

- A. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by J. Harris, Mayor, with Council Members L. Brown, P. Axson, D. Miller and J. Young present;
- B. Confirmation of Proper Notice of Meeting – City Clerk;
- C. Invocation – Council Member J. Young;
- D. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting – Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member P. Axson to adopt said minutes; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Old Business:

1. P.C. Simonton, Engineer – Questions/Concerns – Roads – Letter to East Coast Asphalt for liquidated damages;  
  
Council Member J. Young – water leaks; sewer issues backing up – problem has been resolved; Paul is continuing to work on the problem;
2. Community Development, Council Member P. Axson – Update – met with Kacee Masoni – United Way to discuss issues concerning citizens of Riceboro; e.g. Senior citizens – willing to lend a hand; she has a contact #; Thanks to Chris Stacy for the food distribution program; Letter from NAACP – 2021 Annual Gala Awards – asking city to do an add – full or ½ page; Recommendation to do a ½ page for \$100.00 dollars;

New Business:

1. Public Participation via Facebook Live/In person:
  1. Brenda Addie – Letter read for Recall of Mayor;
  2. Dorothy Cottom – Letter read for Recall of Mayor Joseph Harris – City Council to initiate the process;
  3. Ronald Brown – removed his meter; city still owes him money;
  4. Jamal McIver – pictures of forefathers removed and need to be put back up;
  5. John McIver – Mayor & Council – written remarks for all members and the City Clerk were presented in a handout and also read by Mr. McIver, former Mayor; Disrespect to remove pictures of the previous administration off the wall;

\*Council Member J. Young ask Attorney John Pirkle if it was in order to make a resolution to put pictures back on the wall? Yes was the answer; Motion Council Member J. Young, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member D. Miller to said item; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

2. Customer Complaints – Council Member D. Miller – meters were full of water; need to replace defective meters; crew had to go back and re-read meters;

\*Council Member L. Brown stated that Greg Gordon, E.B. Cooper Hwy.; stated culvert was exposed; response was it's private property and he is responsible for replacing it;

\*Council Member J. Young – 9/11 Observance Day will be held next to city hall on September 11, 2021 – contact Dennis Fitzgerald of the fire department;

\*Council Member L. Brown – September 15 scheduled to hold a Hurricane Awareness meeting at 6:00 p.m. at the Riceboro Youth Center; Liberty County EMA team will come in and give some pointers;

\*City workers will be filling in pot holes where the mail carriers leave a trench along the edge of the roadway to deliver mail; Commissioner M. Stevens working on where they can get asphalt to make the repairs;

3. Hi-Fidelity Civic Club – Thank You Card – FYI;
4. Project Reach G.A.N.G., Inc., Lavonia LeCounte – Thank You Letter & Certificate of Appreciation – FYI;
5. LCPC, Gabby Hartage – Request by Hinesville Home Center – Locate Double-Wide on Frazier Drive – Christopher Hutchinson – Meets all requirements – recommendation to approve – Motion Council Member J. Young, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member D. Miller to approve said request; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

\*Johnny Richardson – E.B. Cooper Hwy. – house will be in unincorporated area; customer wants to connect to city's services; they would maintain grinder pump; they would pay water and sewer fees to the city; this was previously discussed with the previous administration; they presently reside at 8410 E. B. Cooper Hwy., Riceboro, GA.  
Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member J. Young to approve request; Council Member L. Brown abstain due to kinship; Pass 3 yea; 1 abstain;

6. Council Member David Miller – A. Ampstun Update;      B. Sanitation RFP;  
73% Ampstun Update;  
Sanitation RFP – Atlantic and Republic Waste – In negotiation; by October 31<sup>st</sup>, a decision has to be made; by November should have an answer; planning on working with the County also;
7. Mayor Joseph Harris – A. Nextbill Pay Proposal;      B. ARP Budget;  
Nextbill Pay Proposal – Ampstun has a cheaper system; will provide information to Council;
8. Executive Session – Personnel – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member L. Brown to come out of regular meeting and go into executive session at 7:00 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member P. Axson to come out of executive session and go back to regular meeting at 7:40 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;  
Items discussed – new hire; ARP budget – stays the same, premium to be adjusted; Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member L. Brown to accept items discussed; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

9. Financial Statement, Month of August, 2021 – Adoption – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member J. Young to adopt said statement; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

10. Adjournment – Motion Council Member J. Young, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member D. Miller to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

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City Clerk

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Mayor Pro-tem