



**CITY OF RINCON
OFFICIAL MINUTES
RINCON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FOLLOWED BY A WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
107 W. 17TH STREET
7:00 PM**

Councilmembers Present:

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

Councilmembers Absent:

Kevin Exley

Present:

Ken Lee, Mayor
John Klimm, City Manager
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney
Dulcia King, City Clerk
Corey Rahn, Fire Chief
LaMeisha Hunter Kelly, City Planner
Mike Osborne, Recreation Director
Tim Bowles, Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. Mayor Lee recognized the passing of Planning and Zoning Board member, Joseph Bryan. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Wendelken and the Pledge to the Flag was recited.

Approval of the agenda with following changes:

Removal of new business items 5, 6 and 7 and the addition of new business item 9A.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Wendelken

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

Approval of the May 13, 2019 minutes with the following clarification:

On new business item 5, Mayor Lee said if the library comes before us with a specific request we will certainly consider funding.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Daniel

Second: Councilmember Dasher

Vote by Council: 4 yes votes, Councilmember Wendelken abstained

New Business:

1. Request to approve contract with Falcon Fireworks for the Freedom Rings in Rincon Celebration in the amount of \$15,185.00. LI #100.1110.523300

Mr. Osborne said this is pretty much the same contract as in the past. Mayor Lee asked if it is the same amount as last year, Mr. Osborne said yes.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

2. Request approval to waive food permits for the Freedom Rings in Rincon.

Mrs. Kelly said this is so that the City is not requiring the vendors to go through the health inspection process.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Wendelken

Vote by Council: Unanimous

3. Request approval to void Budget Amendment 2019-01 to amend FY 2019 Budget for the purchase of three (3) license tag readers.

Mrs. Kelly said Council approved this budget amendment a few months ago but the incorrect line item was put on the budget amendment so we need to void that amendment. The Chief is not here and she worked with him on this. New business item 4 will clean up the line items so he can complete the purchase that was approved. He doesn't need any extra money he is just moving money around exiting SPLOST that was allotted to his budget.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Dasher

Vote by Council: Unanimous

4. Request to approve Budget Amendment 2019-05 to amend FY 2019 Budget for the purchase of three (3) license tag readers and police vehicles with the related equipment for the Police Department.

Mrs. Kelly said the money is there this is just changing how much is allotted to each line item.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Dasher

Second: Councilmember Daniel

Vote by Council: Unanimous

8. Request for the acceptance of annexation petition for a acre located at 1654 Fort Howard Road; the property is owned by Johnnie M. Bryant, Jr. and Mary V. Bryant. (Map# 04630028)

Mrs. Kelly said this is an existing home on Fort Howard Road. The new property owner wants to tie into City utilities so he has agreed to annexation.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Wendelken

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

9. Jake and Kimberly Arnsdorff requests approval to subdivide a 3.14 acre parcel into three (3) parcels: Parcel 1 at 1.08 acres; Parcel 2 at 1.03 acres; and Parcel 3 at 1.03 acres; the property is located off of Ackerman Road. The property is zoned GC (General Commercial) and owned by Jake and Kimberly Arnsdorff. (Map# R2710005)

Mr. Arnsdorff said this is a three acre tract that he wants to subdivide. Two of his neighbors are interested in one acre parcels. Mrs. Kelly said the Planning and Zoning board recommended approval.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Browher

Councilmember Dasher said he has concerns with putting too many commercial properties off of an easement. He wanted to know how many properties this will create from the easement. Mr. Arnsdorff said there are four total land owners now. The gentleman that purchased his old nursery just paid to have the easement paved it is no longer a little dirt. It accommodates everyone but two land owners. Councilmember Dasher asked who will maintain the easement road; his concern is that we have trouble now with commercial properties maintaining the paved roads. Councilmember Scott said we can address those issues based on impact if someone applies for a commercial license.

Vote by Council: Unanimous

9A. Request to approve Budget Amendment 2019-06 to show Boot Drive Fundraiser money in the budget.

Chief Rahn said there was \$7,281 left in the Boot Drive money for 2018. They elected to disperse the funds to four organizations. One is Hospice of Savannah, Camp Aloha which has a grievance camp at Ebenezer Retreat every year. The second is Effingham Navigator Team, the third is Effingham Special Olympics and the fourth is Truetlen House. The money was in the 2018 budget but it was not in the 2019 budget and they need to bring it forward. In the future they will have a grant application; this is just trying to get rid of the money.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Wendelken

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

10. Administrative Reports:

City Manager – Mr. Klimm said he wanted to remind Council about the June 18th 4:00 PM meeting with the County to talk about TSPLOST; he has reached out to the library representatives to explain Council’s position about donations and that Council is open to requests if it was specific and beneficial to residents of Rincon; and he will be on vacation in June.

Building/Zoning Dept. – Mrs. Kelly said she has workshop items. There will be a workshop on next Monday.

Recreation Dept. – Mr. Osborne said he filled both positions that were open. Councilmember Dasher asked about the totals for the fair, Mr. Osborne said he doesn’t have them yet.

Water/Sewer/Public Works – Mr. Bowles said there were questions about the timing of the traffic lights, RB Baker is doing approaches and that has destroyed the sensors so all timing lights have reverted back to a timer until the project is completed in three months; the Lower Floridan well was flow tested on Friday before last, it is still not able to get between 700 to 800 gallons per minute. No sand came through on the last test run but in order to get maximize it out at the 800 gallons per minute the well will need to be dropped 50 feet. It would be very expensive to get 1,000 gallons per minute, they will have to take out everything they put in including the rock for the filter; finally the crane truck that was approved for repair is not worth repairing. The motor is bad and it will cost \$21,000 to repair, the truck is not worth it. He recommends surplussing that truck, pay them for what work was done and bringing the truck back to the shop take the body and the crane off and budget for cab and the chassis next year, Councilmember Browher asked would he be able to make it without the truck. Mr. Bowles said we can manage with a back hoe and hoist but will need a boom truck for the bigger pumps.

Councilmember Wendelken asked about traffic light on 9th Street and Highway 21 can it be adjusted once the construction is done. Mayor Lee mentioned the Brentwood light. Mayor Lee asked about the millings, Mr. Bowles said DOT contract calls for them to get 10% but they don't want the millings, so we will get some. There was discussion about the stop signs by Kroger. Councilmember Browher asked if Council could all agree to have staff look at discussing this with Kroger, staff will look into it. Mayor Lee thanked Mr. Bowles for filling the ravine be McDonalds, it was quite a washout.

Mayor and Council – Councilmember Dasher asked about the fence around the detention pond at MaComber Park and cleaning it. Mr. Osborne said they came over and did clean around that back ditch, he will check on it.

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

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

Motion to return to meeting: Councilmember Daniel
Second: Councilmember Dasher
Vote by Council: Unanimous

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

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

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

No action taken.

Adjourn in to a Workshop:

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