



**OFFICIAL MINUTES
RINCON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
107 W. 17TH STREET
7:00 PM**

Councilmember Present:

Reese Browher
Levi Scott, Jr.
Patrick Kirkland
Jesse Blackwell, Jr.
Michelle Taylor
Damon Rahn

Present:

Ken Lee, Mayor
Jonathan Lynn, City Manager
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney
Dulcia King, City Clerk
Jonathon Murrell, Police Chief
Lou Reed, Interim Fire Chief
Terri Lewis, Planning and Development Director
Mike Osborne, Recreation Director
Tm Bowles, Public Works Director
Elizabeth Cartwright, Finance Director

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

Approval of the agenda:

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

Approval of the January 23, 2023 minutes:

Motion to approve: Councilmember Blackwell

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

Old Business:

1. Vote on acceptance of annexation application for a 388.21 acre parcel located at 923 South Old Augusta Road; property is owned by Mill Creek Hunting Preserve, Inc. (Parcel # 04750058)

Jonathan Lynn said this was on the agenda several months ago, the applicant withdrew the annexation and this is the restart of that process.

Rita Elliot Effingham Georgia Green was present. Ms. Elliot is opposed to warehouses.

Larry Vincent, 1013 Old Augusta Road South said if there is a vote he hopes it is contingent upon the homes owners getting anything promised to them in writing.

Mayor Lee said this is a long process, whatever will be developed on the property will be a part of a development agreement. Mayor Lee said they were able to meet with the Blake family and is trying to move this process as quickly as possible.

Pastor Delmons White, 1021 Old Augusta Road South said what effect, if any would it have on the other adjoining properties. Is the City trying to get more of us annexed. Mayor Lee said the City is not but if someone comes to us with a request we will have to listen.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

New Business:

1. Ready 2 Connect Inc. request approval of a Special Events Permit to host the 11th Annual Back2School Blowout to be held on July 27, 2023.

Destiny Bradshaw with Ready 2 Connect was present. Ms. Bradshaw said they would like to have the event on Thursday, July 27. Everything will take place at the recreation complex. Chief Murrell said they won't have a big need for traffic control if it is done at the Recreation Department. Ms. Bradshaw said the cars will come in at 9th Street and use the back roads to get to Macomber Park.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Rahn

Vote by Council: Unanimous

2. Request approval to accept the bid from Go Sports USA Inc for baseball/softball uniforms in the amount of \$10,000.00. LI #100.6100.531700

Mike Osborne said Go Sports USA was the only vendor that responded. They had 490 have registered, so the total price is \$12,250.00. A motion was made to approve the purchase of uniforms for \$12,250.00.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Blackwell

Second: Councilmember Taylor

Vote by Council: Unanimous

3. Request approval to contract with Modern Midways for the City of Rincon Spring Fair.

Mr. Osborne said there needs to be some changes to the contract. Attorney Dickey said there is some legal language we need to tighten up but that will not stop Council from voting. The fair will start the week before Easter and end the week after. A motion was made to approve subject to final approval by staff and legal council.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Kirkland

Vote by Council: Unanimous

4. Request approval to pay \$5,741.25 to EMC Engineering for professional services related to the 2022 Rincon LMIG project.

Alec Metzger, with EMC Engineering was present. Mr. Metzger said this is an older invoice from September, several have been paid before and several after. Everything was done and the punch list has been completed at the next meeting you should see the warranty period on the agenda.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

5. Request approval for InterDev to migrate the City of Rincon systems to Microsoft 365 Government Client software.

Mayor Lee said at our workshop we were able to hear a presentation from staff about this work. He thanked Councilmembers Rahn and Kirkland, they are our IT people on Council. Mr. Lynn said this is a step in the forward direction for us. This is one of the priorities that we need to get there, it allows us some cloud storage and some security measures. This item is budgeted. There is a not to exceed cost of \$29,973.00 due to the variation of total users. The onetime cost will be \$25,810.00 and a monthly recurring cost will be \$4,163.00. Mayor Lee asked would this be allocated throughout the departments, Mrs. Cartwright said

we could do that. Councilmember Rahn asked where are we with migration from POP mail. Mr. Lynn said Inter Dev would handle this, they are helping with the dot gov setup. Councilmember Browher thanked everyone involved.

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

6. First reading of an amendment to the City of Rincon Code of Ordinance Article V Purchasing, Section 2-205 Competitive Bidding Required.

This was discussed at a workshop. Mr. Lynn said the bid minimum threshold of \$5000.00 will be raised to \$20,000.00. Any *purchase* over \$5000.00 would still come to Council for approval but the bids would be \$20,000.00

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

7. Administrative Reports:

City Manager – Mr. Lynn said we have gotten all of the procedural stuff done to migrate to Dot Gov; the Hinely Center sign is operational as of today; the joint meeting with Effingham County BOC will be on Tuesday Feb 28th in Council Chambers; he got an email from Buddy Carter’s office, the open applications for appropriation funding will need to be in, in the first part of April; there was a request from Hospital Board for names to replace Deborah Scott, she resigned; Mr. Lynn introduced Teri Lewis the new Planning and Development Director.

Chief of Police – Chief Murrell said the Tahoes have come in; they are looking to be fully staffed if the applicants will all commit, this will be the first time since 2016 they have been fully staffed.

Fire Department – Chief Reed said the I & D is down so there is no water; they will be fully staff; Mayor Lee asked have they gotten any word from the County about the EMS CENTER, Mr. Lynn will check on this; Mayor Lee asked about the fire agreement with the County. He said we need to have a workshop and have a plan as to what this process will look like. Attorney Dickey said it is in the SDS agreement, there is a time set that they would take over.

Building/Zoning Dept. – Ms. Lewis said the monthly revenue for the department was \$60,000 for January.

Recreation Dept. – Mr. Osborne said work on the playground will start the 2nd week in March; the tennis courts grant was sent back to us and he sent it to Doug Morgan to see what else needs to be done.

Water/Sewer/Public Works – Mr. Bowles said he pushed the beavers back from the golf course; Councilmember Kirkland asked about paint for St Andrews, Mr. Bowles said if we can catch a week of drive weather he could get it done; Councilmember Browher asked about a pothole west of Richland Avenue on 9th Street if we can get some cold patch until get gets fixed.

Finance – Mrs. Cartwright thanked Mr. Bowles for working hard with cut offs; Councilmember Kirkland asked did she make progress on the new card, yes. She looked into an American Express Program, this will allow us to get points.

Mayor and Council – Councilmember Kirkland mentioned the golf course sign on Willowpeg.

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

No executive session.

Adjourn:

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