

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
RINCON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
107 W. 17TH STREET
7:00 PM**

Councilmembers Present:

Paul Wendelken
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 7:05 PM by Mayor Lee. Mayor Lee gave the invocation and the Pledge to the Flag was recited.

Approval of the agenda with the addition of Executive session at the start of the meeting; New business item #4A Acceptance of quit deed from Chick Fil A, Inc.; and new business item #4B Acceptance of quit claim deed from Bob Rincon GA., LLC.

Motion to approve agenda with noted changes: Councilmember Scott
Second: Councilmember Dasher
Vote: unanimous

Executive Session:

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

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

Motion to return to regular meeting: Councilmember Scott
Second: Councilmember Ricker
Vote: Unanimous

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

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Wendelken
Vote by Council: Unanimous

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

No action taken

Approval of the November 9, 2015 minutes:

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

Old Business

1. Councilmember Reese Browher request that Council consider contracting with an accounting firm to review and determine any amounts due the City of Rincon under the current Service Delivery Agreement.

City Attorney Raymond Dickey recommends the item remain on table.

Public Hearings:

Turn meeting over to Public Hearing Officer, Raymond Dickey:

Public Hearing on 2016 Budget

Open Public Hearing: 7:33 PM

Wesley Corbitt discussed the budget. The total budget is \$14,959,000 with \$2,000,000 still in reserve. Councilmember Scott asked about the water delivery fund, it is in general funds. Councilmember Browher asked about the millage rate, Mr. Corbitt stated it is rolled back 100%. Revenue has grown 50% across the City in the last five years, this allows us not to charge property taxes.

Close Public Hearing: 7:40 PM

First Reading of FY 2016 Budget.

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

New Business:

1. Josh Reddick and Trey Saxon request use of Freedom Park for the annual Josh Reddick Foundation Concert on January 9, 2016.

Josh Reddick and Trey Saxon were present. They would like to have the annual Josh Reddick Foundation concert in the City of Rincon's Freedom Park. This is Non-profit event; the proceeds will go back to the Effingham County community where ever help is needed. The event will be held January 9th and tickets will be sold. They are expecting 1000 – 5000 to attend and beer only will be sold. Mr. Reddick and Mr. Saxon were asking for the land rental fee of the property to be waived. City Attorney Raymond Dickey said they will have to apply for a state alcohol license. They would like to make Freedom Park the home of the annual event. Council recommended waiving the land rental fee and utility fees. Council asked about optional parking if they use the property in the future and the events grows, it was concluded that it should not be a problem. The special event permit fee will also be waived. The remaining fees are due 10 days before the event.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Ricker waiving the \$750 land fee and \$300 utilities fee, special events permit fee and coordinating with police chief for security and traffic.

Second: Councilmember Dasher

Vote by Council: Unanimous

2. Request to surplus property for the purpose of a community outreach program.

Chief Scholl would like to donate gift cards that were confiscated through a financial crime. The police dept has come into a sum of money, roughly \$15,000.00, worth of gift cards, approximately 100 – 250 cards. The rightful owners of the cards cannot be verified so, he would like to donate some cards to local non-profit agencies, like the Treutlen House, Food Pantry, Victim Witness, CASA, etc. Along with these gifts there will have to be literature handed out pertaining to crime intervention, (don't do drugs, etc). \$3000.00 will be used for secret Santa at Walmart, and the same type literature will need to be handed out. Councilmember Browher asked could some be donated to the American Red Cross, Chief Scholl said they can be added to the list, along with any other non-profit that Council recommended.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Browher

Vote by Council: Unanimous

3. Griffin Contracting, Inc. requests approval of Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$22,079.70 for the 9th Street Overlay and LMIG 2015 project. LI# 10.4430.4421

Alec Metzger, reviewed pay request and recommends approval.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Wendelken

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

4. Request to approve LMIG 2016 Project List.

City Planner LaMeisha Kelly stated, they highly encourage you to spend the funds within a year, needs to keep at a reasonable level so that they don't run into any problems with DOT.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher

Second: Councilmember Scott
Vote by Council: Unanimous

4A. Acceptance of quit deed from Chick Fil A, Inc.

LaMeisha Kelly said the deeds are required for the road widening project for DOT to obtain right of way. It is a sliver of property in front of the new Kroger that is being deeded over to the City.

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

4B. Acceptance of quit claim deed from Bob Rincon GA., LLC.

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

5. Administrative Reports:

City Manager – No report

City Engineer – Alec Metzger was present. He stated there is pipe work being done on 9th street and paving will start next week. Councilmember Browher wanted to know if the sidewalk project will run into next year, Mr. Metzger said it is part of the water main project, and easement and railroad problems will need to be worked out.

Chief of Police – no report

Building/Zoning Dept. – LaMeisha Kelly said interviews will be scheduled December 7th and 8th for architects. Wesley Corbitt said there will be a budget meeting on November 30th to finalize the personnel side of the budget. The employee appreciation dinner is December 11th and there will be a call meeting on the December 21st for 30 minutes. Kroger plans to open their fuel center on December 17th because of the opening they have worked with DOT to come up with a temp access. The temporary access will come down Brentwood Drive and go around to Fort Howard Road; they will have barricades blocking certain access points on the site. The construction entrance will be closed once the fuel center is opened.

Water/Sewer/Public Works – A written report was handed out.

Mayor and Council – Councilmember Ricker asked about the Richland Avenue drainage project, it was put on hold because of the Christmas Parade and they will get started shortly.

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

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

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

8. 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