

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
RINCON CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2016
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
107 W. 17TH STREET
6:30 PM**

Councilmembers Present:

Paul Wendelken
Reese Browher
Christi Ricker
Ann Daniel

Councilmember Absent:

Levi Scott, Jr.
James Dasher

Present:

Ken Lee, Mayor – left at 6:47 PM
W.E. Smith, Jr., City Manager
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney
Dulcia King, City Clerk
Tim Bowles, Public Works Director
LaMeisha Kelly, City Planner

The Meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM. The Invocation was given and the Pledge to the Flag was recited.

Approval of the agenda:

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

New Business

1. Consideration to approve a contract with Southern Disaster Recovery, SC for debris removal services.

Clint Hodges with Effingham County said the federal government will reimburse some of the cost; this is part of a roll out accelerated reimbursement program and is based on time frame. If cleanup is done between: 1-30 days 85% reimbursement; 30-90 days 80% reimbursement; 90-180 days 75% reimbursement. Residents can move the debris in the ROW or bring to the sight at Freedom Park. After 180 days the reimbursements will stop, the County is hoping all cleanup will be completed in 45 days.

Mark Elms with Southern Disaster Recovery, estimated 50,000 yards. They will have to make two passes per road, and will likely have 8 haul trucks. Mayor Lee asked Tim Bowles about preference of chipping or burn, Mr. Bowles said he prefers chipping. Councilmember Daniel asked about advertise the cleanup so that everyone knows.

Attorney Dickey said the County put out a bid for the services and the cities could piggyback off the contract. Toss Allen said the County will enter into MOU with the cities. Mr. Allen said there will be two contracts one for the removal and one for consulting, Thompson Consulting will monitor and keep documentation. Councilmember Wendelken asked would the City pay and then be reimbursed. Yes the City will be reimbursed for hauling and grinding. Mr. Allen stated this is the first time it has been officially rolled out to the public; they wanted to make sure they had a declaration and they wanted to make sure they would get reimbursed. Attorney Dickey asked if FEMA is ok with the companies billing us directly, Mr. Allen said yes.

Southern Disaster Recovery is ready to roll. They will start with six, and trucks will stay in the same area all day, the trucks can't work half a day in the city and half in the county. Mrs. Kelly wanted to confirm that this is only for city streets and not state roads (Hwy 21), Clint Hodges said yes.

Motion: Councilmember Browher
Second: Councilmember Wendelken
Vote by Council: Unanimous

2. Consideration to approve a contract with Thompson Consulting Services for debris removal monitoring services.

Motion: Councilmember Browher
Second: Councilmember Wendelken
Vote by Council: Unanimous

3. Consideration to amend the City of Rincon Personnel Policy.

Mr. Smith said we needed to clean up the personnel policy on how we pay during emergencies. Mrs. Kelly said the changes would include compensation during declared emergencies, overtime pay, and overtime for salaried employees. Councilmember Ricker asked is this for emergencies deemed by state; no it would be for city, state and federal. Attorney Dickey said his understanding is, if you pay this to your salary employees it will be reimbursable. A motion was made to approve the noted changes.

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

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

No executive session

Adjourn into a workshop.