

- A. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by J. Harris, Mayor, with Council Members D. Miller, P. Axson, L. Brown and J. Young present;

*Motion Council Member P. Axson to amend agenda and add the items for Executive Session, City Attorney – Personnel; Building and Office Management; 2nd. Council Member L. Brown; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member P. Axson to amend agenda to include Zoning permit to locate mobile home on C. Anderson Drive for Mae Johnson: Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

- B. Confirmation of Proper Notice of Meeting – City Clerk;
- C. Invocation – Council Member D. Miller;
- D. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting – Motion Council Member J. Young, 2nd. Council Member P. Axson to adopt said minutes; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Old Business:

Review of ongoing projects requiring engineer/contractor support:

- 1. Water/Sewer System/Roads – P.C. Simonton, Engineer

- C. Headstart/Water/Sewer – Map presentation by Paul; man hole not 12 ft. deep, it is 8 ft. deep; Recommendation to put Hwy. 17 bore in at this time;

- A. Roads – Update – Contract has been closed out; project is completed; stripping;

- B. Green Well – Starlight – Brief discussion held;

Council Member J. Young questioned about water at the fire station; Paul explained the process for correcting the issue;

Council Member J. Young also questioned about the generator at the fire dept.; Paul gave his take on the situation with generator issue;

Old water tank is under maintenance with Southern Corrosion; Paul will ask for a proposal to add new tank; consensus of Council given;

- 2. Community Development, Council Member Pearlie Axson – Ricefest Discussion – County-wide clean-up, May 22, 2021 or June 5, 2021; will give further clarification at a later time;

Riceboro’s Reach – Community Enhancement; requested amount is \$700;

Citizen complaint – asking city maintenance to clean up around the post office; will also ask Keep Liberty County Beautiful for assistance; also, limbing up a tree at the post office requested;

3. Water Bills – online payments – in place;

New Business:

1. Public Participation – Facebook Live;

Ronald Brown present to further discuss discrepancy for water bill;

2. Customer Complaints – not any;

3. LCPC, Gabby Hartage – Business License for Food Truck – Ashley Roberts – Bitime Seafood, LLC – approval – Motion Council Member J. Young, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to approve said license; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Sewer might impose some issues; might involve different cost; elevation needs to be checked;

Added items to the agenda:

Building and Office Management – Council Member L. Brown – question of security cameras; Attorney Pirkle stated the proper procedure is to put bids out for purchases over \$500 (Five-Hundred) Dollars;

Attorney Pirkle said City Council controls the way the city operates;

4. Executive Session – Property Acquisition; City Attorney – Personnel; Building and Office Management;

Motion Council Member J. Young, 2nd. Council Member P. Axson to come out of regular session and go into executive session at 7:08 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Motion Council Member D. Miller to come out of executive session at 8:30 p.m. and go back to regular session; 2nd. Council Member L. Brown; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Discussion in executive session to remove camera from the administrative office in city hall; retro pay for hourly rate increase for City Clerk, Malinda McIver and Grant Administrator, Debra Attical; effective January 1, 2021;

Abandoned vehicle on Hwy. 17 across from the Youth Center – make contact with owner for removal;

Option for Ricefest Event – next meeting will have a discussion;

Motion Council Member J. Young, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller that pay increase for Debra Attical and Malinda McIver take place on next week's payroll; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Motion by Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member J. Young to remove camera in the administrative office; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Motion Council Member L. Brown to have abandoned vehicle across from the Youth Center removed, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Council Member J. Young – Xpress Signs for city logo for signs to go on the vehicles – Ford Fusion, Mayor’s explorer and administrative staff explorer – all vehicles need decals – these are the stick on decals; Council agreed to the stick-on decals; agreed to allow Xpress signs to install the decals; agreed to add one more set; price quote was given for two sets;

Motion Council Member J. Young, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to approve said item; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Financials – Chandra Cox, Finance Administrator – via telephone – revenue stream was projected to be so high and why goal has not been met; need to control General Fund spending;

CD’s – coming up for renewal, one (1) General Fund and three (3) Water Fund Accounts;

After a brief discussion, Motion was made by Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to let CD’s stay as is; Council Member D. Miller stated that CD’s were used as collateral for loans for wells – city has two(2) Thirty (30) year loans for wells;

Credit Card for J. Harris, Mayor and P. Axson, Pro-tem; Credit limit amount for cards was not previously discussed; Amounts for J. Harris’s card is \$10,000 (Ten Thousand) and P. Axson’s card is \$5000 (Five Thousand); Council Member P. Axson stated she does not want her name on a card and ask that card be canceled;

5. Financial Statement, Month of February, 2021 – Adoption – Motion Council Member P. Axson, 2nd. Council Member J. Young to adopt said statement; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
6. Adjournment – Motion Council J. Young, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to adjourn at 9:17 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

City Clerk

Mayor