

- A. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by C. Stacy, Mayor, with Council Members L. Brown, D. Miller, J. Young and T. Akra present;
- B. Confirmation of Proper Notice of Meeting – City Clerk;
- C. Invocation – Former Council Member, Tommy Williams, Sr.;
- D. Pledge of Allegiance;
- E. Adoption of Agenda – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to adopt Agenda; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
- F. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting & Special Call Meeting – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to adopt said minutes; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
- G. Reading of the Civility Pledge;

***Moment of Silence for 3 military soldiers that lost their lives from GA and for Secretary of Defense, Lloyd Austin who is hospitalized for a second time;**

Old Business:

1. P.C. Simonton, Engineer – Questions/Concerns/Information – Update(s) – Water/Sewer – Service for Briar Bay Road; Chemtall pump station was running all day; force main issues; working to get it unclogged; prepared to install scada system for the remaining lift stations; GIS – Paul sent agreement; He spoke to Platinum Paving contractor today – later this week patches for Barrington Ferry Rd., Magnolia Street, etc. up for completion;
2. Dana Ingram, AAA Consulting Services – Update(s) – Monthly – New Employee, Mrs. Renee Brown – Assistant Manager, Marketing Employee – 21 apps were turned in; 1st. draft of assessments; moving along; slow process but will move along eventually pretty fast;

New Business:

1. Public Participation – Announcement & Invite Public – Alfreida Walthour – Grand Opening – February 24, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. – Buzzy’s Mini Mart;

Huey Young – complaint – Sandy Run Road – trucks are finished – damages in the front of his property – will city make the repairs, restore his property? Council Member T. Akra, Streets & Roads Dept. Head, will go and check it out;
2. Customer Complaints – Not any;
3. Council Member Louise Brown, Community Development – Updates – Black History Month – asking for support for next year to celebrate for the City of Riceboro; Coloring Contest – February

16th is the deadline for submission; February 20th winner will be announced; will use outside judges; Riceboro residences – city and unincorporated; February 11th – Liberty County Historic Museum Trail – Host Historic Trail 12-4 p.m.; Riceboro Baptismal will be opened and Geechee Kunda; Showcase citizens from Riceboro – recognize them – Mrs. Olnor Noble, DeLisha Milton, Richard LeCounte, etc.

4. FBLA Week Proclamation, Tonya Beverly – Adoption – Motion to adopt said Proclamation, D. Miller, Council Member, 2nd. Council Member T. Akra; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
5. LCPC, Maggie Wright – Variance Request – Michael Hagar, Ice Machine – Motion Council Member J. Young, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to approve variance; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
6. Scott Simpson, CPA – Aprio – 2021-2022 Audit Report Presentation - \$96,000 net pension; previous year was \$157,000;

Council Member J. Young – Fire Dept. – Mutual Aide with the County – 2004 Freightliner – 2012 tanker – County wants to take this truck to Miller Park Fire Station; suggestion is to set up meeting at the Youth Center and explain to the citizens why the truck is needed at Miller Park Fire Station;

7. Carey McIver, Citizen – New water/sewer rates – make sure citizens are aware especially the senior citizens;
8. Public Works Building – 793 Barrington Ferry Rd. – Discussion – Proposing to build a building for the sewer plant - \$107,085.00 (One Hundred Seven-Thousand Eighty-Five) Dollars; Motion Council Member J. Young, 2nd. Council Member T. Akra to approve said item; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
9. Records Retention Storage – 4614 S. Coastal Hwy. – Discussion - Motion Council Member J. Young, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to purchase said building; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
10. City-Wide Retreat – March 16, 2024 – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Coastal EMC Conference Room, Midway, GA;
11. Mayor Update – Information – GA Recognized for best state to do business; 4 major changes coming to the ballot – change vote counting, H.B. 89, H.B. 94, Senate Bill 974, 976; housing shortages;
12. Executive Session – Personnel – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to come out of regular meeting and go into executive session at 7:09 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member T. Akra to come out of executive session at 8:11 p.m. and go back to regular session; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member T. Akra stating matters have been settled to the satisfaction of the Council; Mayor will carry out the direction of the decision made; Council Member J. Young did not participate; Pass 3 yea; 1 abstain;

13. Adjournment – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

City Clerk

Mayor