

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

Old Business:

1. P.C. Simonton, Engineer – Questions/Concerns/Information – Update(s)

Sewer at the Headstart School – contracted with City of Hinesville to use TV camera & cleaning machine; 1ft. drop – camera submerged; manhole on top of the service – it crushed the line; everything has to be replaced – Lavendar & Associates notified of the issue; will have to remove all sewer and start over; want services done as soon as possible; will affect the Youth Center also; moving forward with warranty on the system; expenses are on the contractor; have Attorney to send a letter – Paul not sure of who it goes to; need to go through the headstart folks; meet with Tres Hamilton, Paul, David, Mayor Stacy and any other Council Members hopefully on Wednesday; Council authorize Mayor Stacy to notify Headstart representative; Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to make contract corrections in 7 days; if contractor cannot do it, City will back charge Headstart School; will consult City Attorney to make sure everything is legally done; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Renewing Permit for Wastewater Plant; need to be completed by February 28th;

2. Council Member P. Axson, Community Development – Updates – Letter – Keep GA Beautiful Foundation – sent to the Mayor; Letter read by Council Member P. Axson;

Proclamation for Arbor Day – Read by Council Member P. Axson; - Feb. 17th declared Arbor Day for the City of Riceboro;

New Business:

1. Public Participation – Willie Waye, III – 3 questions – Ask if Mayor knows about the Water Ordinance; Americans with Disability Act and McClendon Enterprise Contractor;

Ronald Brown – billing issues for his services;

Alfreida Walthour – Suggestion to reconsider cutting water off before a holiday or the weekend for delinquent accounts;

Ralph Ward – utility bill sometimes be doubled or shows balance forward;

Catherine Spencer – trucks tearing up the road – reference neighbor across from her – tears up the road by her; Council Member L. Brown will get back with her on this issue;

2. Customer Complaints – Included in the packets;

Information from C. Stacy, Mayor

Grant for sidewalk to the headstart/Frazier Drive from the pier – Two Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Dollars (\$296,000);

Got a FEMA Grant for Nine Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$964,000);

Buddy Back Packs; Black History Month; Reading to the kids at school; Renaming of VA Clinic – 3 vets were from Riceboro;

3. Dana Ingram, AAA Plus Consulting, LLC – Agreement for Professional Services – Approval – Motion Council Member J. Young, 2nd. Council Member P. Axson to approve said contract; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
4. Lori Parks, LCPC – Business License – Buzzy's Mini-Mart, LLC – Approval – Owner, Alfreida Walthour – Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to approve said license; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
5. LCPC, Mardee A. Sanches, PE, Eng. Dir. – Presentation of Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) – 31 Zoning districts for Liberty County; redistributed to 20 Zoning districts;
6. C. Stacy, Mayor – Discussion – Old City Hall – use for storage area; Manna House – will not be giving out groceries or parking; Council Member J. Young stated that the electrical needs to be checked out before putting a refrigerator in the building;
7. Dollar Store Grand Opening – FYI – February 11, 2023 at 10 a.m.;
8. Credit Card – Council – Discussion/Approval – Council Member D. Miller – don't need a card; Council Member J. Young does not want a card; Council Member L. Brown stated she had to pay for valet parking but will be reimbursed; Council Member P. Axson issue – travel card for officials; Mayor Stacy will gather information; do some research on a card and get back with Council;
9. Workshop – Discuss water & sewer and fees; Paul, Engineer and Mayor Stacy will meet on Friday with the Accountant; after that, a date and time will be set;

10. City-Wide Retreat – March 18, 2023 – 9 a.m – 3 p.m.; April, May do Budget; 1st Tuesday June – 1st Reading; 1st Tuesday July – 2nd. Reading and Adoption;

11. County-Wide Retreat – March 29th – ½ day;

12. 9 Pillars of Civility – Civility Pledge – FYI – See Handout – Pledge recited along with audience participation; copies were presented to all participants;

13. Executive Session – Personnel - Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2nd. Council Member P. Axson to come out of regular session and go into executive session at 7:26 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to come out of executive session at 8:09 p.m. and go back to regular session; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

14. Adjournment – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

City Clerk

Mayor