

A. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by C. Stacy, Mayor, with Council Members J. Young, L. Brown, D. Miller, T. Akra present;

B. Confirmation of Proper Notice of Meeting – City Clerk;

\*Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member L. Brown to amend Agenda to add items #5 & 6 under new business; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

C. Invocation – Tommy Williams, Sr.;

D. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Adoption of Agenda – Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member D. Miller to adopt said Agenda; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

F. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting & Special Call Meeting (December 18, 2024) – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member T. Akra 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) – nothing new to report; building being inspected at wastewater treatment plant; Sandy Run Road – found valve; Palm Coast will do a bore; water will be off about ½ day; waiting on DOT permit for Willie Fagan; John Roberts, 2 houses on E.B. Cooper; will come back with a plan for this project; John needs to wait until Paul gets back with the plan; get a proposal from Palm Coast;

\*Sandy Run Road – Council Member J. Young said where the leak is at, there's got to be a pot hole;

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

New Business:

1. Public Participation – Leah Poole, LCDA – Bi-Monthly Wives Tour – Wednesday, February 5, 2025; Sleep in Heavenly Peace Program – requested to elaborate by Council Member L. Brown – program provides beds for children by building them;

The Value of a Memory – Kadeem Brown (Marron) – graduate of Georgia State University; gave presentation of his business;

2. Customer Complaints – included in the packet; issues addressed by Council Member D. Miller;
3. Council Member Louise Brown, Community Development – Updates – The Stacy Family – Thank You Card – Sympathy – Brother; Black History Month – February; Super Museum Sunday – County-Wide Event – 2/9/25; 1-3 p.m. Baptismal Site will be opened – narrators will be Daniel Fleming, Modibo Kadalie; Community Prayer Warriors Walk – Peggy LeCounte – March 8, 2025 – Riceboro Youth Center – 10 – 11:30 a.m.; SYP – May 26 thru June 30<sup>th</sup>; July 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the end of the program – graduation – deadline for applications will be 4/9/25; April 5, 2025 – Dress for Success Program – Live Oak Church sponsored by the City of Hinesville; Ricefest budget - \$82,000; Revenue \$8,000; vendor fees \$8,100; sponsorships \$7,300; \$23,500 income; balance of ARPA monies \$11,600; overage of \$6,000;
4. Tonya Beverly, Business Education – FBLA Week & CTSO Proclamations – Adoption – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member T. Akra to adopt said proclamations; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
5. LCPC, Lori Parks, Zoning Administrator – Mobile Home Permit for Pay McGhee & Monica Fletcher-Hines – Map/Parcel # 1668006 – E.B. Cooper Hwy. – Double-Wide – Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member T. Akra with stipulation that Council Member D. Miller, Paul Simonton and Dean Glover will sign off on paperwork, then they would come to City Hall to pay impact fees; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
6. Advanced Innovative IT Solutions (AIIIS) – Antonio Williams, President – Overview of Business – absent;
7. City-Wide Retreat – March 22, 2025 – 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Riceboro HeadStart School;
8. The Austin Family – “Thank You” Card – copy in the packet;
9. Mayor Update(s) – Information – Warming Shelters/Cooling Shelters; H.B. # 581; Senator Warnock – February 10<sup>th</sup>; Grant Monies; the current Audit Firm no longer doing local governments; Scott no longer with APRIO; 2 RFP’s presented; March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline to complete Audit; Program – “ALICE” – asset limited income constrained employed – don’t make enough money to survive; struggling financially; Back Pack

Buddy for Kids; give Council time to look over proposals; Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member T. Akra to go with Auditing Firm that only does auditing services, Hurst & Hurst, CPAs; Pass 3 yea; 1 abstain (Council Member J. Young);

10. Executive Session – Land, Personnel – Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member D. Miller to come out of regular meeting and go into executive session at 7:48 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member L. Brown to come out of executive session at 8:32 p.m. and go back to regular session; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member T. Akra to approve items discussed; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

11. Adjournment – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member L. Brown to adjourn at 8:33 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;`

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