

Riceboro City Council June 7, 2016 Time: 6:03 p.m. Meeting #463

A. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Wm. T. Austin, Mayor, with Council Members J.

Young, T. Williams, Sr., D. Miller and C. Stacy present;

B. Confirmation of Proper Notice of Meeting;

C. Invocation – Council member D. Miller;

D. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member

C. Stacy to adopt said minutes; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;

Old Business

Review of ongoing projects requiring engineer/contractor support:

1. Water/Sewer System – (P.C. Simonton & Assoc.)

A. Remaining Sewer Projects – Update – Council Member T. Williams, Sr., indicated that the hook-up for Robert Young on Hwy. 17 is being worked on; in the process of acquiring a piece of property next to Mr. Young for the lift station; Everything else is about the same;

B. CDBG 2014 – Update – None – Project is basically completed;

C. Green Well – Update – Mayor Austin indicated that a request came from GEFA to provide some information that's need by June 10, 2016; do have an auditor to secure interim information for GEFA;

D. AMR System – Update – Council Member T. Williams, Sr., stated that installations are about 35% complete at the present time; a meeting is scheduled with the software provider on Wednesday, June 8, 2016;

2. Community Development – Council Member C. Stacy – Update – Mayor Austin spoke briefly about not being awarded the CHIP grant; 76% out of 100% scoring; only 16 entities were awarded;

Council Member C. Stacy said a date needs to be established for demolition of dilapidated buildings; it was suggested to identify one building to get started and get back with City Council; SYP – interviews will take place Monday and Tuesday, June 13th and 14th

; 33 applications have

been received at this time; Would like to establish a group of Seniors/Elderly persons; this will be a community effort; Mayor Austin indicated that the city will look at the next CDBG for the

possibility of being able to construct a Senior Citizen Complex; also the idea of having a Farmer's Market was mentioned; Council Member C. Stacy said he will get back with concept to Council in about Two weeks; Mrs. Debra Attical, Grant Specialist will put the information together; Would also like to establish a landmark to identify Riceboro Ricefest;

\*Old house on hwy. 17 next to the bridge – Council agreed to have it torn down;

\*Ricefest field – would like to get maintenance crew to start working on the area doing some restoration;

#### New Business

1. Request to move Public Participation as first item under New Business – Council Member T. Williams, Sr., agrees; Council Member C. Stacy alright with it if someone comes in late, do they get to come back and address their issue; Council Member J. Young questioned why can't it be maybe half way on the agenda; Motion Council Member C. Stacy to do a trial of six months to see how it works, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;
2. Business License Application, Gabby Hartage – LCPC – Approval – Vanessa Collins Roberts for home based business (Marketing Leadership Advisory Business "Leadership Living/Market) – LCPC recommend for approval; Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd Council Member J. Young to approve license; 4 yea; 0 nay;
3. Georgia Department of Community Affairs – CHIP – See Correspondence – FYI; this item was discussed under Community Development;
4. Georgia Federation of Teachers – Opportunity School Dist. – See Correspondence – FYI; Suggestion was made to do an early town hall meeting before December 2016; Council Member C. Stacy will be responsible for getting information out to the citizens;
5. Georgia Municipal Association – See Correspondence – Certified City of Ethics Program – FYI;
6. SPLOST VI Project List – See Handout – FYI – Mayor Austin said they are successfully getting the County to move on SPLOST; Riceboro's share is \$420,000;
7. Request to proceed with purchase of a Hi-Ho – Approval – Motion Council Member T. Williams,  
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nd. Council Member C. Stacy to allocate \$50,000 and proceed with said purchase; this will come from fund balance; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;

8. Customer Complaints – All complaints reviewed and approved;

9. Public Participation – Ralph Ward – MLK Holiday – would like to construct a life like photo to display on the stage during MLK’s birthday in January; also interested in participating in the Ricefest by building a float; advise to give his name and contact information to Gabelyn Stevens, Chair person;

\*Ella Minneweather – Question of CHIP Grant – Mayor Austin stated that the City did not get awarded this year; Ms. Minneweather said she is having problems with the siding on her home; Council Member C. Stacy will get contact information for Tres Hamilton with Coastal Georgia out of Brunswick for her;

\*Resolution – Hazard Mitigation Plan – Adoption – Mayor Austin read said resolution; Motion Council Member C. Stacy, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to adopt said item; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;

\*Council Member J. Young said that the walking trail at the Youth Center is already be utilized;

\*DMG (Dorthy M. Gordon) – Designs for custom made drapes for City Hall – cost \$4,146.00 (Four Thousand One Hundred Forty-Six) Dollars; Motion Council Member J. Young, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to approve said item; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;

10. Financial Statement, Month of May, 2016 – Adoption – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd

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Council Member C. Stacy to adopt said item; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;

11. Adjournment – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member J. Young to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.; Passed unanimously;