

- A. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Wm. T. Austin, Mayor with Council Members T. Williams, Sr., D. Miller;; Council Members J. Young and C. Stacy running a little late; Council Member J. Young arrived at 6:08 p.m.; Council Member C. Stacy arrived at 6:25 p.m. due to work schedule;
- B. Confirmation of Proper Notice of Meeting – confirmed;
- C. Invocation – Council Member D. Miller;
- D. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member T. Williams, Sr., to adopt said minutes;

#### Old Business

Review of ongoing projects requiring engineer/contractor support:

1. Water/Sewer System – (P.C. Simonton & Assoc.)

EDA Application has been completed and submitted to Jonathon Corso for final review. The Application is under review and we should have a response from EDA by the end of the month.

Submittal of GEFA Packet – Pre-application was filed on line and included in GEFA's "Intended Use Plan" (IUP) for \$1,000,000 with 40% principal forgiveness. The Mayor and City Council approved submittal of the Part 1 and Part 2 application to GEFA for \$1,000,000 that will include a \$400,000 Principal Forgiveness. Motion for approval made by Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member T. Williams, Sr. to approve said documents; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;

\*SNF Holding Company, Inc. – Industrial Pretreatment Permit – Approval – Pretreatment limit for water onsite nitrate level in drinking water is .10; After a brief discussion from Paul, motion made by Council Member T. Williams, Sr., to approve said agreement in the form of the letter submitted; 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member D. Miller; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;

- A. Remaining Sewer Projects – Manholes on Sandy Run Road – area was scooped to slope area where manhole is located so the customer could mow the grass without hitting it;
- B. CDBG 2014 - Original contract amount - \$415,874; bores done to increase amount by \$585; total amount of contract - \$416,459; \$4461.04 over run on contract; will need to do a change order; Motion by Council Member T. Williams, Sr., 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member C. Stacy to approve said item; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;

\*Paul stated that we are awaiting approval from DOT to issue permit for customer Deloris Slay on E.B. Cooper Hwy.;

\*Automated Meter Reading System – GEFA will purchase valves and meter boxes; the city's maintenance workers will do the installation; March 18, 2016 is the date for bidding; city will need to have a call meeting to approve the first draw;

C. Green Well – Update – previously discussed under item # 1 under old business;

2. Community Development, Council Member C. Stacy – Update – Mayor Austin gave an update on the conference held in Dublin for GICH (Georgia Initiative Community Housing); very good conference; 7 committee members attended; Council Member C. Stacy also elaborated on the program;

\*April 9, 2016 is the City-Wide Cleanup;

\*Ricefest – the upcoming event for this year will include "Riceboro Best"; the committee decided to do something different this year; this will take place at the Gospel Fest on Sunday evening; initial Ricefest meeting should be in the next week;

3. LCPC – Gabby Hartage - Rezoning Petition 2015-056-R – Alfreida D. Walthour – Gabby ask the Council to consider making changes to the land use map; urban mixed corridor – this issue will be presented to Liberty County and then come back to the City in April; Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member C. Stacy to rezone from AR-1 to B-2; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;

#### New Business

1. LCPC – Gabby Hartage – Vote for Matthew Barrow to serve as technical person on the Liberty Gateway Board for Riceboro – Approval – Motion Council Member C. Stacy, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member D. Miller to approve said item; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;
2. Equipment Rental Rates – Adoption – Bucket Truck, Dump Truck and Excavator – Motion Council Member C. Stacy to try rental rates for equipment and then re-address it next year, March 1, 2017; 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member J. Young; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;
3. Blight Elimination Guide – Tabled for April's agenda;
4. Acquisition of credenza for Mayor's office – Approval – Motion Council Member C. Stacy, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member T. Williams, Sr.; Passed 4 yea; 0 nay;
5. Customer Complaints reviewed;

\*Council Member J. Young – ISO is coming March 2 for inspection at the Fire Dept.; asking for city's blessing; would like to go from a 6 to a 5 or 4 rating; this will allow home insurance premiums to decrease;

6. Public Participation – Mrs. Ruth Richardson on behalf of Mrs. Oreatha Hines gave a statement and Mrs. Hines came forth and presented issues with her home stating that she needs repairs; Mayor Austin stated that mobile homes are not covered under the CHIP Grant; There is a

process as to which homes are selected; Mrs. Hines indicated she does not have a trailer, she has a house; her daughter lives in a trailer; Mayor Austin ask Kenneth Howard , City of Hinesville Assistant Manager, to speak on this issue because of his familiarity with the program; the severity of the repairs will be looked at; the selection process will be on a lottery base; city will seek other sources for mobile home repairs;

\*Annie Craig – ask questions as to home repairs; stated she lives in a trailer;

\*Modibo Kadalie – addressed Council on a couple of issues such as SNF – adjusted permit request; it was stated that SNF has to apply for a permit; increase in nitrogen level – how is the city compensated? Answer – city does not get any monetary compensation; A “Thank You” to the city for giving monies to the library; A new library will be opening soon in Hinesville; encouragement given to please utilize the services;

\*Kenneth Howard gave “Thanks” to the council for doing an impressive job for a small city like Riceboro; Kenny ask Mayor to address Blight Elimination – Passed a Resolution to address issue; Mayor Austin gave a brief update as to the process;

7. Financial Statement, Month of February, 2016 – Adoption – Motion Council Member T. Williams, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member D. Miller to adopt said statement; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay; Council Member C. Stacy had to leave;
8. Adjournment – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council Member T. Williams, Sr., to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay

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Mayor