

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
RINCON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
107 W. 17TH STREET
7:00 PM**

Councilmembers Present:

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

Present:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Wendelken and the Pledge to the Flag was recited.

Approval of the agenda with the following additions: Item #14A, Approval of an agreement with Peachtree Laser for the 2016 Freedom Rings in Rincon Festival; and 14B, Approval of Change Order #1 for Ricketson Construction in the amount of \$10,900.00.

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

Approval of the April 25, 2016 minutes:

Council recommended tabling this item because the minutes were not included in the agenda.

Motion to Table: Councilmember Scott
Second: Councilmember Daniel
Vote: Unanimous

New Business:

1. Payton Moxley would like to appear before Council to discuss ongoing concerns about Lost Plantation.

Mr. Moxley presented a slide show presentation. He told Council that the golf course gets very little play and if the golf course closes the City will lose. The presentation included slides on the economic impact, the greens, curb appeal, and a Lost Plantation Golf Course Committee. He thinks the community needs to understand the City's current and future plans for the golf course and the course needs to be advertised. Mayor Lee addressed the issues. Mr. Moxley asked Council their thoughts on starting a committee, Mayor Lee said these have been talks about a committee in the past but other problems have come up.

Seth Zeigler presented Council with pictures that he has taken of the greens. Councilmember Dasher asked Mr. Zeigler his thoughts on a committee. Councilmember Daniel told the residents present that Council does know about the problems and are addressing them. Mayor Lee said so much depends on the weather, temperature and sunshine.

Diane Lindquist, 114 St Andrews Way, stated if she put her house on the market a golfer would not buy it, why our greens can't look like the ones in Savannah. Councilmember Scott stated the greens are based on the dirt, elevation and sunshine, we want it to be one of the best. Al Hicks, 511 Lakeview Drive, asked Mr. Zeigler do they aerify the greens. Lynn Childress, 4 Dresler Drive informed Mr. Zeigler he can have access to his equipment if he needs it, he said he did go out and looked at the problem greens, the southern sun will not get over the top of the trees. When the grass is in shade it will not grow, Seth needs help and monetary support. Michelle Weckstien 525 Dresler Road said the clubhouse does not look good, and they could make money if we had good food service and beer was sold to golfers. Mayor Lee stated hopefully we can have a good golf course and not spend a lot of money.

Councilmember Browner directed staff to get with Mr. Moxley and see about a time to meet at the golf course for a workshop.

No action taken.

2. Amend 2016 Budget to include expenditures for UV Disinfection Light Bank for the WWTP.

Wanda Simmons told Council at the last meeting the payment was approved and this budget amendment is to bring it forward to keep the budget in line.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browner

Second: Councilmember Ricker

Vote by Council: Unanimous

3. Payment of Invoice # 9154419 (September 2015) in the amount of \$ \$3,818.75; Invoice #9154420 (Oct., Nov., and Dec. 2015) in the amount of \$11,456.25 and Invoice # 9154440 (Jan., Feb., and March 2016) in the amount of \$11,456.25 for the Officer's Bills for the use of County Inmates on city property.

Councilmember Daniel said she thinks a budget amendment needs to be done for the 2015 invoices to bring the funds forward for the 2016 year. Mrs. Simmons said she checked with Attorney Dickey and we can do a budget amendment on the next agenda. She also verified the amounts of all the invoices. Councilmember Daniel stated she doesn't mind paying the 2016 bill but would like to hold off on the 2015 bills until the budget amendment is done.

Motion to approve paying invoice #9154440 in the amount of \$11,456.25 only,
LI#10.4430.2202: Councilmember Daniel
Second: Councilmember Scott
Vote by Council: Unanimous

4. Amend Policy 045 (Administrative and General Office Procedures) of the Rincon Personnel Policy Section 45.17 Dress Code, paragraph A.

Mrs. Simmons informed Council that Betzy Rodriguez has been going through the personnel manual and this issue has come up. Councilmember Daniel made some suggestions about leather coats and types of shoes. Mayor Lee said one of the things he has seen with dress code policies pertaining to shoes, is covered toes and not wearing slip on shoes with no back. LaMeisha Kelly said she wears open toes and would ask that Council leaves it in the policy.

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

5. Middle Georgia Outdoor Lighting, Inc. requests approval of Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$20,445.00, for the Macomber Park Field Lighting project. Line item # 20.6450.4413.

Alec Metzger informed Council that this project is completed. This is the second invoice and there is one more left. They still need to work on the punch list items.

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

6. Request approval to surplus antiquated city property to be destroyed.

Chief Scholl informed Council that some of this equipment hasn't been used in 15 years.

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

7. R.B. Baker Construction requests payment of Pay Request #1 for Hwy 21 ROW Improvements, in the amount of \$115,669.08. Line item # 10.4430.4412.

Mr. Metzger told Council R.B. Baker has completed the curb and gutter and sidewalks. Councilmember Dasher asked about the time line, Mr. Metzger said they are on schedule. Mrs. Kelly said the light will be up on June 9th and it will flash for three days.

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

8. Ricketson Construction requests payment of Pay Request # 2 for Richland Ave. Drainage project, in the amount of \$26,696.25. Line item # 10.4430.4415.

Mr. Metzger said this for all the work that has been completed. They are working on change order items now and the project will be completed in a week or two.

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

9. P.C. Simonton requests approval of Pay Request #4 in the amount of \$1,680.00, for engineering services associated with the WWTP Headworks replacement. Line item #50.7280.4411.

Mrs. Kelly told Council Marcus could not be here tonight. And P.C. Simonton is working on the agreements and contracts for the equipment and gathering information for the GEFA loan.

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

10. HHNT Consulting Engineers requests approval of pay request #4 in the amount of \$31,127.45, for engineering services associated with the Lower Floridan Well project. Line item #40.6260.4418.

Tim Baumgartner informed Council that the plans and the geotechnical reports have been completed and they have done the pumping test.

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

11. Purchase a 2016 Ford F-150 (1/2 ton) regular cab, 6 cylinder, 4x2, SWB from Allan Vigil Ford-Lincoln Government Sales for the Fire Department under state contract in the amount of \$25,662.00 as a First Responder Truck. Line item # 60.4750.4417.

Chief Rahn told Council this was for an extended cab, not a regular cab. The vehicle will be assigned to Captain Reed and it will be replacing the Crown Vic.

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

12. Purchase emergency lighting package from West Chatham Warning Devices for 2016 F-150 for the First Responder Truck (on item number 11) in the amount of \$5,706.49. Line item # 60.4750.4417.

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

13. Request to approve Task Order with Integrated Science and Engineering to conduct 2016 Water Quality Monitoring for Watershed Protection Plan for the lump sum fee not to exceed \$16,800.00. Line item # 50.7280.2202.

Mrs. Kelly reminded Council that we need to start testing for 2016.

Chris Tollison with Integrated Science and Engineering informed Council the long term monitoring needs to be done at four sites in the city. The 2015 results did not render any obvious problems; they were normal results for the area. They prepared an annual water quality report and they will submit a copy to EPD. Two copies will be left with the City, one in Mrs. Kelly's office and one at the WWTP. Mrs. Kelly stated she understood you can't bind future Council to contract, but some way we need to do multi testing with this company. Integrated Science and Engineering recalculated their fee and will do the work for the same fee as 2015. Mrs. Kelly asked Council if we can work with them this year to get the testing done.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Daniel
Second: Councilmember Scott
Vote by Council: 5 yes votes, Councilmember Wendelken voted no.

14. Purchase 30 grinder pumps from Grainger at a cost of \$793.58 each for a total cost of \$23,807.40. Line item #50.7270.4405.

Tim Bowles told Council this was the regular inventory of budgeted grinder pumps.

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

14A. Approval of an agreement with Peachtree Laser for the 2016 Freedom Rings in Rincon Festival.

Mrs. Kelly informed Council that this show will be different from last year's, there will be more lights generated towards the crowds and there will be different music.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Daniel
Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

14B. Approval of Change Order #1 for Ricketson Construction in the amount of \$10,900.00.

Mr. Metzger informed Council they have been working with contractors and property owners to get ground water out of the yards that were affected. They are installing a perforated pipe to help with drainage. Net amount after decreases will be \$3,245.00.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Dasher

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

15. Administrative Reports:

City Manager – No written report. Mrs. Simmons informed Council that she has received an invitation for the annual Effingham Chamber meeting June 9th from 7:00 PM -9:00 PM; Ms. Johnnie Lyons has started part-time at the WWTP; and she has done research on the cost of used vans, she found a 2000 used Chevy 14 passenger van for \$7,000.00. Councilmember Browher asked why the van had so little miles when it is 16 years old; Mrs. Simmons said it was a church van. Councilmember Browher would like to see staff pursue this option. Councilmember Scott mentioned the playground equipment and would like to see it on the next agenda.

City Engineer – No written report.

Chief of Police – No written report. Chief Scholl said they are near the end of the Citizens Police Academy; it will end the first week of June.

Fire Department - No written report.

Building/Zoning Dept. – LaMeisha Kelly submitted a written report to Council. She mentioned she should be receiving invitation to the grand opening for Kroger; the Kroger project meetings are every Wednesday. Councilmember Dasher asked about the timbered property in front of Williamsburg. Mrs. Kelly informed him they will pick up the large trees when they do the clearing.

Water/Sewer/Public Works – No written report. Mr. Bowles told Council he will be in Jekyll Island next week on a conference.

Lost Plantation – No written report. Mr. Zeigler told Council he has purchased range balls (2000) and they are being taken by golfers, so he went with baskets instead of mess bags and he has been in contact with a company that does ball retrieval in ponds. Mayor Lee stated some of the bad balls are probably coming from golfers that pick up balls on the greens and bring them to the range. Mr. Zeigler said the company he is looking at now will keep them in constant supply of balls.

Mayor and Council – Councilmember Scott asked about the drainage issue on 7th Street, Mrs. Kelly said the gentleman should be out there any day to survey. Councilmember Ricker asked if the work crew could look at the ditches on Lexington Avenue.

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

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

Motion to return to meeting: Councilmember Ricker
Second: Councilmember Scott
Vote by Council: Unanimous

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

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

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

No action taken.

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