Riceboro City Council November 1, 2022 Time: 6:02 p.m. Meeting # 538

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by C. Stacy, Mayor, with Council Members L. Brown, D. Miller present; Council Member P. Axson out of town; Council Member J. Young has an appointment – running a little late; arrived at 6:23 p.m.
2. Confirmation of Proper Notice of Meeting – City Clerk;
3. Invocation – T. Williams, Sr.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Adoption of Agenda – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown; Pass 3 yea; 0 nay;
6. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting – Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller; Pass 3 yea; 0 nay;

Old Business:

1. P.C. Simonton, Engineer – Questions/Concerns/Information – Upddate(s) – Sewer – 2 pump stations – E.B. Cooper Hwy.; Roads – LMIG Program – list of roads that was sent out; Council Member L. Brown said list that they went over covers all the roads; Magnolia Street – next road that needs to be taken care of because of the drainage issue; County has a drainage crew – could be a task for them to open up some drainage; Mayor Stacy will call the State to see what’s the take on the area; Mr. Samuel Mobley, citizen, also has some drainage issues on his property on E.B. Cooper Hwy.;

New Business:

1. Public Participation via Facebook Live/In Person – Not any;
2. Customer Complaints – Included in the packets;
3. Community Development, Council Member P. Axson – Updates – Breast Cancer Awareness Event for the City was held on October 20th; NAACP Banquet; State of the City; Ricefest – November 11 – 13, 2022; Zumba Classes have started; Workshop for Healthy Homes – Council Member L. Brown and Grant Administrator, Debra Attical took part in the Workshop;
4. Liberty County Tax Assessor, Mrs. Glenda Roberts – Information on Assessment of Property Taxes – Chief Appraiser of Tax Assessor’s Office – Glenda Roberts, Keshia McCullough, Appraiser, Andrea Brown and Georgia Holliday – Information provided by the presenters – Set the value, homestead exemptions – have to apply for it – some are based on age, income, etc., assessments notices are sent every year around May; Jan. 1 – April 1 is the return year; 27,000 parcels in Liberty County;
5. Attorney John Pirkle/P.C. Simonton, Engineer – Utility Ordinance – 1st. Reading – Discussion – Industrial Authority wanting to take over system – Leverage in protecting what we have in the ground; only Mayor and Council have the authority to make changes; waive fees, etc., Mayor Stacy ask that a workshop be set up and then come back with answers;

\*Vote on 90 day Moratorium on excavation or construction in public right-of-way; Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to accept said item; Pass 3 yea; 0 nay;

\*Package Sales – Attorney Pirkle – Do an Ordinance – 2 readings; March 2023 ballot; cost to hold a referendum is $15 - $17,000 (Dollars); check with the County to see if they already have this in place; city should not fund an election for alcohol license;

\*Hampton Island – 550 units plus a hotel; that would consume our capacity for water; they should pay the city for the increase; this should be done with impact fees;

Mayor Stacy will set up a workshop for Hampton Island, Utility Ordinance and Alcohol License;

Garrison Commander will visit here on November 4th;

1. Adjournment – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.; Pass 3 yea; 0 nay;

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