



CITY OF RINCON
OFFICIAL MINUTES
RINCON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 22, 2019
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
107 W. 17TH STREET
7:00 PM

Councilmembers Present:

Reese Browher
Paul Wendelken
James Dasher
Levi Scott, Jr.
Kevin Exley

Councilmembers Absent:

Ann Daniel

Present:

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

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

Approval of the agenda:

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

Approval of the June 24, 2019 minutes:

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

New Business:

1. Request to approve Budget Amendment 2019-07 to amend FY 2019 Budget for the purchase of a 2016 Buick Enclave for the Recreation Department.

Mr. Osborne said he budgeted for a new vehicle for the recreation department for \$25,000.00.

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

2. Request approval to purchase a 2016 Buick Enclave for the Recreation Department in the amount of \$25,850.00. LI #320.6100.541122

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher
Second: Councilmember Dasher

Councilmember Wendelken asked would he be able to surplus the old car, Mr. Osborne said he will try. Mayor Lee asked was it a SUV and what would it be primarily used for, Mr. Osborne said it will be used mostly for transportation.

Vote by Council: Unanimous

3. Request to approve Budget Amendment 2019-08 to amend FY 2019 Budget for the purchase of a F350 for the Public Works Department.

Mr. Bowles requested to take this item off the agenda. No action taken.

4. Request approval to purchase a mower from Grid Iron Parts Solutions in the amount of \$19,998.00. LI #100-4100-542528

Mr. Bowles said this is actually for two mowers. The original quote was for residential mowers. He would like to request that Council approve the purchase from Georgia Equipment Company for two commercial mowers at \$25,000.00. This is a budgeted item.

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

5. Request to approve BA 2019-09 to amend the FY 2019 Budget for the collection and expenditure of Capital Cost Recovery Fees

Mrs. Kelly said this is a good problem to have. We budgeted to bring in \$20,000 for capital cost recovery, everything we bring in we pay out. We are already at almost \$100,000. She is asking to amend the budget to \$120,000.

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

6. Geosyntech Consultants, Inc. requests approval of pay request #2 in the amount of \$6,347.38, for engineering services associated with the Coastal Incentive Grant. LI# 505.4440.531750

Mrs. Kelly said this is work that is being performed stormwater utility assessment. The funds will be reimbursed from the Coastal Incentive Grant.

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

7. Request approval to amend the City of Rincon Alcohol Ordinance to change the minimum age of servers.

Mr. Klimm said we have been asked by several businesses locally to consider this change. At least one Councilmember has been active in the request. The issue is from his understanding is that in this good economy it is difficult to get people to work in the restaurant industry.

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

8. Request approval to amend the City Manager's Employment Contract.

Mr. Klimm said he is appreciative and it is an honor to serve the citizens and Council. Attorney Dickey said there is one change that needs to be made. The evaluation was schedule for July 1 and the problem is you are on a calendar year budget and you do your budget in October or November, the evaluation needs to be in September so any increases or decreases that would be made can be included in the budget effective January 1.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Exley
Second: Councilmember Scott

Councilmember Browher personally thanked Mr. Klimm and said if he has issues and calls, Mr. Klimm picks up and he thanked him for his fairness with Council and staff. Councilmember Dasher also thanked him. Mayor Lee said he thinks this was one of the best evaluations and this speaks to what Councilmember Browher said. Councilmember Wendelken said it was easy because Mr. Klimm makes it easy.

Vote by Council: Unanimous

9. Administrative Reports:

City Manager – Mr. Klimm gave an update on the golf course, there are three or four short term strategies that he is trying to employ. He can't say enough about the staff, Lyn Childress the superintendent did an evaluation of the course, he fixed irrigation, but there are issues with weed infestation that needs to be taken care of or we will see a reduction in quality of course. The other thing that Mr. Childress is doing is a full evaluation of the equipment. Sometime in the near future might want to have a workshop so Council can meet the staff. The first thing we want to do is restore credibility, second is to fully evaluate the course and equipment, third which is 40% done, is renovating the club house at minimal cost, the next goal deals with not spending money but making money. We are blessed to have Bruce Batista, he has a specific plan in place that he wants to discuss about turning the restaurant around. Mayor Lee said with Mr. Batista's talent he thinks you can look forward to him having the grill as a place to go for a nice meal, we will see some nice dinners. Mr. Klimm said the first thing he did was to make sure everything was nice and clean, the Health Department came out and we went from a low C to a B rating. The other thing we have is a talented person in Nancy Head, she is willing to market the course. Mr. Klimm said he thinks over a period of time we will be more effective in turns of marketing. He will have a staff meeting every Monday morning and once a month we will have the entire staff attend. The one thing we are missing is a Pro, who will be more commission base than salary based. Other thing is we have to come to grips with the carts, we have an aging fleet and we are down to 35 carts. Right now people are operating one cart per person and this hurt the longevity of the fleet's life. Councilmember Scott told Mr. Klimm he needs to go through with the workshop because we need to show our concerns support and appreciation. Councilmember Exley said he went to the club house and it looked great, he know the work being done because the guy lives a couple doors down from him. Mr. Klimm said Mr. Childress and his wife have volunteered a ton of hours. Mr. Klimm also informed Council that we were notified that our audit is going to take longer than it should, we still aren't where we need to be. After this year there can never be a need for an extension, this can't happen again.

Building/Zoning Dept. – Mrs. Kelly asked for a workshop on Monday. She said we have some large industrial projects coming to the City of Rincon and she has an official draft for large industrial projects fees. She asked P.C. Simonton to compare fees, and she wants to give Council an update at the workshop. Mrs. Kelly said if Council accepts this report, as staff we will need to get with the engineer and attorney and adjust our fees.

Recreation Dept. – Mr. Osborne said the fall ball season is on the way; cheerleading, soccer and football registration have started; Veterans Park water is now working, he has someone to look at the space ship.

Mayor Lee asked how he was on staff, Mr. Osborne said he is fully staffed. Councilmember Browner asked about the area in front of the monument and he could look at some ideas to maybe get something that is aesthetically pleasing as far as landscape.

Finance – Mr. Jefferson mentioned the letter from the State not authorizing us for an extension on our audit. He said in 2018 we converted the software and a lot of things were

brought over that should not have been brought over. We obtained TJS Deemer Daner to help us with our larger accounts and hopefully we can have the audit done by October.

Mayor and Council – Councilmember Dasher said the disc golf tournament at Lost Plantation brought 93 players and made \$3,300 to CURE, the course made \$25 per person. Mr. Klimm said Councilmember Dasher was instrumental in having the event take place. Mayor Lee mentioned the Chamber Retreat that is being held August 22 and 23.

10. 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 Scott
Second: Councilmember Dasher
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 Wendelken
Second: Councilmember Browher
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 Dasher
Second: Councilmember Browher
Vote by Council: Unanimous