

- A. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Wm. T. Austin, Mayor, with Council Members T. Williams, Sr., J. Young; Council Member C. Stacy arrived at 6:35 p.m. due to work schedule; Council Member D. Miller arrived at 7:00 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 T. Williams, Sr., 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member C. Stacy 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.) – Update
  - A. Remaining Sewer Projects – Update – Council Member T. Williams, Sr. – couple of upsets – lift stations went down due to pump; future – look at a backup pump; get with Paul to talk about spare parts and pumps;
  - B. Green Well – Update – Mayor Austin - project has started; pumping from McIntosh County to Riceboro has been delivered; small well completed; up and running;
  - C. Revision of City’s Retirement Plan – Update – Report received from GMA; cost impact; set up a workshop;
  - D. LCPC, Gabby Hartage – Update – Request for location of 1988 mobile home in disrepair – E. B. Cooper Hwy. @ Crossroad – mobile home not permitted; sitting there for 2 months; in fairly bad condition; official owner, Anthony Andrews; Liberty Gateway overlay map established was presented; Mr. Tommy Houston was present – advised to work with LCPC on a plan to make mobile home comply or move the mobile home; Motion Council Member T. Williams, Sr., 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member C. Stacy, that starting after January’s meeting, Mr. Houston has 6 months to make mobile home compliant; Gabby will write up what’s required and send it to Mr. Houston; January’s meeting will be on the 8<sup>th</sup> for 2019; Mr. Houston will come back with a plan;
  - E. Scott’s Transportation, Rochelle – Update – will look for grant funding to improve transportation for the city; looking for a program that would augment what’s currently being offered; will work with DOT/CRC;

\*Update – Chip Grant – Building 2 new homes – Chatman Estates @ the corner of Peter King road; waiting on tribal council review; completed site plans; type of homes have been selected; 2 applicants approved for rehab;

2. Community Development, Council Member C. Stacy – Update – Ricefest – security concerns for the kids play area – suggestion to put metal barriers where fun zone is located for the kids; 20<sup>th</sup> of December – Riceboro Reach – Christmas give-a-way @ the youth center; Katrina Deason, Manna House – grocery give-a-way project – once a month @ the youth center; Mayor Austin said the Ricefest was a sounding success;

\*Christmas Tree Lighting – This event will always be the 1<sup>st</sup>. Thursday in December; Motion Council Member C. Stacy, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member T. Williams, Sr., to set said date; Pass 3 yea; 0 nay;

3. Council Member D. Miller, absent at the first part of the meeting to give update on Christmas dinner location, date and time;

#### New Business:

1. Public Participation – Willie Waye, III – safety defects – drainage, sewer not draining properly; dishwasher; inspector will be coming on December 11<sup>th</sup> ; he will be putting brick skirting on his mobile home;

\*James Williams – bridge by Riceboro Creek – water remains on the bridge when it rains real heavy; ask Mayor Austin to contact DOT; Mayor said to get with David Miller on this issue;

\*John Young – Fire Dept. – re: accident in Riceboro on Retreat Road; word of advice – be careful; spoke of fire fee meeting that was held @ Midway Complex Center; Mayor Austin recognized the firefighters and commended them and will continue to support them;

\*Council Member C. Stacy – D.S. Smith formerly Interstate Paper, informed him that they want to maintain the road leading to the plant; they will probably come to the next meeting; it was stated that the county now maintains the road;

2. LCPC, Gabby Hartage – DS Smith Sign at Interstate Paper Road – FYI; signs are already there; just changing out the name;
3. Cassandra Thornton – LCRD Piano Instructor – Request for Support – See handout – absent; Mayor Austin ask Council Member T. Williams, Sr. to look at Community Enhancement budget and see what’s available;
4. Jim McIntosh – The Homeless Coalition – Homeless Sock Drive – See Handout;
5. Property Acquisition – Fred Fripp - .4 acres – Magnolia Street; \$9000 appraisal cost; Motion Council Member C. Stacy, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member D. Miller to purchase said property; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
6. Qualifying Fees for 2019 General Election – Set Fees – 3% of Annual Salary for Mayor and Council – Motion Council Member T. Williams, Sr. to set fees as stated; 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member D. Miller; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay; Restructuring of fees to be considered in 2019;

7. Customer Complaints – Not any;
8. Financial Statement, Month of December, 2018 – Adoption – Motion Council Member C. Stacy, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member D. Miller to adopt said statement; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
9. Adjournment – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member T. Williams, Sr., to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

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City Clerk

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Mayor