

Official Minutes
RINCON CITY COUNCILMEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2015
COUNCILCHAMBERS
107 W. 17TH STREET
7:00 PM

Councilmembers Present:

Paul Wendelken
Scott Morgan
Christi Ricker *** arrived at 7:10
Reese Browher
Levi Scott Jr.
James Dasher

Present:

Ken Lee, Mayor
Wesley Corbitt, City Manager
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney
Wanda Hendrix, City Clerk - Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by Mayor Lee. Councilman Morgan gave the invocation and the pledge to the flag was recited.

Approval of the agenda:

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

Approval of the minutes of March 9, 2015:

**Mayor -- Item 2 New Business "needs to say pay request # 4" --- on ADJOURN:
REVERSE THE MOTION**

Motion to approve with noted changes: Councilmember Scott
Second: Councilmember Browher
Vote: Unanimous

Approval of the minutes of March 16, 2015:

Motion to approve: Councilmember Morgan
Second: Councilmember Scott
Vote: Unanimous

Recognition:

Recognition of the City of Rincon's employee donations to the United Way.

Boy Scouts:

Nicholas Stark – Citizenship in the Community and a scout member from Troop 47 also working on a citizenship in the Community badge.

New Business:

1. Approval of a sponsor agreement for Oktoberfest for September 25 and September 26 with the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce.

Rick Lott addressed this request. He noted that this was the same sponsorship agreement that they had worked under the last couple of years. He thanked the City of Rincon for their partnership and the room to grow in with the festivities.

Mayor Lee noted that they had a sponsor agreement in their packet clarifying what it said for the record. Mr. Lott said that one benefit the city could take advantage of was that the City could have a booth at no extra charge. Other cities use this booth to discuss park and recreation, or other areas of the city to reach the public.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher

Second: Councilmember Ricker

Vote: Unanimous

2. Surplus 2007 Dodge Charger Police vehicle with installed equipment.

Chief Scholl addressed this request. He noted that the vehicle has over 107,000 miles on the vehicle. He mentioned the equipment on the automobile, noting the light bar was in disrepair. The automobile has had numerous repairs and recalls, and he said we had gotten a good life out of the car. He said it is no longer capable of our needs. He noted this was a spare vehicle.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Dasher

Vote: Unanimous

3. Intergovernmental transfer of a police vehicle to Guyton Police Dept.

Chief Scholl addressed this request. He noted that although it would not meet the City of Rincon's needs that Guyton would be able to use the vehicle. He said the Kelly Blue Book value did not include the aftermarket equipment (lightbar, siren, and switch panel, etc.), he said he removed these things from the vehicle but that the value of the cage and side light had been added to the Kelly Blue Book value. Mayor noted that the vehicle was more valuable to Guyton than to us. Chief Scholl said he did not recommend a price for the purchase from Guyton. Mayor Lee noted that as a sister city he would like to see them get the vehicle at a good deal. Chief

Scholl said they would certainly benefit from the vehicle. Councilmember Wendelken said if we were auctioning the vehicle this would be different, but this was for a sister city who needed the vehicle. Wesley noted that these vehicles get a lot of wear and tear and due to that he would suggest around \$4,000.00. Mayor Lee noted that \$4,000.00 would be about half of the Kelly Blue Book price. Council discussed with Chief Scholl what it would take to make it operational for Guyton. Chief Scholl said maybe around \$3500.00.

Motion to approve the surplus of the vehicle to Guyton for \$3,000.00:

Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Wendelken

Vote: Unanimous

4. Request council to issue a 10 day notice according to the ordinance for Nuisance on property located at 5 Talmadge Drive.

LaMeisha Kelly addressed this request. She said they had a code issue with the house. She said Travis checked today and that the area had been cleaned up. She said there was one outstanding issue, that the tenant has refused to get a building permit even though 3 letters had been sent. She said progression of work had continued on even though a stop work order had been issued. The nuisance had been abated to satisfactory level. Mr. Dickey said this was a violation of city ordinance.

Bobby Johnson was present to address the request. Councilman Browner asked if a hoist was on the property. Mr. Johnson said no, it was a chainsaw in the tree. He said he was adding a porch, but that he had never received any letters from the city. Mrs. Kelly showed a photo of the posted stop work order.

Mr. Johnson said he had signs saying children at play and Travis made him take them down. He said he told Travis that this was not an addition but was rather a porch.

Mayor Lee said council was not here to hear the issue of the porch and that he should contact the Building and Zoning office. Mrs. Kelly said the next step was to issue a citation, so if council would like to hear Mr. Johnson is that they could.

LaMeisha Kelly noted that Travis had documentation saying Mr. Johnson was coming to get the permit and Mr. Johnson said he did not want to enclose it.

Wesley Corbitt asked him to come see Mrs. LaMeisha Kelly to avoid court and penalties.

No action taken.

5. Traffic signal permit application to erect a “stop and go traffic signal” at the intersection of S.R. 21 South Columbia Ave. and Brentwood Drive.

Mrs. Kelly addressed this request she said this would be at the Kroger project. She said DOT does not permit lights to local entities, so it had to be permitted to the city.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Dasher

Vote: Unanimous

LaMeisha said they were ready to set up the preconstruction meeting.

6. Administrative Reports:

(a) City Manager:

Would like to bring the county and cities together and invite everyone to Lost Plantation for a dinner. Would council rather meet on a Monday or Wednesday? Wesley asked about April 20, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

(b) City Engineer:

Councilman Wendelken asked when they would start on the concession building. Mrs. Kelly said they would start this week. Alex noted that the rock would be down for the paving soon. Wesley said they needed prices for fencing the retention pond.

(c) Chief of Police:

Available for questions.

Councilmember Dasher - how is Snitch doing?

Chief Scholl – good.

(d) Fire Department:

Corey – Surplus update:

FD generator \$150.00; Taurus \$1100.00; Jose’s truck \$900.00 and fire car \$1350.00 the other fire car \$1400.00. 4900.00 – 10% sellers fee check for \$4410.00

(e) Building / Zoning Dept.

LaMeisha said Saturday was Fire Works training at the Macomber Center and after lunch was live rounds being fired. Fire Dept, Police Dept, Public Works and Building / Zoning Dept. would be attending the class. Wesley noted that we are losing about a third of the event field, so we would be busing people to the event.

Councilmember Browher asked if we could rent the spot owned by the bank for parking. Wesley said this was being checked into. Councilmember Browher said Mrs Ricker said a sponsorship for using the land. Law Enforcement Forum coming up soon.

Finalizing the CDBG grant now.

(f) Recreation Dept.

No report

(g) Water / Sewer / Public Works

No report

(h) Wastewater

No report

(i) Finance:

Elise – gave council financial statements through 2/28/2015. We are about 17% of the budget which is good. Some of our general fund revenues are higher, the GA Power payment and Business occupation tax is up and Service Deli \$ is a higher payment. Cash position is strong sitting at 6.8 from 6.1 in December. GF is up \$367,000 and Water / Sewer is up \$277,000.00.

Councilmember Scott asked about the Fire payment. Elise explained regarding the fire monies . She noted that letters had been sent to the county regarding the money back owed, and they are now up to July 2014 for the Fire payments. Wesley said they had been billed for this money and he expected them to pay.

(j) Lost Plantation

No report

(k) Mayor and Council

Put a scrape off rug outside and a seal rug inside

LaMeisha said she had information for a workshop regarding some activities since we could not get the circus. Councilman Morgan said the ballfields look good.

No executive session needed.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn: Councilmember Dasher

Second: Councilmember Ricker

Vote by Council: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned.

Ken Lee, Mayor

Wanda Hendrix, City Clerk