Riceboro City Council October 4, 2022 Time: 6:00 p.m. Meeting # 537

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by C. Stacy, Mayor, with Council Members P. Axson, L. Brown, D. Miller and J. Young present;
2. Confirmation of Proper Notice of Meeting – City Clerk;
3. Invocation – Council Member D. Miller;
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Adoption of Agenda – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to adopt Agenda; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
6. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting & Special Call Meeting held September 14th – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member P. Axson to adopt said minutes; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

Old Business:

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

Sandy Run Road update – targeted for last section with LMIG monies

for 2022-23; fix patch that was looked at by Paul and Council Member L. Brown;

\*Sewer – not doing a whole lot right now; replacing 2 pump stations on E.B. Cooper;

\*Water – McIntosh County to set up meeting with them; Mayor Stacy and Paul will talk to them about expansion of the well; any one else wanting to go can do so;

Council Member J. Young – 1 million gallon in McIntosh County – why do we need more water?

Chemtall has intentions for expansion which would double; well designed to pump 1.1 million per day; replace pumps and some electrical to meet demand; Council Member Young expressed his views on the project; Chemtall will meet with Mayor Stacy, Council Members D. Miller and L. Brown and P. Simonton engineer;

\*Proposed development agreement for Hampton Island – Draft to discuss only; coming forward soon;

1. County-Wide Retreat – Highlights of the Workshop/Retreat – 3 topics discussed at the Retreat - \*Creating a water council for Liberty County

\*Affordable Housing

\*Mental Health

1. 2017 Chip Grant Update, Debra Attical, Grant Admin. – Teresa Dyer of HDRI is no longer administering the Grant; New contact is Rhonda Gilbert – FYI; $45,000 budgeted for 7 homes for rehab; HDRI is no longer administering the grant; $217,000 left in 2017 funds;
2. Charter Updates/Amendments – FYI – Information given to Rep. Al Williams;

\*Ground Breaking for Dollar Store and Ribbon Cutting – Dates before Nov., 2022;

\*Breast Cancer Awareness Month;

\*October 20th – Liberty County – “Paint Liberty County Pink” event – 3-7 p.m.

\*VA – Name Bldg. – Proclamation

\*District 12 Meeting @ Captain Joe’s

New Business:

1. Public Participation via Facebook Live/In Person – Lelon Frazier – pump station issues;

Huey Young – Appreciate work on Sandy Run Road;

1. Customer Complaints – Included in the packets; issues were resolved;
2. Community Development, Council Member P. Axson – Updates

\*Annual Rivers Alive Cleanup – October 22, 2022 – See Handout; Dollar Store construction has begun; Notice – ARPA funds – funds for current businesses in Riceboro; have to complete application; December 1, 2022 – Christmas Tree Lighting for Riceboro; Pumpkin Patch – October 15th. – 2-10 p.m. at Bryant Commons in Hinesville; City name on sign to be relocated at the top of the sign; Veterans – Float in the Ricefest parade – See Council Member Axson to have name added to the list for Veterans;

\*Council Member J. Young – former Mayor Wm. Austin and Officials in office at that time iniated site for Dollar Store; give credit to all that were involved; it was team work;

\*Manner House – taking donations to Ft. Myers, FL., to help victims of IAN; truck going Saturday, October 8, 2022;

1. LCPC, Gabby Hartage, Zoning Admin. – Rezoning Petition 2022-062-R – request by Gary Ryals for rezoning on Jones Street, Chemtall – See Handout – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to come out of regular session at 6:33 p.m. and go into Public Hearing for rezoning petition; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

LCPC recommendation – approval with standard conditions;

Marcus Sax, Engineer – Lelon Frazier – questions -storage facility with a nicer fasad; concern about effects from the plant; no plans for processes coming closer; don’t want any more negative effects on the property;

Council Member P. Axson – concerns of Chemtall meeting with residences; Chemtall plant – incidents have happened at Chemtall; can relay information to Chemtall and have them reach out to the citizens;

Lelon Frazier – asking city that he be a part of what’s going on;

Mayor Stacy said getting all interested citizens signed up for notifications of issues with Chemtall can be done;

LaVonia LeCounte – send letters to all citizens;

Motion Council Member P. Axson, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to come out of public hearing and go back to regular meeting at 6:58 p.m., Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

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

1. Aaron Carpenter, Planning/Governmental Services Dir. – Renewal of CRC Governmental Services Contract – Approval – Staff is available for assistance if needed – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member J. Young to approve contract; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;
2. AFLAC Vision Insurance for Officials/Employees – Discussion - $6 per person – 8 full time employees – Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2nd. Council Member P. Axson to approve for employees; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

\*Dr. Sameul Mobley – ditch near his house – seen alligators; commend Council for work being done; Thanks for everything;

1. Verdell Jones, Chair Person Elect – Give introduction as the New Chair Person for Liberty County School Board – January, 2023 for 4 years – Thanks for the support; school board is in a good place; want to partner with the citizens of Liberty County; will come back to work with the city;

Mrs. LaVonia LeCounte – ballot for November 8th; has no opposition;

Thank the Mayor and Council; also thank Mayor and Council for support of schools in the community;

1. Adjournment – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to adjourn at 7:21 p.m., Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

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