



**OFFICIAL MINUTES
RINCON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
107 W. 17TH STREET
7:00 PM**

Councilmember Present:

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

Councilmember Absent:

James Dasher

Present:

Ken Lee, Mayor
John Klimm, City Manager
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney
Dulcia King, City Clerk
Jonathan Murrell, Police Chief
Jason Stewart, City Planner
Mike Osborne, Recreation Director
Tim Bowles, Public Works Director
Derrick Cowart, Finance Director

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

Approval of the agenda:

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

Approval of the September 14, 2020 minutes with the following corrections:

One grammatical error and new business item 6 motion was made by Councilmember Scott, second by Councilmember Kirkland, and the vote was unanimous.

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

Public Hearing:

Turn meeting over to public hearing officer, Raymond Dickey:

Open public hearing: 7:07 PM

Public Hearing on petition filed by Deborah & Robert Scott requesting a 20 ft. front setback variance to Article VI, Section 90-176 to place a metal carport over existing slab on their property located at 131 Giles Ave. The property is owned by Deborah Lanier Scott. The property is zoned R-4 (Single Family Residential). (Map # R2140009)

Attorney Dickey asked if the legal ad has been made, Mr. Mattos said yes. Attorney Dickey said each side will have a minimum of ten minutes to present their sides. Deborah Lanier Scott and Robert Scott were present. Mrs. Scott said she is requesting a variance for a carport. Mr. Mattos said the Scotts already had a carport there that was pretty old and rusty they just added another carport next to it. After measuring they needed a 20 foot variance. The company that put it up did not tell them they needed a building permit. Mr. Mattos said in his opinion it is not going to affect anything in the roadway. There is a concrete pad at the edge of the property from the front of the pad to the carport is 15 feet. The code says you need 35 feet for a front setback. Mr. Mattos said the old carport is preexisting, non-conforming and it would be good to approve both for a variance at the same time. Mayor Lee asked at some point there was one and they added a second one, Mr. Mattos said yes. Attorney Dickey asked did the Planning and Zoning Board approved, yes due to a medical hardship. Councilmember Scott said he is familiar with the situation and knows they put up the carport because of the weather and them getting in and out of the cars.

Close public hearing: 7:14 PM

Turn the meeting back over to Mayor Lee.

Vote on petition filed by Deborah & Robert Scott requesting a 20 ft. front setback variance to Article VI, Section 90-176 to place a metal carport over existing slab on their property located at 131 Giles Ave. The property is owned by Deborah Lanier Scott. The property is zoned R-4 (Single Family Residential). (Map # R2140009)

Councilmember Scott asked could we do what Mr. Mattos suggested and approve both carports tonight, Attorney Dickey said he doesn't think we can do that tonight but we have to look at if it is grandfathered in we may not need to bring them back at all.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Browher
Vote by Council: Unanimous

New Business:

1. A request filed by Vipul Kumar Patel for Preliminary Site Plan approval for Patel Convenience Store, located at 500 Blue Jay Rd. The property is owned by Vipul Kumar Patel. The property is zoned GC (General Commercial). (Map and Parcel # R2730001E00)

Doug Morgan, with EMC representing owners was present. Mr. Morgan said they went through the design process and everything has been approved by the City. They are putting in Septic drain field and the projected has been approved by the GSWWCC. Councilmember Kirkland asked about the decel lane, Mr. Morgan said he did add that to his plans.

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

2. Request approval for EMC Engineering Services, Inc to perform engineering and architectural design, bidding, and construction administration services for the Macomber Office Building and Shade Structure Project in the amount of \$24,500.00. LI# 320.6100.541235

Mr. Osborne said this is budgeted in SPLOST. Mayor Lee said what the timeline would be for this project. Mr. Morgan said the contractor DPR will be doing the majority of the work, the timeframe is about 38 weeks. Councilmember Kirkland asked could the City get a deal if they do something at Freedom Park also. Mr. Morgan said he can ask them to look at the stage. Councilmember Browher asked what kind of wind load will this structure take, can we disassemble it, Mr. Osborne said we will be able to remove the mesh from the poles. ; There was discussion on high velocity buildings.

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

3. Request approval to pay PINCO, \$31,026.00 for work completed on Rincon Well 05 (Lower Floridan Well). LI# 505.4440.542113

Mr. Bowles said this is the final closeout and everything is on line and working great.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher
Second: Councilmember Scott

Councilmember Kirkland asked are we done with this, Mr. Bowles said yes it has been on line since September 1. It is pumping right at 1,000 gallons per minute.

Vote by Council: Unanimous

4. Request approval to purchase 100 meters and 100 registers from Delta Municipal Supply in the amount of \$35,500.00 LI# 505.4440.541437

Mr. Bowles said the meters are \$200 a piece and the registers are \$180 a piece.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Kirkland

Mayor Lee said it seems like we just purchased some of these, Mr. Bowles said we did order some trade in registers for \$150.00 they were still under warranty.

Vote by Council: Unanimous

5. Effingham Heroes request the use of Freedom Park to hold a Back the Blue Rally.

Susie Davis said the date for this event will be October 25, at 7:00 PM. The purpose of this is to show support to our first responders. They will have emergency vehicles will be in a circle with their lights flashing. Mayor Lee asked Chief Murrell have they looked at the traffic issues, he said he will get with Mrs. Davis. Council Daniel asked are they going to have speakers, Mrs. Davis said the actual details have not been finalized but they will have a few speakers there. Mr. Bowles asked will they need lights, Mrs. Davis said yes. Councilmember Scott said Council should go ahead and give them a waiver on all fees. A motion was made to waive all fees for use of Freedom Park. And there will be no food involved.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Browher

Councilmember Browher thanked Mrs. Davis and said he appreciates her for doing this.

Vote by Council: Unanimous

6. Administrative Reports:

City Manager – Mr. Klimm told Council he would like to propose several dates to begin the budgetary process starting with October 19, the first Public Hearing will be November 23, with the second reading on December 14. They are preparing an operational budget and a 5 year capital improvement plan; there are several enforcement issues with the vacant lots at Towne Park E, Mr. Mattos has sent a letter out to the property owners; we are also in the process of cutting the grass from the viaduct to the city line on Highway 21; we are going to be asked to sponsor a flu shot clinic. Mr. Osborne said they have reached out to him and

wanted to know if they can use the ball park. Mr. Klimm said he will follow up; Councilmember Kirkland asked did the County have any COVID testing locations, Mayor Lee said he will get the information for him; Councilmember Kirkland thanked Mr. Klimm for his help over the last couple of week; Councilmember Scott also thanked Mr. Klimm for having the County crew clean up the curbs

Chief of Police – Chief Murrell said he is in the process of bringing back the citizens police academy; Councilmember Scott asked are all the vehicles in, Chief said yes.

Recreation Dept. – Mr. Osborne said fall sports have started so far so good; they have advertised for the Trunk or Treat and the Haunted House; there was a disc golf tournament at the park with teams from Jacksonville NC, Mississippi, Augusta and South Carolina; they are working on spring fair for next year; Mayor Lee asked about movies in the Park, Mr. Osborne said they are working on a plan for the movies.

Water/Sewer/Public Works – Mr. Bowles since COVID-19 all training classes through Georgia Rural Water Association have been cancelled; Mayor Lee said he received a nice thank you card from Penny Howard on Middleground Road about Mr. Bowles helping on a problem that she has had for years.

Mayor and Council – Councilmember Browher asked about the Bistro, Mr. Klimm said it is closed because we have not been able to find a cook. We have two promising interviews on Wednesday.

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

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

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

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

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

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

No action taken.

Adjourn:

Motion: Councilmember Daniel

Second: Councilmember Browher

Vote by Council: Unanimous