



**CITY OF RINCON  
OFFICIAL MINUTES  
RINCON CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
107 W. 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
7:00 PM**

**Councilmembers Present:**

Paul Wendelken  
Reese Browher  
James Dasher  
Kevin Exley

**Councilmember Absent:**

Levi Scott, Jr.  
Ann Daniel

**Present:**

Ken Lee, Mayor  
LaMeisha Hunter Kelly, City Planner/ Interim City Manager  
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney  
Dulcia King, City Clerk  
Phillip Scholl, Police Chief  
Corey Rahn, Fire Chief  
Pete Smith, Asst. Fire Chief  
Tim Bowles, Public Works Director  
Josh Williams, Lost Plantation Golf Course Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM. The Invocation was given by Mayor Lee and the Pledge to the Flag was recited.

**Approval of the agenda with the addition of new business item 3A:**

Request to consider payment options for Lost Plantation Golf Course mowers and bunker rake.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher

Second: Councilmember Dasher

Vote by Council: Unanimous

**Approval of the March 19, 2018 minutes:**

Motion to approve: Councilmember Wendelken

Second: Councilmember Exley

Vote by Council: Unanimous

**Approval of the March 30, 2018 minutes:**

Motion to approve: Councilmember Exley

Second: Councilmember Dasher

Vote by Council: Unanimous

**Approval of the April 30, 2018 minutes:**

Motion to approve: Councilmember Wendelken

Second: Councilmember Dasher

Vote by Council: Unanimous

**Approval of the May 14, 2018 minutes:**

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher

Second: Councilmember Exley

Vote by Council: 3 yes votes Councilmember Wendelken abstained

**New Business:****1. Michael Edwards request to appear before Council to discuss drainage in Ridgewood Subdivision.**

Michael Edwards, 136 Ridgewood Circle, said his house has been flooded 10 times. He has around \$60,000 damage to the home, cannot get rid of it until everything is fixed. He told Council we need to figure out how to fix his problem. The only way to stop this is to run a pipe from the pond through his property straight out to Dasher Creek because his house is 8 inches below bench mark. He did not know this at the time because he brought this as a foreclosure. Mr. Bowles said the house was foreclosed on because the previous owner left it due to the flooding. Mr. Dasher asked was there anything we can do; Mr. Bowles said not on our end. Councilmember Dasher asked could we catch it at his driveway; Mr. Bowles you would have to figure out a way to catch it at the driveway. Mayor Lee asked were any other properties affected, Mr. Bowles said not that he is aware of. Mr. Edwards said he has been in the home for six years and is requesting to have the home fixed, to resolve the problem. Councilmember Exley asked what was the protocol for builders, Attorney Dickey said he would rather not have the questioned answered and to save it for executive session. Councilmember Dasher talked about a similar situation on Walthour Street. Council directed staff to get engineers to look at both addresses, Ridgewood Circle and Walthour Street.

## **2. Update on the Humana Health Insurance Go 365 Program.**

Melissa Stille with Dewitt Insurance gave Council an update on the bundled and Go 365 discounts. The total savings is around \$12,000.00, \$7,300.00 for the bundle and \$4,500.00 for Go 365. She also mentioned that the Go 365 renewal date is February not January.

## **3. Request approval to renew property and liability insurance with Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA) in the amount of \$125,994.00.**

Mrs. Kelly said this quote includes a renewal credit of \$19,497. There was discussion on the coverage of some of the older vehicles. Mrs. Kelly said we will do another audit of the vehicles on the list. Staff needs to see about getting other quotes.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Wendelken

Second: Councilmember Dasher

Vote by Council: Unanimous

## **3A. Request to consider payment options for Lost Plantation Golf Course mowers and bunker rake.**

Josh Williams said we need to consider if we want to lease the equipment or pay for it out right. Attorney Dickey said whoever wrote this did a good job. Any dispute you will have needs to be settled in South Dakota, the penalty is strict, the City will have to carry a \$1,000,000 liability insurance policy on each piece of equipment and name them as additional insurers. Attorney Dickey recommended not signing this agreement. The cost will be \$40,200 with a trade in. Councilmember Exley asked if this was the only company, Mr. Williams said this was the lowest bid. Mrs. Kelly said if Council doesn't want to lease, could the Golf Course purchase the equipment and borrow from the General Fund; some of the funds were budgeted for the Golf Course. Councilmember Exley asked if we could refurbish the current equipment. Mr. Williams said we have looked at the option, but he is in dire need of equipment now. A motion was made to look at refurbishing the equipment we already have.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Exley

Second: Councilmember Browher

Vote by Council: Unanimous

## **4. Administrative Reports:**

**City Manager** – Mrs. Kelly informed Council that two city employees will be recognized at the Effingham Living Magazine 2018 Most Fab Awards event on June 26; also we had an ad promoting safety in the Effingham Living Magazine. Councilmember Dasher where are we at with code enforcement violations; Mrs. Kelly said she is working on it, and has a copy of the nuisance ordinance, but there are some challenges with the ordinance. She explained the challenging steps. Councilmember Dasher said he would like to see us get an ordinance that has teeth to it. Mrs. Kelly said whatever we do we do need teeth to the ordinance and

as the City grows we will need a code enforcement officer who can issue citations. Mrs. Kelly asked Council if they wanted her to proceed with code enforcement residential and commercial alike; Councilmember Dasher said that is what he is saying and Councilmember Exley said he is saying proceed also. He has pictures of several businesses that have tires on site. Councilmember Browher asked if Council could have proposals at the next meeting, Mrs. Kelly said yes. She also said Chick fil A will have the revised plans on the Planning and Zoning Agenda for June and come before Council on the fourth Monday of the month.

**Fire Department** – Chief Rahn said they had interviews today, but due to time constraints will not be able to interview all this week; Chief Rahn asked about hiring for two positions instead of the one that is budgeted, he doesn't need answer tonight.

**Water/Sewer/Public Works** – Mr. Bowles said he sent Council pictures of the wrecked contract crew work van. He stated that he has not gotten an accident report for the van and no one from the prison had contacted him when the accident happened, they contacted Joey Pilate. He needs to know what to do, put the crew on hold or find them a ride. Mr. Bowles said he went online and shopped around and showed Council pictures. He will try to get one for around \$10,000. There was discussion on prices. Mrs. Kelly asked Council how long they are willing for them inmate crew to be down, and what is the budget. Mayor Lee said \$10,000 on van is good. Mrs. Kelly said we will look on the state contract to see if there is anything.

James Woods with the City of Hogansville asked if we looked at other alternatives. Transportation agencies, like Council of Aging are good resources. In Hogansville they have paid less than \$1,500 by using transportation agencies.

**Lost Plantation** – Josh Williams talked about refurbished equipment, he said by using refurbishing equipment there is an unknown and quotes will be hard to get; they were not able to find a buyer for the surplus copper wire and he would like to take it to the scrap yard. These are not full spools. Mr. Williams said the quote came in for the refurbished equipment at \$8,000 Councilmember Exley suggested getting more quotes. Councilmember Browher asked about tournaments, Mr. Williams said they have been down slightly.

**Mayor and Council** – Councilmember Browher asked about Plantation Drive. Mrs. Kelly said we have the survey, Attorney Dickey said the next step is to contact Mr. Macomber about signing a deed.

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

Motion: Councilmember Dasher  
Second: Councilmember Wendelken  
Vote by Council: Unanimous

Motion to return to meeting: Councilmember Wendelken  
Second: Councilmember Dasher  
Vote by Council: Unanimous

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

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

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

No action taken.

**Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn: Councilmember Dasher  
Second: Councilmember Wendelken  
Vote by Council: Unanimous