



**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
RINCON CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
107 W. 17TH STREET
7:00 PM**

Councilmember Present:

Reese Browher
Ann Daniel
Patrick Kirkland – Present by phone
W. Frederick Long
Levi Scott, Jr.

Present:

Ken Lee, Mayor
John Klimm, City Manager
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney
Dulcia King, City Clerk
Jonathon Murrell, Police Chief
Pete Smith, Asst. Fire Chief
Jason Stewart, City Planner
Mike Osborne, Recreation Director
Tim Bowles, Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Daniel and Pledge to the Flag was recited.

Councilmember Kirkland was present by phone. A physical quorum was present in Council Chambers.

Approval of the agenda:

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

Approval of the January 11, 2021 minutes: These minutes were approved at the February 1, 2021 special called meeting.

Approval of the February 1, 2021 minutes:

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

New Business:

1. Request to approve a contract with Geosyntec Consultants to provide water quality and biological monitoring and reporting for the City of Rincon Watershed Protection Plan.

Mr. Klimm said the City is required to do monitoring and reports and Geosyntec has done this for us in the past. Robert Dunn with Geosyntec was present. Mr. Dunn said for this year it is only for water quality monitoring not biological monitoring. Mayor Lee had questions about the schedule of monitoring events and wanted to be sure the dates are correct. Mr. Dunn said that looks like a typo, the January 2021 monitoring event will need to be pushed to end of Dec 2021 to meet the water requirements. He will amend the proposal and resubmit.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Daniel

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

2. Request Approval to Accept the Warranty Bond Amounts and Agreements Submitted for Hickory Knob Phase 12 for Infrastructure and Grass Maintenance.

Jason Stewart said they have submitted the cash bonds amounts and this has been reviewed by staff and engineering. He is asking Council to accept.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Browher

Vote by Council: Unanimous

3. Request approval of Pay Request #1 from Southern Civil, LLC in the amount of \$136,608.75 for the OmniTrax Utility Extension – Pump Station Rehab. LI #510.9501.541490

Alec Metzger with EMC was present. Mr. Metzger said this is the pump station at Highway 21 and Towne Park. They are pretty much done with the project and will start pumps up tomorrow. This is the first pay request but and there should be another one with the final numbers. The total cost was \$199,750. Attorney Dickey asked were there other pumps, Mr. Metzger said no.

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

4. Request approval to contract with All American Petting Zoo for the 4th Annual Rincon Spring Fair to be held April 2 – April 11, 2021.

Mr. Osborne asked Council if they were ok with holding the fair, he would like to still hold it. Mayor Lee said he knows everyone is trying to be cautious but with this being an outside event he was hoping we could make it a safe and encourage safety. But he doesn't want it to be a super spreader event. Mr. Osborne said there would be hand sanitizing and washing stations and they will ask people to wear mask and also provide mask. From his understanding the fair will had sanitizing mist guns to spray seats. Mayor Lee asked where this vendor has had events; Mr. Osborne said they have already held events in Florida and North Carolina. Councilmember Scott wanted to know what kind of commitment they were going to show as far as safety. Councilmember Daniel asked about the rides and what kind of animals were they going to have for the petting zoo. Attorney Dickey said we will need to add additional safe guards on the contract with the fair company. Mayor Lee asked Attorney Dickey could they approve this subject to attorney's approval. Attorney Dickey said you wouldn't want to contract with the petting zoo until you wrap things up with Fair first. Attorney Dickey asked could this wait one more week we need to set COVID restrictions. Mayor Lee asked about bad weather would we still be obligated, Mr. Osborne said yes. Councilmember Daniel asked is this a money maker, Mr. Osborne said we have made money every year we have had the fair. Mayor we will hold off on this until the next meeting. Table until next meeting; Browher asked about petting zoo; Councilmember Kirkland asked can we make mask a requirement not just a recommendation, Mr. Osborne said we don't have manpower to monitor that. Councilmember Kirkland said he feels like we would be doing the right thing to require mask. Susie Davis asked could we require more than the Governor. Attorney Dickey said that is still up in the air in the court system. A workshop was scheduled for Tuesday. A motion was made to table.

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

5. Request approval to surplus a 2000 Chevrolet GMT400.

Mr. Klimm said there is no use for this truck it is sitting at the golf course. The truck is 20 years old.

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

City Manager – Mr. Klimm asked Council about the rental of facilities, Mayor Lee said that needs to be a workshop item; they are reworking the TSPLOST plan and probably will have that at the next meeting; he will have an informal meeting with the County and will have an update for Council at the workshop on Thursday.

Chief of Police – Chief Murrell informed Council that he has a price for the light bars, they will be around \$1,800.00 a bar.

Water/Sewer/Public Works – Mayor Lee asked Mr. Bowles about his staff. He said one is on worker's compensation and he is down by two people.

Mayor and Council -

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

No executive session.

Adjourn:

Motion: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Browher

Vote by Council: Unanimous