Riceboro City Council October 7, 2025 Time: 6:01 p.m. Meeting # 574

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

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

C. Invocation – Melford L. Bell, citizen;

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 and Special Call Meeting(s) – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown 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) – absent;

2. Dana Ingram, AAA Consulting Services – Update(s) – Monthly – out sick;

New Business:

1. Public Participation – not any;

2. Customer Complaints – Included in the packet – per D. Miller, Council Member – low water pressure for Lillian Cannon;

3. Council Member Louise Brown, Community Development – Updates - *Coat Drive – October 1st. – November 1st – here at City Hall; donate new coats for school children; *Attendance rate for Liberty County School System is low – 30%; *Second Harvest – Mobile Food Pantry – October 15 at 10 a.m. – 12 noon at the Riceboro Youth Center; *Rivers Alive – Ashley Roberts, Anna Joyner; *Riceboro Ricefest – November 7, 8, and 9th; *December 4th - Christmas Tree Lighting for Riceboro; *DSSmith and the Union – October 18th – Family Day at Riceboro Youth Center – 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.; *October 20 – after school program begins at the Riceboro Youth Center – Sis. Lelia M. Williams, Coordinator;

4. LCPC, Mardee Sanchez, Engineering Director – Riceboro Urban Tiny Home Ordinance – Public Hearing/Action Item – Presentation by Mardee Sanchez;

   Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to come out of regular session at 6:27 p.m. and go into a public hearing; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

   Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to come out of public hearing at 6:44 p.m. and go back to regular session; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

   Motion Council D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to adopt Ordinance; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

5. LCPC, Lori Parks, Zoning Administrator – Mobile home Permits – Jennifer Stidhum, Angela Swaney – Lauren – Hinesville Home Center – Paul Simonton, Engineer – cost would be about $12,000 roughly to run the lines; Motion Council Member D. Miller that all cost will be the burden of Hinesville Homes, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

6. Rivers Alive, Ashley Roberts, Program Assist. – 2025 Rivers Alive Proclamation – Adoption – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member T. Akra to adopt said Proclamation; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

7. Atlantic Waste Services – See Correspondence – FYI – new changes will go into effect January, 2026 – Motion Council Member L. Brown, 2nd. Council Member T. Akra to collect from citizens effective January, 2026; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

8. Sanitation Rate – Discussion/Approval – See item # 7 above;

9. Water and Sewer – New Rates – presentation by Bill Powell of Georgia Rural Water Association; Rates will go into effect January, 2026;
   C. Stacy, Mayor, said some dredging of the sewer plant needs to be done along with re-doing some of the lift stations;

10. Mayor's Update(s) – Information – County-Wide Retreat – 3 main concerns:
    *Literacy issues;
    *Homelessness issues;
    *County-wide water/sewer program;
    Next Tuesday poles open for TSPLOST/FLOST – early voting;
    Talked about round about at crossroad and Lewis Frasier/Barrington Ferry Rd.;
    Need to go back and look at Masterplan;

Air Condition at the Youth Center is out; cost is $125,000 to replace; County is looking for support from Riceboro and other sources; Melford L. Bell questioned Peter King Road repairs;

11. Financial Statement, Month of August, 2025 – Adoption/Review – G. Lowe, Finance Administrator;

12. Executive Session – Land/Personnel – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to come out of regular session and go into executive session at 7:52 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

    Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown to come out of executive session and go back into regular session at 8:24 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

    Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member L. Brown that land and personnel were discussed; Pass 3 yea; 1 abstain (Council Member J. Young)

13. Adjournment – Motion Council Member J. Young, 2nd. Council Member T. Akra to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.; Pass 4 yea; 0 nay;

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City Clerk Mayor