Riceboro City Council July 1, 2025 Time: 6:01 p.m. Meeting # 571

A. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by C. Stacy, Mayor, with Council Members L. Brown, J. Young, D. Miller, T. Akra 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 T. Akra to adopt Agenda; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

F. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to adopt 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)
Quiet on water/sewer – really have nothing to report;

2. Dana Ingram, AAA Consulting Services – Update(s) – Monthly – have met half way point for pre-apps; 37 pre-apps; waiting for 5 to come back; working with issues for heirs property; will have another staff member on board next week; double staff;

3. Budget Proposal – 2025-2026 – 2nd. Reading and Adoption – Ms. Gwen Lowe, Finance Admin. – Audit is complete. Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to adopt said budget; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

New Business:

1. Public Participation – Not any;

2. Customer Complaints – Included in the packet; only complaint per D. Miller, Council Member, sign down on Shell Road;

3. Council Member, Louise Brown, Community Development – Updates – Community Garden – corn, bellpeppers, okra, tomatoes, cucumbers are being harvested; items

are being distributed to our citizens; Great turn-out for Summer Youth Program – 28 participants for Riceboro; program ends July 3rd.

*A combined closing will be held with Riceboro, Midway and Liberty County at the Performing Arts Center on Thursday, July 3, 2025 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

*Ricefest – Vendors – please pay close attention to changes on the application;

November 1st is Election Day – Vote for TSPLOST/FLOST;

4. LCPC, Lori Parks, Zoning Admin. - *Rezoning from AR-1 to I-1 for a storage building – Motion Council Member J. Young, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to approve said rezoning; Pass 3 yea; 1 nay (Council Member D. Miller)

   *Business License for Dump Truck – Jeremy Roberts – J. Roberts Trucking – Motion Council Member J. Young, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to approve said license; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

5. LCPC, Jeff Ricketson, Executive Director – 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update – went over the plan with Mayor and Council;

6. Liberty County Board of Commissioners – Intergov't Agreement with Liberty County TSPLOST/FLOST – Leah Poole, President and CEO of Chamber & CVB and Kim Ryon with the City of Hinesville; Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to adopt agreement; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

7. Liberty County Board of Commissioners – Agreement for Fire Protection Services – Discussion/Approval – Consensus of Council to set up a workshop with the County for further clarification.

8. Budgeting Policy & Purchase/Procurement Policy – for review – set up a meeting and go through it; - Ms. Gwen Lowe, Finance Admin.

9. Mayor's Update(s) – Information – SNF – chemicals in the air – set up a meeting to talk with the citizens; try to schedule 3rd. week in July; will be held at the Youth Center; Modification for treatment plant; 100 new bill laws went into effect today, July 1st; GMA Convention was successful; 3rd grade literacy; absenteeism; Mayor's reading program; back to school rally – July 14th ; Karen Bell – Keep Liberty Beautiful; Relay Fair – August, 2025; Relay for Life – for 2026 will be May 1st - 6-10 p.m.;

$100,000 was raised for 2025 – A plaque was presented to the city for their support;

10. Executive Session – Land/Personnel – Motion Council Member L. Brown to come out of regular session and go into executive session at 7:17 p.m., 2nd. Council Member D. Miller; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

    Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to come out of executive session at 7:54 p.m. and return to regular session; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

    Motion Council Member D. Miller to approve discussion in the back for land and contract; 2nd. Council Member L. Brown; Pass 3 yea for contract; 1 abstain due to kinship (Council Member J. Young); Chemtall - no action;

11. Adjournment – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

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City Clerk Mayor