

- A. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Wm. T. Austin, Mayor, with Council Members D. Miller, T. Williams, Sr., C. Stacy present; Council Member J. Young arrived at 6:22 p.m.;
- B. Confirmation of Proper Notice of Meeting;
- C. Invocation – Council Member T. Williams, Sr.,
- D. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member T. Williams, Sr., to adopt said minutes; Passed 3 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 – 2 generators are being ordered; Finalize for E. B. Cooper Projects - \$9300.00 cost – contractor working finance portion; still working on the John Gill project; new construction on C. Anderson Dr.;
 - B. Green Well – Tommy Hatcher, USDA Representative – has all the necessary paperwork for said project; Council Member C. Stacy indicated that C. S. Smith formerly Interstate Paper, that Mr. Durand Standard, HR, will probably be contacting the Mayor for a project re: water issues at the plant;
2. Community Development , Council Member C. Stacy – Update – close-out on Ricefest 2017; 3 houses were up for demolition; 2-16-18 looking at taking about 30 kids to the capitol and 10 adults – SYP and some school children – no cost – bus will be leaving from Bradwell Institute – tour will be done by Rep. Al Williams; kids will be able to sit in on a legislative session;

New Business:

1. Public Participation – Compliments from the audience wishing the officials a Happy New Year and to continue the good work;
2. Scott R. Simpson, CPA – Henderson & Godbee, LLP – Presentation of 2016-2017 Financial Report; City had another good year;
3. Sandra Hicks Sheffield – Chairman of the Library Board – 2 years in; “Thank You”; Special request to have the Midway/Riceboro library branch named after Mrs. Neloweze Cooper and Mrs. Weorsie Smith, former educators; lots of activities are going on at this branch; P.I.N.E.S. Program – involves entire state of Georgia; will make contact with County Commissioners to let Council know their take on naming the library after the 2 names above;

4. Sunoco Food Mart, Riceboro, GA – Discuss alcohol license – Requesting to get a liquor license; Mayor Austin stated that a formal request needs to be sent to the city and they will go from there;
5. HR Express and IT in a Box – See Handouts – membership is \$500 for annual cost of the service; Motion Council Member C. Stacy, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to acquire services of HR Express; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay; IT in a Box – packaged technology service – up for consideration; will get further information for the next meeting; (Council Member D. Miller ask to be excused);
6. Customer Complaints – Not any;

*Due to forecast of possible snow, office personnel will not be working on Wednesday, January 3, 2018; will have maintenance crew to check on the elderly and make sure they have sufficient amounts of water;

7. Financial Statement, Month of December, 2017 – Adoption – Motion Council Member C. Stacy to adopt said statement, 2nd. Council Member T. Williams, Sr.; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;
8. Motion Council Member T. Williams, Sr., to add executive session to the agenda, 2nd. Council Member C. Stacy; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;

Motion Council Member T. Williams, Sr., 2nd. Council Member C. Stacy to come out of regular session and go into executive session at 7:05 p.m.; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;

Motion Council Member C. Stacy, 2nd. Council Member T. Williams, Sr., to come out of executive session and go back to regular session at 7:31 p.m.; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;

Council Member C. Stacy indicated that the officials need to do a city retreat in March, 2018; Mayor Austin advised Chris to set it up and to submit a packet to him prior to the meeting;

9. Adjournment – Motion Council Member T. Williams, Sr., 2nd. Council Member C. Stacy to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;

City Clerk

Mayor