



**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
RINCON CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
107 W. 17TH STREET  
7:00 PM**

**Councilmember Present:**

Reese Browher  
Patrick Kirkland  
W. Frederick Long  
Levi Scott, Jr.  
Michelle Taylor

**Councilmember Absent:**

Ann Daniel

**Present:**

John Klimm, City Manager  
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney  
Dulcia King, City Clerk  
Jonathon Murrell, Police Chief  
Pete Smith, Assistant Fire Chief  
Jason Stewart, City Planner  
Tim Bowles, Public Works Director

**Absent:**

Ken Lee, Mayor

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

**Approval of the agenda with the following additions:**

New business items 7A, 7B and 7C.

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

**Approval of the May 24, 2021 minutes:**

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

## **Public Hearing**

*Turn meeting over to public hearing officer, Raymond Dickey:*

Attorney Dickey said that the City has received a voicemail from someone at Pine Hill Group, LLC requesting that this be withdrawn. The City's policy is that the request be in writing so that we have something in the file because certain vested rights may be affected.

Open public hearing: 7:09 PM

Public Hearing on a petition filed by Pine Mill Group, LLC requesting a Zoning Map Amendment for a 20.14 acre parcel located on 0 W Ninth Street to amend the zoning from R-4 (Single Family Residential) to R-5 (Residential – One unit detached conventional house); the property is owned by Peter Johnson. (Map and Parcel # R2130001)

Public input: David Nelson, resident said he has concerns about drainage if someone builds on the property.

Close public hearing: 7:13 PM

*Turn the meeting back over to Mayor Lee.*

First Reading on a petition filed by Pine Mill Group, LLC requesting a Zoning Map Amendment for a 20.14 acre parcel located on 0 W Ninth Street to amend the zoning from R-4 (Single Family Residential) to R-5 (Residential – One unit detached conventional house); the property is owned by Peter Johnson. (Map and Parcel # R2130001)

No action taken.

## **New Business:**

### **1. Kia Reese request approval to appear before Council to discuss the use of Freedom Park.**

Mrs. Reese was not present. A motion was made to table.

Motion to table: Councilmember Long

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

### **2. Joey Dolan request approval to appear before Council to discuss the placement of a fence in a drainage easement.**

Mr. Mattos said Mr. Dolan wanted to apply for permit for a fence. This property has a 10 foot easement on both sides of the property. He could not allow Mr. Dolan to put a fence in

the easement. Mr. Mattos said there is a fence further down but that was before him, you cannot have anything in the easement, period. Mr. Dolan is looking for relief.

Mr. Dolan said he has shot elevations and if the concrete pipes should ever overflow the water will go into the jurisdiction wetlands. John Skarin, John James, and Sabrina Clark were present. Mr Skarin said he has been there 14 years and it has never flooded. Ms. Clark said she lives across the street from the retention pond and when there was a hurricane the water flows to the retention pond. Councilmember Kirkland asked about the 10 foot easement, Attorney Dickey said when engineering was done the engineers put in the easement for some type of drainage. Ms. Clark said if he puts the fence there the water will still flow, the fence will not interfere with the water draining. Mr. James said the land goes up hill so the drainage will not go up hill; we are here to support Mr. Dolan. Councilmember Scott asked Mr. Bowles what he thought. Mr. Bowles said there has never been a problem over there they have never had a drainage issue.

Mr. Dolan asked terminating the easement, and the City doing a release agreement. Attorney Dickey said the City would not be in a position to do that if they did anything they would deed over the easement. He said we have run across this before flooding due to fencing being put up. Engineering should look at this because it was engineered with the subdivision to begin with. A motion was made to table until July 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

**3. Request approval to pay Roberts Truck Center, Inc. for truck repairs in the amount of \$5,224.26. LI #507.4325.531125**

Mr. Bowles said Roberts Truck Center has had this truck since last year from March to September because they could not get parts for it. This is the 2017 F350.

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

**4. Request approval to pay JCB of Georgia for repairs to a mini excavator in the amount of \$5,695.17. LI #507.4325.531125**

Mr. Bowles said this is an older excavator. We use the excavators more than we use the backhoes.

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

**5. Request approval to pay Savannah River Utilities \$5,970.00 to stripe Willowpeg Way. LI #320-4100-541225**

Mr. Bowles said this is the street in Lost Plantation that Councilmember Kirkland asked him to see about getting striped. Councilmember Kirkland asked about St Andrews Road also. Councilmember Scott said we would need to look at the budget there are other projects out there. Let's look at what we have committed to other areas. Councilmember Kirkland said one of the reasons he brought this up was that someone was hit on that road. He would rather St. Andrews be striped from Ft. Howard to Willowpeg Way. Councilmember Browher said St Andrews is much more heavily trafficked. Mr. Bowles said it may be more money. Councilmember Kirkland said he would like to see it switched to St Andrews. Councilmember Scott asked Chief Murrell did he have any input on any of these streets. He said thinks striping is a good thing and that road is heavily traveled. Councilmember Long said he thinks we need to bring a number back. A motion was made to table until July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Motion to table: Councilmember Long  
Second: Councilmember Browher  
Vote by Council: Unanimous

**6. Request to renew the Agreement between Effingham County Board of Commissioners of and the City of Rincon for the use of County Inmates on City and County Property for FY 2021 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022)**

Mr. Klimm asked Council to take no action on this item. In reviewing the document, the County had agreed to a provision that was not in this agreement.

No action taken

**7. Approval of the reappointment of Mr. Herb Jones to serve as the non-public representative of Effingham County and the cities of Guyton, Rincon and Springfield for the Coastal Regional Commission Council.**

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

**7A. Request approval to award the bid for the 2021 Rincon LMIG Project, Lockner Drive, to Sikes Brothers, Inc in the amount of \$147,530.40.**

Doug Morgan, EMC Engineering was present. Mr. Morgan said the opened bids last Thursday. Sikes Brothers was the low bid. They have done work for the City in the past and they do understand the City's urgency.

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

**7B. Request approval to award the bid for the 2021 Rincon TSPLOST Project, 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Weisenbaker Road, to Sikes Brothers, Inc in the amount of \$1,298,772.35.**

Mr. Morgan said this is two of the TSPLOST projects that they have lumped together. It has come in under budget. Mr. Klimm said Mr. Morgan has acted as our point person and put pressure on the contractors to get these projects going. He wanted to publicly thank Mr. Morgan.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott  
Second: Councilmember Taylor

Councilmember Browher asked what the timeframe looks like; Mr. Morgan said they will start work on Georgia and Savannah Avenues on Monday and have a 90 day schedule. There is a 90 day window on Weisenbaker and 4th Streets and 30 day window on Lockner Drive. They will keep the same 90 day window on Middleground Raod. Middleground Road will need a box culvert and installation of a waterline. Councilmember Scott said the biggest thing we really wanted to do was get these projects completed before the end of the year. Councilmember Browher thanked Mr. Klimm, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Bowles and wanted Mr. Morgan to let the contractors know to keep the change orders to a minimum.

Vote by Council: Unanimous

**7C Request to appear before Council By Richard Lynn for a benefit car show on July 24, 2021.**

Mr. Lynn said they want to do a benefit car show at Riley's for Casting for a Cause out of Guyton that help with disabled vets. Council approved and waived the special events permit fee.

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

**8. Administrative Reports:**

**City Manager** – Mr. Klimm asked Council for a workshop to discuss the Zoning Ordinance on June 21 at 5:30; we will have a midyear budget review in July; the audit team has been in City Hall for about 3- 4 weeks and we should have a draft audit soon.

**City Engineer** – Councilmember Kirkland asked about roundabout lights; Mr. Bowles said he has called Georgia Power about the delay and it has been forwarded to the higher ups.

**Chief of Police** –Councilmember Browher said he has heard several complaints about people blowing through the stop sign at 9<sup>th</sup> and Lexington.

**Lost Plantation** – Mr. Klimm said 13 of the 18 greens have had problems. They have irrigated and sanded the greens.

**Mayor and Council** - Chief Murrell gave an update on the parade route.

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

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

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

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

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

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

No action taken.

**Adjourn:**

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