

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

Old Business:

1. P.C. Simonton, Engineer – Questions/Concerns/Information – Update (s) – McIntosh County – EPD & McIntosh – expansion for Chemtall and the County; will draft a proposal; don't affect any of the current citizens per Council Member J. Young;

LMIG – starting after the 1<sup>st</sup>. of the year; Magnolia Street; Paul will send a schedule of the time line;

2. Dana Ingram, AAA Consulting Services – Update (s) – Monthly – absent;

New Business:

1. Public Participation – Huey Young – Weyerhaeuser – any kind of chemicals that will affect the people; County declined the permit; meeting at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at City Hall to express the city's take on this item; Jeff Ricketson, LCPC, explained the chemicals that we don't want in the city; Attorney John Pirkle also spoke about this issue;
2. Customer Complaints – Included in the packet – all complaints taken care of per Council Member D. Miller;
3. Council Member P. Axson, Community Development – Updates – Christmas Tree Lighting; Ricefest was very successful; Ashley Roberts works with Keep Liberty Beautiful – she was present and introduced herself; Proclamation – Bring One for the Chipper 1/6/24; Revival, December 10<sup>th</sup>; December 16<sup>th</sup> - Food Give-A-Way from 10 to 12 noon at the Youth Center;

4. Maggie Wright, Planner, LCPC – Presentation for Type B Home Occupation for Mr. Thomas Mobley – Food Truck – presented by Jeff Ricketson – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member J. Young to approve said item; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
5. P.C. Simonton, Engineer – Tommy Williams, Jr. – Request for variance on his Tri-plex Development – See Handout – Waive requirements for retention area; waive requirements for sidewalks; Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member P. Axson to grant waiver requirements; Pass 3 yea; 1 abstain due to kinship;
6. John E. Pirkle, Attorney – Complaint – Erika LeCounte – property in the city – not on tax records as anybody’s property; ghost ownership; city can claim it; city does not have a police department to enforce anything; community facility; can condemn it; eminent domain;  
  
Charlie Jones, Sr. – spoke about the property; Greg Bryant – requesting 1 year to clean up everything that is going on around the area;
7. Mr. Huey Young – Discussion – Accommodating more than one dwelling on a piece of property if water/sewer is available – 1 acre has 4 lots – how much can you put on an acre?
8. Andrea Murray – Big Top Circus – 5-7 of April, 2024 – Looking to bring Big Top Circus to Riceboro; donate \$2.00 per ticket to Riceboro; port-o-johns, light tower, water from hydrant, fencing - amenities needed from Riceboro;
9. State of the City – December 11, 2023 – 7:00 p.m. – Riceboro Youth Center;
10. Swearing-in-Ceremony – December 28, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.;
11. Atlantic Waste – increase on the trash rate for January, 2024 – Approval – Motion Council Member J. Young to do \$4.50 now for January, 2024 and come back in October and do the remaining \$4.50 plus new increase; 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member L. Brown; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
12. Executive Session – Personnel – Pay Increase, Christmas Bonus – Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member P. Axson to come out of regular meeting and go into executive session at 7:38 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;  
  
Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Member P. Axson to come out of executive session at 8:08 p.m. and go back to regular meeting; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;  
  
Items discussed were pay increases and Christmas Bonuses;
13. Adjournment – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member P. Axson to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

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City Clerk

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Mayor