioned that Chief Scholl had complaints from motorist about traffic control (cars meeting head on). He sent officers to make sure traffic control was good. Mr. Corbitt stated the manholes seem to be lower than the road, Mr. Metzger said they can be adjusted. Councilmember Scott said the ditch on the south side between Howard Avenue and Anderson Street needs to check. Mr. Corbitt said EMC thought this was a good price to fix the problem. Councilmember Browher was very concerned about the traffic control with possible head on collisions; he stated we have a responsibility to the citizens. Mr. Metzger said we don't have to pay the contractor for traffic control if the City will be providing that service.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher with the condition that staff addresses traffic control issues with Griffin Contracting.
Second: Councilmember Dasher
Vote by Council: Unanimous

5. Administrative Reports:

(a) City Manager - No written report

(b) City Engineer - Alec Metzger gave an update. The Richland Avenue project is underway. The contractors have done the clearing and have installed the pipe. They have 45 days to finish.

On the Tank rehabilitation project, the tank has been sand blasted and cleaned inside and they are waiting on the City logo. The tank inspector gave report found issues and they have been fixed. There was a very small hole in tank.

(c) Chief of Police - No written report. Councilmember Wendelken asked for a brief update on the secret Santa event, Wednesday before Thanksgiving the Police Department gave away \$3,200 dollars to customers at Walmart. The event was an absolute success, recipients broke down in tears and some gave back by paying for the person behind them.

(d) Fire Department – Assistant Fire Chief Pete Smith said the firemen are taking classes and almost done with hose testing.

(e) Building/Zoning Dept. – LaMeisha Kelly said they are moving forward on how the ordinance reads for a subdivision master plan.

The Planning and Zoning Board is getting ready to review the final site plan for Kroger Shops and a request from Rickay Graham, he is looking to move into building on Highway 21 with a fenced yard and turn it into a storage area for his towing company. She is working on a zoning amendment for accessory buildings; this has been reviewed with Raymond. There will be a development agreement on next agenda, so the Highway 21 project can be awarded.

(g) Water/Sewer/Public Works – A written report was in the agenda packet.

(i) Finance – Elise Eason passed out the November financial statements, Councilmember Wendelken wanted to know what was S State Bank, it is South State Bank in Savannah. Council Wendelken asked about have all bank accounts in Effingham Banks. He also wanted to know the renewal date for the CD at the Bank of Newington.

(j) Lost Plantation – Paul Johnson was present and handed out a written report, he stated Seth was doing a great job on course maintenance and prepping for the winter months. He raised the canopy of the trees and that will get good grass up to tree line. Revenue is up between 6% and 7%, rounds are about even, but revenue is up. Friday is weekday rate will look at changing it to a weekend rate. He talked about the corporate passport holders, and he has issued a bounce back card during tournaments, that allow someone who has played in a tournament to come back later and play at a discounted rate. Next year he will have men's golf association and start an evening golf league.

(k) Mayor and Council – Councilmember Dasher asked about the lift station at Town Park. LaMeisha Kelly said it was grouped with private streets, and Council wanted to know owners of private infrastructures, she will get on it as soon as possible.

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

Motion: Councilmember Ricker

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

Motion to return to meeting: Councilmember Ricker

Second: Councilmember Browher
Vote by Council: Unanimous

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

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

Motion to remove old business item #1 from table: Councilmember Browher
Second: Councilmember Ricker
Vote by Council: Unanimous

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

Approve the second reading of an ordinance to adopt the FY 2016 Budget.

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

Adjourn:

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