



**CITY OF RINCON
OFFICIAL MINUTES
RINCON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
107 W. 17TH STREET
7:00 PM**

Councilmembers Present:

Reese Browher
Patrick Kirkland
Levi Scott, Jr.
Ann Daniel
Kevin Exley

Councilmembers Absent:

James Dasher

Present:

Ken Lee, Mayor
John Klimm, City Manager
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney
Dulcia King, City Clerk
Corey Rahn, Fire Chief
Jonathan Murrell, Interim Police Chief
LaMeisha Hunter Kelly, City Planner
Tim Bowles, Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:05PM. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Daniel and Pledge to the Flag was recited.

Approval of the agenda with the addition of new business item 8A:

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

Interim Chief Murrell introduced new officer Burton Smith. He recognized Officers Parker and Nicholson for the efforts in helping get a family out of their home during a nearby fire and Corporal Zach Brown received the Life Saver Award for helping a non breathing child.

Approval of the December 9, 2019 minutes:

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Daniel

Vote by Council: 4 yes votes Councilmember Exley abstained

New Business:

1. Effingham Smiles requests a permanent variance regarding the requirement for a dumpster at Effingham Smiles, located at 499 S. Columbia Avenue.

Mrs. Kelly said this project was approved without an onsite dumpster, so Effingham Smiles have been working with Councilmembers and Mr. Klimm to get the dumpster installed by the end of February. A letter was sent in and they are asking for a variance not to connect the dumpster to the storm drain as is required. They are willing to put a fence enclosure. Tonya Parker was present. Mrs. Parker said she sent an email for the permanent variance to not be approved if they could proceed with some other options, like a different location where they can just tie into the storm drain that's currently already there without tearing into the newly paved parking lot and also add a fence and gate. Mayor Lee asked Ms. Kelly would that be a reasonable option. Mrs. Kelly said she would like Council to lay out what they would like for them to do, because we were expecting a full compliance. Councilmember Scott asked has the Fire Chief seen this new location. He would need to look at the radius. Mrs. Kelly said tonight is the first time they brought this up. A motion was made table until the Fire Chief was present.

Motion to table: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Browner

Vote by Council: 4 yes votes Councilmember Exley abstained

Removed from the table: Councilmember Daniel

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Councilmember Exley abstained

There was a question from Council if there would be any impact on the Fire Department having access to the property. Chief Rahn said no as long as they stay flush with the curbing. Mrs. Parker would like to have 90 days to complete the project if approved. Mrs. Kelly asked if the approval would include the conditions that this would be permanent placement, it is to be connected to storm drain and enclosed with brick. This is no longer a variance and will be completed by May 1st.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Daniel

Vote by Council: Councilmember Exley abstained

2. Y-Delta requests approval of Pay Request #3 in the amount of \$78,480.00 for the 7th Street Utility Improvements project. LI# 320.4325.541204 and #505.4440.541201

Mr. Metzger said they have looked at the work that has been completed and recommend approval. Mayor Lee asked was the completion date still February. Mr. Metzger said no, Windstream had to relocate some fiber lines, now Georgia Power is running power to the lift station, Y-Delta will be back out to run the gravity sewer portion and getting the pump station up, it will probably be a two month delay.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher

Second: Councilmember Exley

Vote by Council: Unanimous

3. Request to approve pay request #2 in the amount of \$10,152.35 from Geosyntec Consultants for water quality and biological monitoring and reporting for the City of Rincon Watershed Protection Plan. LI# 505.4440.522330

Mrs. Kelly said this is the second pay request for the yearly water quality testing that's required by EPD for our watershed protection plan

Motion to approve: Councilmember Daniel

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

4. Request approval to surplus a JCB 8080 Excavator.

Mr. Bowles said this is a 2006 excavator and is 14 years old. He we will use it as a trade in on a new one.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Kirkland

Vote by Council: Unanimous

5. Request approval to purchase a JCB 48Z Mini Excavator from JCB Georgia in the amount of \$58,473.00. LI# 320.4325.542526, 320.4440.542523 and 320.4100.542526

Mr. Bowles said \$58,473.00 is the actual. They will give us a trade in value of \$23,500.00 and the cost will be \$34,973.00.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Exley

Vote by Council: Unanimous

6. Request approval of an addendum to the January 17, 2018 Probation Services Agreement.

Interim Chief Murrell said this is the same agreement as last year and there been no changes. This is the agreement between probation and the the court.

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

7. Request approval to cancel the February 10, 2020 regular scheduled meeting.

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

8. Discussion of Solid Waste Collection RFP.

Councilmember Exley recused himself from the discussion and vote. Mr. Klimm said there are two issues that he would like to bring to Council's attention. One is there has been some discussion on the part of some members Council that we might want to entertain the possibility of expanding the service from residential to commercial. Now as we begin to draft that, it becomes very clear that it's complex. And so the question that I have for you is, is our business community even aware of this, what is their reaction going to be. The goal of including commercial is that if we aggregate that we could get a better deal for our business community. But we've had independent businesses out there that have independent relationships with their service provider. And so the question is in this very rapid timeframe that we have to get this RFP out and get it done, do we really want to do this at this time. The second question deals with recycling. It was the consensus that we wanted to allow interested parties to bid on both the basic trash pickup and an option for recycling. But the issue is that there are some people in our community that like the fact that we recycle. As we go down this road and look at the possibility of eliminating recycling, what do we say to our residents who aren't aware of that we're even thinking about this, then all of a sudden they're going to wake up one day and find out the service has been eliminated. There was discussion on recycling. Mayor Lee said he is not interested in stopping recycling. The RFP will be for three years with recycling, no commercial. Councilmember Browher said he thinks we need to keep what we have now.

8A. Approval for the local VFW to use the Hinely Building for monthly meetings.

Councilmember Scott said they are requesting the use of the Hinely Building on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. There will be no cost.

Motion: Councilmember Exley
Second: Councilmember Kirkland
Vote by Council: Unanimous

9. Administrative Reports:

City Manager – Mr. Klimm gave an update on the workshop items; Tim Bowles has begun filling the pot holes on Plantation Drive; he requested to attend the City Managers Conference in March; and we recently had a visit from the Health Department at the Bistro and received a rating of A.

Mayor Lee thanked Mr. Klimm and Mrs. Kelly for the recap of the workshop items that were discussed. Also at the GMA meeting Mr. Klimm received his first level of certification for GMA.

Chief of Police – Interim Chief Murrell said he previously requested to send eleven vehicles to auction and would like to send ten and use one for training.

Water/Sewer/Public Works - Mayor Lee mentioned the detour signs on 9th Street. Mr. Bowles said the detour was for Blandford and McCall Roads not 9th Street. Mr. Bowles said the spaceship is back in Veteran's Park.

Mayor and Council – Councilmember Scott mentioned having a Town Meeting on a Saturday. There was discussion on where and when, maybe sometime in April on a Thursday evening. Mrs. Kelly said they are having a meeting in March about a Townhomes and that might be a good start.

Councilmember Browher asked have anyone talked to the IDA about Picket Fences, Mr. Klimm said not yet.

Councilmember Scott asked about the Georgia Power property, he wants staff to look at the property to see what we could do. Mayor Lee said he was intrigue by a City that used a similar property as a dog park. Chief Rahn said that is an ideal place to have an ambulance service.

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

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

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

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

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

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

No action taken

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Kirkland

Vote by Council: Unanimous