



**CITY OF RINCON  
OFFICIAL MINUTES  
RINCON CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
107 W. 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
7:00 PM**

**Councilmembers Present:**

Levi Scott, Jr.  
Paul Wendelken  
Reese Browher  
James Dasher  
Kevin Exley

**Councilmember Absent:**

Ann Daniel

**Present:**

Ken Lee, Mayor  
LaMeisha Hunter Kelly, City Planner/ Interim City Manager  
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney  
Dulcia King, City Clerk  
Corey Rahn, Fire Chief  
Tim Bowles, Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Wendelken and the Pledge to the Flag was recited.

**Approval of the agenda:**

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

Mayor Lee recognized the Boy Scouts that were present.

**Old Business:**

**1. Present plaque of appreciation to Christi Ricker.**

Mayor Lee recognized Mrs. Ricker for her four year commitment of time and energy to the Rincon City Council. A plaque was presented.

**New Business:**

**1. Stephanie Wilkins request to appear before Council to discuss reimbursement due to water usage.**

Mrs. Kelly informed Council this is a resident that had questions about her water bill. Mrs. Kelly was able to make an adjustment at staff level, but the resident wanted further adjustments. Mrs. Kelly said every year she does have a spike in her bill and at one time she did have a faulty transmitter.

No action taken.

**2. Buckel Design Group, LLC requests Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval for a 5,560 s.f. commercial building located at 5440 S. Columbia Avenue. Property is zoned GC-General Commercial, and consists of .64 acres; property is owned by Jemsite Development, LLC. (Map# R2120018A01)**

Jacob Lang said he is building a strip mall, with three tenants. This property has been sitting for a long time. He did inform Council that the building will be a little taller, but Jemsite did get a variance for this. Mr. Lang also announced one of the tenants will be AT&T. Mrs. Kelly did recommended approval. They have addressed all of the concerns and everything has been addressed.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Exley

Vote by Council: Unanimous

Mayor Lee asked about the timeline, Mr. Lang said mid to end of July.

**3. PINCO requests approval of Pay Request #13 in the amount of \$16,627.30, for Lower Floridan Wellhouse and Main project. LI# 40.6260.4418**

Mr. Kelly said the work has been done and checked by Mr. Bowles.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher

Second: Councilmember Exley

Vote by Council: Unanimous

**4. Request to approve the 2017-2022 Effingham County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

Clint Hodges said every five years Effingham County, along with Rincon, Springfield and Guyton has to update the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Hodges said Mrs. Kelly and

Travis Grubbs had input in the plan and he appreciates their participation. This plan is through both FEMA and GEMA, and is required as a whole for mitigation projects reimbursement funding. Additional focus was given to severe water. Big projects that were added were the reservoir project and ash roads. Councilmember Wendelken asked do we need to add something for hacking and terrorism on infrastructure, Mr. Hodges said that was part of the plan under other infrastructure. Mrs. Kelly said if approved there is also a standard resolution. The motion was made to approve the mitigation plan and resolution.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Wendelken

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

**5. Request to approve contract with Falcon Fireworks at Freedom Rings celebration in the amount of \$15,185.00. LI# 10.4101.2210**

Mrs. Kelly said it is time to get ready for Freedom Rings in Rincon. This is the same amount as last year.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Dasher

Councilmember Exley asked is there any revenue stream. Mrs. Kelly said there is a little money coming in from the vendors; it is like an investment into the City. Attorney Dickey said the hotel/motel tax we receive has to be spent on a community event. Councilmember Wendelken asked about the inclement weather clause and he see there is rescheduling charge of 15%, would we have to pay him again. Mrs. Kelly said for the people to come out and set up. Councilmember Wendelken said he feels we could get a better deal on the rescheduling fee. Mrs. Kelly said she would ask, but we will advertise this as a rain or shine event. Attorney Dickey said there are other issues involved, if the event is cancelled he would have to store the fireworks on site. Councilmember Browner asked about the scaffolding and said it seemed pretty high. Mrs. Kelly said this year we are not looking at a band, we will only have a DJ. There will be no lights just something to transition the crowd. Councilmember Wendelken talked about allowing the vendors to stay longer after the fireworks have ended, Mrs. Kelly said we require them to stay until the fireworks are over and lights come back up.

Vote by Council: Unanimous

**6. Request approval for Carl Hendricks to repair Fire Engine 7 in the amount of \$6,100.00. LI# 216.3500.522**

Chief Rahn said Carl Hendricks is rebuilding the fire pump on Engine 7. He is a private service and has been doing work for the last 25 years. With using our own mechanic there will be a savings of \$2000.00.

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

## **7. Administrative Reports:**

**City Manager** – Mrs. Kelly said following up with Freedom Rings, last year because the vendors got rained out, we did not charge them this year; she and the Fire Chief met with County Manager to talk about the fire contract, the meeting was productive and the County recommends extending the fire contract another year and work out details during service delivery. The County would like to see this become a multiyear contract; TJS Deemer, Daner will be back on site Wednesday to get final documents for the audit.

Councilmember Dasher asked why not do a multiyear contract now; Mrs. Kelly said it will affect the County's budget because they are on a fiscal year and working on the budget now; it can be discussed during service delivery. Service Delivery needs to be completed and submitted by September 2019. Councilmember Scott asked about the number of rooftops; Mrs. Kelly said when Council went with the contract they didn't keep up with rooftops but went with calls. Councilmember Scott said we need to look at rooftops versus calls and need to look at the potential impact.

**Mayor and Council** – Councilmember Brower said the new signs look good, he asked about the energy audit, the water fountain and the revenue from the fair. Mrs. Kelly said some of the revenue went towards security, light bill, and water bill. Councilmember Wendelken asked about an after action report on the fair. Mrs. Kelly said she has not heard from Lynn Childress, and asked Council about having a workshop June 4. Councilmember Dasher asked if there was a resolution on the City limits sign by Dewitt Insurance, Mrs. Kelly said she will speak to the man that put the sign up.

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

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

Motion to return to meeting: Councilmember Scott  
Second: Councilmember Brower  
Vote by Council: Unanimous

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

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

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

No action taken.

**Adjourn:**

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