



**OFFICIAL MINUTES
RINCON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
107 W. 17TH STREET
7:00 PM**

Councilmember Present:

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

Present:

Ken Lee, Mayor
John Klimm, City Manager
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney
Dulcia King, City Clerk
Jonathan Murrell, Police Chief
Tommy Kee, WWTP Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Kirkland 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 October 26, 2020 minutes with the correction of three grammatical errors:

Motion to approve: Councilmember Daniel
Second: Councilmember Browher
Vote by Council: 4 yes votes, Councilmember Scott abstained

Presentation on the Effingham Industrial Development Authority by Damon Rahn.

Mr. Rahn said the IDA held a Blandford Town Hall Zoom Meeting to discussion traffic and logistics with the Omni Trax project. Omni Trax is scheduled to get their certificate of occupancy on the first of November. Blandford Siding is scheduled to be complete by the end of November, this project lasted over 3 years. It will allow Norfolk Southern to pull trains to a side track to allow other Norfolk Southern trains to pass. The IDA is closing on the end of the month on the Grandview Property, which is in the City limits.

Councilmember Scott asked where are they on the Chimney Road project, Mr. Rahn said they did very little consulting and did not get to involve with that. Councilmember Long asked have they thought about how they are going to do Grandview, Mr. Rahn said not yet they have met with Mr. Klimm and Jason Stewart about that to make sure they don't over sell.

Andy Cripps Effingham Chamber CEO was present. Mr. Cripps commended Council on their effort with T-SPLOST. Councilmember Kirkland asked are there any plans on putting up signage for the TSPLOST roads, Mayor Lee said as a City we will have a hand in that.

New Business:

1. Request approval to pay MR Systems to replace and startup two turbidimeters and two effluent flow meters in the amount of \$16,910.00. LI #506.4335.531125

Tommy Kee said these are not connected to each other at all. The turbidimeters measure the cloudiness of the water and the ones we have now are not working. With the flow meters, one of the transducers went out. He will have to replace both channels.

Councilmember Daniel asked how long it would be before they get here, Mr. Kee said they will be here this year.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Daniel

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

2. Request approval of add section 17-2, C (CID Work Schedule) to the Rincon Police Department SOP.

Chief Murrell said this was needed to accomplish what they needed to for CID. There is no existing policy for the CID work schedule. It is in addition to the current Police Department SOP. This is not for the City personnel policy. Mayor Lee asked did Mr. Klimm and Attorney Dickey have they look over this, yes.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher

Second: Councilmember Long

Vote by Council: Unanimous

3. Request approval to add Chapter 28 (Specialized Units-K9) to the Rincon Police Department SOP.

Chief Murrell said this is also for the Police Department SOP. He laid it out this way for future growth any other specialized unit will fall under chapter 28. Included in this procedure is also their compensation.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Daniel
Second: Councilmember Scott

Councilmember Kirkland asked do we ever have request from other agencies asking for our K9 unit. Attorney Dickey said that is covered under the police department mutual aid agreement.

Vote by Council: Unanimous

4. Request approval to amend the Personnel Policy Manual Section 70, Overtime to include section 70.15 Overtime Compensation.

This is the City personnel policy. There was only one change.

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

5. Administrative Reports:

City Manager – Mr. Klimm said they are wrapping up budget and have several items for a potential workshop; he presented Council with a memo dealing with rate consideration; he thanked citizens of Effingham County for their support for the TSPLOST referendum; last meeting a citizen came to us about a grinder pump issue and that has been taken care of; Veterans Day is Wednesday.

Mayor and Council – Councilmember Daniel asked if anyone had a chance to look at the false alarm fees, Attorney Dickey said they should have something by next Council meeting. Councilmember Long said he had a resident call him about a grinder pump issue on Saturday and Public Works took care of it. Councilmember Browher asked about the frontage road, Mr. Klimm said the building inspector will come before Council at the next meeting with these cases. Attorney Dickey stated that these are private roads owned jointly by the businesses. Councilmember Browher also said on 4th street the stripping is bad, at night you can't see any of the lines on the road and the shoulder is bad, can you get Public Works to look at that with a possibly for a resolution. Councilmember Browher asked Mr. Klimm can we have Recreation advertise when there are private events scheduled at Macomber Park so that residents are aware that it is not a City event.

Bernard Martin, resident talked about the potholes on the frontage road, there should be a way to mandate the businesses to fix the roads to DOT standards; also spoke to Council about Veterans Day and offering a senior discount on the water bills.

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

No executive session

Mr. Klimm said one of the needs for a workshop is the results of our operational audit. The second is the issue of golf. There will be two workshops Monday night budget workshop and Wednesday fire workshop.

Adjourn:

Motion: Councilmember Daniel

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous