



**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
RINCON CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 26, 2021  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
107 W. 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
7:00 PM**

**Councilmember Present:**

Patrick Kirkland  
W. Frederick Long  
Levi Scott, Jr.  
Michelle Taylor  
Jesse Blackwell, Jr.

**Councilmember Absent:**

Reese Browher

**Present:**

John Klimm, City Manager  
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney  
Dulcia King, City Clerk  
Daniel Thompson, Police Lieutenant  
Jason Stewart, City Planner  
Tim Bowles, Public Works Director

**Absent:**

Ken Lee, Mayor

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. The Oath of Office given to Jesse Blackwell, Jr. by Mayor Pro-Tem Kirkland. Councilmember Scott gave the Invocation and the Pledge to the Flag was recited.

**Approval of the agenda:**

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

**Approval of the June 28, 2021 minutes:**

Motion to remove from the table: Councilmember Scott  
Second: Councilmember Long  
Vote by Council: Unanimous

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

**Approval of the July 12, 2021 minutes:**

Motion to approve: Councilmember Kirkland  
Second: Councilmember Taylor  
Vote by Council: Unanimous

**New Business:**

**1. Request for Council to issue a 10 day notice according to the ordinance for nuisance on property located at 47 Talmadge Drive and to pay all assessed fees.**

David Mattos said he started this case on February 18, 2021. There are five huge box trucks on the property. He has gone back and forth with the owner who has a tenant living there and was promised that they would be moved. None were moved so he sent a second notice to the owner. He is here to ask for a 10 day notice to appear in court. A motion was made and seconded.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Long  
Second: Councilmember Scott

Councilmember Scott asked about the wording of the fees. Attorney Dickey said there should be one more letter that has to go out and the fee for that should be added to the total fees. Both motions were amended to include the fee of \$502.30.

Vote by Council: Unanimous

**2. R.B. Baker Construction request approval of pay request #1 in the amount of \$204,642.32 for the 2021 Rincon TSPLOST - Georgia and Savannah Avenues. LI #320.4100.549102**

Doug Morgan with EMC Engineering was present. Mr. Morgan said this is the first of probably two pay request. The paving has been done and they will come back do stripping and some clean up.

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

Councilmember Scott asked Mr. Morgan was he getting everything he needs to move forward. Mr. Morgan said yes. This project will wrap up in the next month, they have already awarded the LMIG and Lockner Avenue projects. Weisenbaker and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets are slated to start August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The final bid for Middleground Road is Thursday. Mr. Klimm asked Mr. Morgan to let us know when the start date is so we can let residents know.

**3. Request approval to pay Georgia Environmental Protection Division \$12,200.00 for the Annual Drinking Water Testing Fees. LI #505.4440.521200**

Mr. Bowles said this is the annual fee we pay EPD for their lab services. It has gone up since last year because of the population change. This is for the heavy hitter chemical test.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Long  
Second: Councilmember Blackwell  
Vote by Council: Unanimous

**4. Administrative Reports:**

**City Manager** – Mr. Klimm thanked Mr. Morgan, he has been in regular contact with him and all of the projects are in sight; they had a meeting last week with the cities of Guyton and Springfield in relation to the upcoming SPLOST referendum. One concern is the projections of revenue if we were to reinstate the SPLOST. The County is using a rosy projection, we want to make sure it is conservative enough. One of the advantages would allow the SPLOST referendum to be in place for six years instead of a five year period; he would like to have a workshop next Monday night, for a budget mid-year review; the other issue is a review of the proposed SPLOST projects. Every department has submitted a laundry list. Both issues are important ones to make sure we are on sure financial footing; at the next Council meeting Jason Stewart and Attorney Dickey will be ready to issue another zoning rewrite.

**Mayor and Council** – Councilmember Scott said he would like to see what it would take to upgrade our street lights to LED's. Mr. Bowles said we can get them for the same price for what we are paying now but right now they are out of lights. He will work on this.

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

No executive session.

**Adjourn:**

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