

- 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 – Tommy M. Williams, Sr.;
- D. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Council Member D. Miller;
- 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 – 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 – Council Member L. Brown;

Old Business:

- 1. P.C. Simonton, Engineer – Questions/Concerns/Information – Update(s) – absent; C. Stacy, Mayor, gave updates – working on meters – contracted with Water Works out of Raleigh, NC – lap top and new software for new system; looking at a warranty agreement; take about 6 months to get everything up and going; change out body and register; Chemtall will purchase their own meter;

Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member J. Young to approve quote from Water Works Metrology, LLC for \$24,063.22 (Twenty-Four Thousand Sixty-Three Dollars and twenty-two cents); Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

*Site plan for Water Treatment Plant for storage shed – P.C. Simonton will draw up site plan; 3 bids from Council Member D. Miller – Daybreak - \$10,000; Leroy Williams - \$11,800; Malcolm LeCounte - \$13,800; Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to accept bid from Daybreak for \$10,000 to cut trees; Pass 3 yea; 1abstain (Council Member J. Young);

- 2. Dana Ingram – Update(s) – Monthly – Healthy Home Program – Moving along; have 21 apps; Mrs. Renee Brown is doing a good job; do have approval to do trailers; 100% grant;

New Business:

- 1. Public Participation – Carey McIver – question on new meters; land behind his house is low land – Corp of Engineers would have to be notified;

*John Pirkle, Attorney – Bicentennial Committee – Michelle Ricketson, contact person;

2. Customer Complaints – Included in the Packets;
3. Council Member Louise Brown, Community Development – Updates – Announcements – Upcoming events – 2024 Calendar – March 4-8 – Qualifying dates; March 8 – Early in-person voting; March 12 – Election Day; Sidewalks being installed at Head Start Building – Engineering contract awarded to P.C. Simonton; Revival – March 10, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m. @ the Riceboro Youth Center; SYP – will begin May 28 – July 3, 2024; March 8 – April 9 – Applications; 14-18 age bracket; 15-20 students; interviews April 16th @ 6:00 p.m. at the Riceboro Youth Center; Mikia Frazier, Brenda Addie – point of contact; March 16, 2024 – City-Wide Retreat; April 20, 2024 – 64 and older – Health Benefits Teaser – The Good Stuff – Marilyn Creech – Youth Center 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. – Pastor’s Quarterly Breakfast – same date & location; Prayer Walk – 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.; sign-in 9:30 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.; Lavonia LeCounte – pavilion;

*Marlon McIver – Fire Dept. – how is the Riceboro Fire Dept. in standing? Council Member J. Young explained the stipulations for the Volunteer Fire Dept.; looking to hire 2 paid firefighters for day time responses; new station at Miller Park will be station 18; 2004 Freightliner was purchased with grant monies; a new fire truck cost is about \$350,000 - \$400,000 (Dollars);

*Willie Anderson, Jr. – question – firefighters for new fire station – some are getting paid and some are volunteers at Miller Park;

4. Maggie Wright, LCPC – Mobile Home Placement, Lot 6, Frazier Dr. – Shawn Green – Description provided – Motion Council Member J. Young, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to approve request; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
 5. LCPC – Variance for Building for SNF – Remove from Agenda per Jeff Ricketson;
 6. Karen Bell, Keep Liberty County Beautiful – Great American Cleanup Proclamation – Adoption – Read by Council Member L. Brown; Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to adopt said proclamation; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay – April 27th clean-up day;
 7. Mid-Year County-Wide Retreat – March 27, 2024; FYI; Bryan County Gun Club, Hwy. 17;
 8. Mayor Update – Information – Saturday, April 20th – meeting – life insurance and other items will be discussed; educational information will be presented;
- *Recognize Alfreida Walthour – Thank everyone for their support for the grand opening of Buzzy’s Mini-Mart;
9. Executive Session – Personnel/Land Acquisition – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to come out of regular session and go into executive session at 7:11 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to come out of executive session at 7:55 p.m. and go back to regular session; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member T. Akra to approve executive session items; Pass 3 yea; 1 abstain (Council Member J. Young);

*Youth Center – city has been paying the utility bills; Chemtall has been donating \$20,000 annually for some time now for the Youth Center; this was discussed at the city retreat held March 16th;

*Tommy M. Williams, Sr. – Do a contract; take care of this at the city retreat;

10. Adjournment – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

City Clerk

Mayor