



**OFFICIAL MINUTES
RINCON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
107 W. 17TH STREET
7:00 PM**

Councilmember Present:

Reese Browher
Ann Daniel
James Dasher
Patrick Kirkland
W. Frederick Long
Levi Scott, Jr.

Present:

Ken Lee, Mayor
John Klimm, City Manager
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney
Dulcia King, City Clerk
Daniel Thompson, Police Lieutenant
Pete Smith, Asst. Fire Chief
Tim Bowles, Public Works Director
Jason Stewart, City Planner
David Mattos, Building Inspector
Tommy Kee, WWTP Director
LaMeisha Hunter Kelly

The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Scott and the Pledge to the Flag was recited.

Approval of the agenda:

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

At this time Corporal Estes acknowledged Officer Daniel Nicholson who received the Mother's Against Drunk Drivers Award for 25 arrests of impaired drivers. John Klimm introduced the new City Planner, Jason Stewart.

Approval of the August 17, 2020 minutes:

Motion to approve: Councilmember Daniel

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: 5 yes votes, Councilmember Dasher abstained

Approval of the August 24, 2020 minutes:

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Daniel

Vote by Council: 5 yes votes Councilmember Dasher abstained

Public Hearing:

Turn meeting over to public hearing officer, Raymond Dickey:

Public Hearing on the 2020 Millage Rate for the City of Rincon.

Open public hearing: 7:12 PM

Public input: Attorney Dickey asked the City Clerk has the ad been placed in the legal organ, yes. The millage has been rolled back to 0 mils.

Close Public hearing: 7:13 PM

Turn the meeting back over to Mayor Lee.

Vote on the request to approve the 2020 Millage Rate for the City of Rincon.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Long

Second: Councilmember Scott

Councilmember Browher said it has been 22 years that the millage has been 0. He appreciates John and staff. Councilmember Scott said this is a joint effort and thanked staff. Mayor Lee said it is rare that a city can operate without a property tax and he is proud that we are one of those.

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 209 Four Oaks Court and to pay all assessed fees.

Steve Campbell owner was present. David Mattos, building inspector said this has been going on since last September. It is a nuisance ordinance and sanitary maintenance of

property. He has spoken to the tenants and Mr. Campbell a few times. There has been some fine assessed for administrative fees. Mr. Campbell said he has given the tenants a 60 day eviction notice. The tenant does not see an issue with the yard. Attorney Dickey suggested Council go ahead with the 10 notice and issue a citation to the resident. Mr. Campbell said he prepared to pay the fees.

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

2. Vote on the second reading of a petition filed J and W Landholdings, LLC requesting a Zoning Map Amendment for a 155.662 acre parcel and a 208.458 acre parcel located at Hwy 21 to amend the zoning from AR-1 (Single Family Residential) to LN (Industrial); the property is owned by J and W Landholdings LLC. (Map# 04300031 and 04310001)

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

3. Y-Delta requests approval of Pay Request #8 in the amount of \$84,235.61 for the 7th Street Utility Improvements project. LI# 320.4325.541204 and #506.4325.541201

Alec Metzger with EMC was present. Mr. Metzger said he recommends approval. Councilmember Scott asked have there been any updates on the items of concern, Mr. Metzger said he will remind Y-Delta of the lateral issue. Councilmember Scott said we need an update by the next meeting. Mrs. Kelly asked was Councilmember Scott if they were asking for documentation, because after Mr. Metzger discussed the concerns with Y-Delta, they may have decided not to proceed with the change order. Councilmember Scott said it was made quite clear that those changes were made without approval the City and the City will not absorb that cost. Mr. Metzger they went over the concerns and they have not issued a change order request.

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

4. Potter Construction request approval of pay request #2 in the amount of \$242,869.05 for the OmniTrax Utility Extension. LI #510.9501.541490

Mr. Metzger said this has been inspected and all the lines have been pressure tested. He recommends approval. Councilmember Scott asked is there a completion date, Mr. Metzger two weeks. He said we are hoping to have the waterlines where they can connect to OmniTrax by next week.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott
Second: Councilmember Daniel

Councilmember Kirkland asked are we keeping a running total of the project, Derrick Cowart said yes.

Vote by Council: Unanimous

5. Caldwell Tanks request approval of the Final Pay Request and Release of Retainage in the amount of \$103,830.18, for work completed on the North Water Tower for the Lower Floridan Well. LI #505.4440.542113

Tim Bowles said the tank is completed and online, everything is working fine. This approval will also include the one year warranty period beginning September 1, 2020.

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

6. Request approval to purchase chemicals for the WWTP from CedarChem, LLC. in the amount of \$15,075.00. LI# 506.4335.531123

Tommy Kee said this is the chemical used for phosphate control.

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

7. Request approval of a resolution to authorize submission of a FY 2021 Community Development Block Grant application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for 7th Street Water and Sewer upgrades.

Mr. Cowart said this resolution will give us authorization to submit an application for the CDBG Grant.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Dasher
Second: Councilmember Daniel
Vote by Council: 5 yes votes, Councilmember Scott abstained

8. Request approval of a Fair Housing Resolution.

This resolution goes along with the CDBG Grant.

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

9. Request approval to accept the Roundabout at Fort Howard and Old Augusta Roads.

Mayor Lee said this is a project that we participated in along with the County and it is complete now. There was some question about the additional work needed on the roundabout which consisted of lighting. Mr. Metzger said they were asked to go out and look at a punch list. The punch list items have been corrected and they recommend approval. The one thing that was not out there at the time was lighting. They have talked to Georgia Power and came up with a plan for 10 or 11 lights. Mrs. Kelly said the original contract did not include lights, so the County has fulfilled the contract. Georgia Power provided a quote for the lights. Mrs. Kelly told Council the third year millage could cover the lighting.

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

10. Request to renew 12 month subscription with Spatial Engineering for RightSpot digital database in the amount of \$5,800.00. LI #505.4440.542519

Rick Truluck, president of Spatial Engineering was present. Mr. Truluck explained that RightSpot is the City's GIS mapping system where all the as-builts, data mapping and data easements are located.

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

11. Request approval to amend the City of Rincon Benefits Accessibility Policy.

Mr. Klimm said six or eight months ago we had a conversation about our health policy and there was a need for clarity on who can receive the benefits from the City. Attorney Dickey said there were a few changes but this new form does clarify because there were some questions concerning spouse coverage. Mr. Klimm said the concerns were under what circumstances the spouse could have coverage.

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

12. Administrative Reports:

City Manager – Mr. Klimm said he is working with Mr. Cowart to put a package together to give to department heads so they can assemble a five year capital plan we presently don't have a capital improvement plan, but we will have one for the 2021 budget; there was a request to have Public Works address the weeds and overgrowth north of the viaduct pass

Highway 21. Mr. Bowles said GDOT will come through and spray the curbs and concrete all through the City and in exchange they will help them with the tree trimming when they put up Christmas decorations; the chamber is playing a leadership role on educating the general public on what TPLOST is all about, Mr. Klimm thanked Mr. Cripps who was present ; this past week six or so employees have taken a 2 day grant writing class, we need to look at alternative funding sources. Councilmember Dasher asked where we are with the fire department audit; Mr. Klimm said the team will be down in October.

City Engineer – Councilmember Scott had questions about the payment for the lights on Fort Howard roundabout. Mr. Metzger said there were two options one you pay installation up front and it is a cheaper monthly payment and the second was all monthly.

Chief of Police Department - Councilmember Long had concerns about a truck on 8th street, it has been tagged and it has been moved, new vehicles are in use

Fire – Asst Chief Smith, one vehicle went down today they got it back up and running

Building/Zoning Dept. - said he has been working on familiarizing himself with the code and the city ; Daniel mentioned the code compliance and how long the process is

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

No executive session.

Adjourn:

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