

- A. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Wm. T. Austin, Mayor, with Council Members T. Williams, Sr., C. Stacy, J. Young and D. Miller present;
- B. Confirmation of Proper Notice of Meeting;
- C. Invocation – Council Member J. Young;
- D. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting/Special Meeting – Motion Council Member T. Williams, Sr., 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 – Paul reported that the pump station for Robert Young should have power by the end of the week and startup will take place; John Gill property needs an easement to get installation completed; property on E.B. Cooper need to extend sewer; the other property on E.B. Cooper has sewer;
 - B. Green Well – Approval from EDA on certain items; bid package for EDA being put together; proposal 10 April for review, grading criteria, etc. needs to be rated for GO tactics; plans are to start construction in August for Green Well;
 - C. Records Retention Policy – Adoption – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member T. Williams, Sr., to adopt said policy; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;
2. Community Development, Council Member C. Stacy – Update – Opening of Park scheduled for May 6, 2017; Debra Attical, Grant Specialist/Special Projects will send a letter to property owners by Friday, April 7, 2017 for demolition project; An heirs property meeting will be scheduled for June 10, 2017;

New Business

1. Public Participation – John McIver – problems next to New Zion – unsightly property – this issue will be addressed; a complaint will be submitted to the city;
2. LCPC – Gabby Hartage - *Lisa Davis – See handout – for info. only; tabled;
*Gateway Review – Gas Station/Convenience Store – Alfreida Walthour - Map presented; recommended by Gateway Review Board; Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member C. Stacy to approve said item; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;
*Mobile Home – Intersection of Hwy. 17/Frazier Dr. – Daniel Mellerson – water/sewer – tabled for May's meeting;

3. Mrs. Henrietta Relaford Weaver – Property Use Complaint/Issues – Activity under the tree; Lawson Est., not the Relaford property; Pearl Axson spoke about this issue also; Mayor Austin advised Mrs. Weaver to write a letter; “NO Trespassing” signs will be posted;
4. City of Walthourville – Annual Military Appreciation Celebration – FYI - May 20, 2017;
5. Kids to Parks Day – May 20th – Events; Proclamation by the City – Approval – Motion Council Member C. Stacy, 2nd. Council Member T. Williams, Sr., to adopt said proclamation; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;
6. EDA/Procurement Policy – Approval – Motion Council Member T. Williams, Sr., 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to approve said item; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;

(2). Financial Policy – Approval – Motion Council Member T. Williams, Sr., 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to approve said item; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;

7. Rental Rules/Policies/Permit/Application for Riceboro Pavilion – Discussion/Approval – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member J. Young to approve said item; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;
8. Customer Complaints – Not any;

*Riceboro Area Ministerial Alliance – Meeting March 31, 2017 @ First Zion Baptist Church; Council Member T. Williams, Sr., gave highlights/recap from the city and attended the meeting; Debra Attical, Grant Specialist, also attended said meeting;

*Mayor Austin commented how extremely well the CDBG projects went; getting grants for green well, etc.

*CHIP Grant – City awarded \$612,000 in grants; being a part of GICH gave Riceboro a substantial amount of points;

*Revitalization Plan – Revitalization strategy talked about briefly; 10 months to complete the plan;

*County-Wide Workshop – Council Member J. Young said a gentleman approached him about the SYP program that the city has in place; he told him that Council Member C. Stacy initiated the program; compliments given to Council Member C. Stacy; the County has adopted this program;

*Oak Street paved – Pearl Axson, resident that lives on this street expressed appreciation for the work that was done;

*Senior Program – Farmer’s Market and other programs – Saturday mornings as designated time frame; someone needs to be on the site and more planning needs to be done for said projects;

9. Financial Statement, month of March, 2017 – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member C. Stacy to adopt said statement; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;

*Report from Daniel Mobley on Library Board – for information;

*Executive Session – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member C. Stacy to add said item; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;

*Motion Council Member T. Williams, Sr., 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to come out of regular meeting and go into executive session for property acquisition at 7:26 p.m.; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;

* Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member C. Stacy to come out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. and return to regular session; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;

Motion Council Member C. Stacy, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to proceed with purchase of property from Peter Winn Martin; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;

10. Adjournment – Motion Council Member C. Stacy, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to adjourn at 8:32 p.m.; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;

City Clerk

Mayor