

- A. Call to Order – Meeting called to order by Tommy M. Williams, Sr., Mayor Pro-tem with Council Members C. Stacy, D. Miller and J. Young present. Mayor Austin absent due to being out of town.
- B. Confirmation of Proper Notice of Meeting;
- C. Invocation – Council Member C. Stacy;
- D. Adoption of Minutes of Last Meeting – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member C. Stacy; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;

Old Business

Review of ongoing projects requiring engineer/contractor support):

1. Water/Sewer System – (P.C. Simonton & Assoc.)
 - A. Remaining Sewer Projects
 - B. CDBG 2014 – Paul stated that this project is completed; final pumps are in;
 - C. Green Well – Update - Paul indicated that EDA has conditionally approved the project for \$1,250,000 (One million Two Hundred Fifty-Thousand Dollars); He will be moving with the rest of the design and get the project going; Paul also gave a brief update stating the purpose for the Green Well for citizens that were present;
 - D. AMR System –See Handout for Discussion – Ferguson will be supplying the meters which are Hershey meters; Badger meters will be retrofitted and the large meters at SNF ; there are about 427 customers and of this there are 227 hershey meters which will be replaced; Low bidder is Ferguson Waterworks for \$89,311.30 (Eighty-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Eleven Dollars and Thirty Cents); A pre-construction conference will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.; The system will include software and a lap top; Paul informed the citizens present that this system will allow for more accuracies of meter reading; Motion by Council Member C. Stacy, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to accept bid from Ferguson; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay; Paul indicated that everything should be automated by September, 2016;

*Paul talked briefly about services for Robbie Young; pictures of the existing sewer system were taken; the sewer line is less than a foot deep; recommendation to install a grinder pump station; DOT permit will take the longest to obtain; Paul will get a proposal for the work and bring back to Council;
2. Community Development, Council Member C. Stacy – Update – They are is in the process of sending letters to all the employers; Interviews will be held in June; Program starts the end of

July; letters will go to all the Churches; local participants will be first priority; participants that come home for the summer will be able to participate;

*Ricefest 2016 are in the planning stages; Ricefest Best is the added event for this year and will take place on that Sunday evening;

*Program for demolition of houses in the making; Twenty-Seven (27) homes have been identified;

*Debra Attical, Grant Specialist, elaborated on the CHIP Grant – the application was submitted in March; applied for \$300,000.00 (Three Hundred Thousand Dollars) for rehab; \$200,000.00 (Two Hundred Thousand for New Home); looking at June time frame for a response to find out if the project was awarded;

*Community Clean-up – Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.;

3. LCPC – Gabby Hartage – Discussion/Adoption of Riceboro Subarea Future Land Use Map – Mayor Pro-tem Tommy Williams, Sr., read copy of Resolution; Motion by Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member C. Stacy to adopt said Resolution' Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;
4. Blight Elimination Guide/Brochure – Discussion/Approval – Motion by Council Member C. Stacy, 2nd. Council Member D. Miller to accept said item; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;

New Business

1. LCPC – Gabby Hartage, Zoning Permit for Jacqueline Roberts Jones – Approval – Parcel #221B-036- Motion by Council Member C. Stacy, 2nd. Council Member J. Young to approve said rezoning; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;
2. Submission of CHIP application – FYI – See Handout;
3. Fair Housing Summit – CIGH – April 14, 2016 – Mrs. Debra Attical, Grant Administrator, elaborated on the program; citizens were encouraged to attend the meeting;
4. County-Wide Workshop Registration – May 25 – 26, 2016;
5. City of Riceboro Renewal 2016 Health Insurance – FYI;
6. EDA Correspondence – FYI;
7. Customer Complaints – 1. Matthew Green – smell in water – hydrant flushed by city worker; 2. Melvin King – sewer backup – city workers checked the problem; not a city issue, customer will have to address this issue; 3. Jessie M. Jones – smell in water – hydrant flushed by city worker; 4. John Jones – water leak – owner responsible for repair;

8. Public Participation - *Franklin Roberts, Sr., - Sandy Run Road – his concerns are for issues with his property and his family’s property brought about with sewer installation – big holes, pipe sticking up out of the ground, ; Mayor Pro-tem Tommy M. Williams, Sr., said that the issue will be looked into;

*Pearl Axson – water sitting in the ditch in front of her house; water just sits there; Mayor Pro-tem Tommy M. Williams, Sr., said they will look into this issue;

*Kenneth Howard – elaborated on GICH Summit – GICH summit is a housing meeting to be held at the Performing Arts Center in Hinesville, Georgia on April 14, 2016, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; not sure on the time but will verify and the citizens of Liberty County and Municipalities will be notified;

*Mayor Pro-tem Tommy M. Williams, Sr., indicated that the workers are asking for a backup camera and automatic windows for the new proposed maintenance truck; will hold this item until the next meeting;

*Louise Brown – questioned skirting of mobile homes in the city; what are the requirements? Also questioned did the city check on the issue of Mrs. Avon Hines not being able to vote because of the distance of her home from the right-a-way; Was advise to contact Mrs. Ella Golden, Voter Registrar on said issue; Ask question as to where to register for the County-wide workshop and was advised that registration is thru the City of Hinesville; Mrs. Brown stated that information pertaining to city events and meetings is announced for the Churches in the Riceboro area, but states she does not attend Church in Riceboro and want to know how the information could be distributed to the citizens. Mayor Pro-tem said they will look into the matter;

9. Financial Statement, Month of March, 2016 – Adoption – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council member C. Stacy to adopt said statement; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;

10. Adjournment – Motion Council Member D. Miller, 2nd. Council Member C. Stacy to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.; Passed 3 yea; 0 nay;

City Clerk

Mayor Pro-tem