



**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
RINCON CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
107 W. 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
7:00 PM**

**Councilmember Present:**

Reese Browher  
Levi Scott, Jr.  
Patrick Kirkland  
Michelle Taylor  
Jesse Blackwell, Jr.  
Damon Rahn

**Present:**

Ken Lee, Mayor  
John Klimm, City Manager  
Raymond Dickey, City Attorney  
Dulcia King, City Clerk  
Jonathan Murrell, Police Chief  
Lou Reed, Interim Fire Chief  
Tm Bowles, Public Works Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. The Invocation was given by Councilmember Kirkland and the Pledge to the Flag was recited.

**Approval of the agenda:**

Motion to approve: Councilmember Rahn  
Second: Councilmember Blackwell  
Vote by Council: Unanimous

**Approval of the May 9, 2022 minutes with the following:**

Correction of three grammatical errors

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott  
Second: Councilmember Kirkland

Vote by Council: Unanimous

**New Business:**

**1. Request approval to award the bid for the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Well House Piping to PINCO in the amount of \$44,850.00.**

Alec Metzger with EMC Engineering was present. Mr. Metzger said there were two bidders for this project. This is for replacement of pipes coming out of the well house.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Scott

Second: Councilmember Blackwell

Vote by Council: Unanimous

**2. Sikes Brother, Inc. request approval of Pay Request #4/Final Retainage in the amount of \$129,717.80 for the 2021 TSPLOST Rincon - 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Weisenbaker Road. LI #335.4100.549103 and LI #335.4100.549105**

Mr. Metzger said this is the final retainage and will begin the one year warranty period. All of the punchlist items have been completed. A motion was made to approve and begin the one year warranty period.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Kirkland

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

**3. Request approval to purchase a Kubota Tractor and Land Pride Finish Mower from Hendrix Machinery, Inc. in the amount of \$62,713.00. LI # 320.4335.541454 and LI #506.4335.531123**

Mr. Klimm said Tommy Kee could not be here due to family obligation. The SPLOST budget was passed with a mower for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Kee put the item out to bid and did not get any bids. The budgeted amount for the mower is \$60,000.00. A motion was made to approve subject to not paying sale tax.

Motion to approve: Councilmember Browher

Second: Councilmember Taylor

Vote by Council: Unanimous

**4. Request approval to purchase football/soccer equipment from Thompson's Sporting Goods in the amount of \$5,850.00.**

Mike Osborne was not present so the item was tabled until the next meeting.

Motion to table: Councilmember Blackwell

Second: Councilmember Rahn

Vote by Council: Unanimous

## **5. Administrative Reports:**

**City Manager** – Mr. Klimm said at the request of Council we conducted an employee survey and have already gone through the responses, what was overwhelming in the response was the employee concern about certain benefits. From the results we formed an employee committee: Jacob Ford, Lolly Whatley, Kim Hesling, Mike Whittle, Alyx Pitts and Kurtis Smith and they have developed a proposal for Council that they would like to present. He was thinking they could do this in a workshop setting; a workshop was scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup>; at this time Mr. Klimm tendered his resignation and read a statement. Mr. Klimm said it was an honor to serve Council and the residents of the City. Council acknowledged Mr. Klimm's accomplishments and thanked him for the last four years.

**City Engineer** – Councilmember Kirkland asked for a 2021 TPLOST balance sheet on how much money was spent. Mr. Metzger said he will look into it. Councilmember Scott asked about a timetable for the upcoming projects, Mr. Metzger said he will email that out.

**Chief of Police** – Chief Murrell thanked Mr. Klimm for his leadership and mentorship, he helped him a lot and appreciates his leadership; there has been three serious crashes: a juvenile was struck by a car on Fort Howard Road, a single vehicle crash rollover with a fatality and yesterday around 6:00pm a vehicle plowed into Tractor Supply; Councilmember Browher asked about the police vehicles, Chief Murrell said they are still waiting on tint and some equipment. They should be outfitted the beginning of next month.

**Fire Department** – Interim Chief Reed said he appreciates the support from Mr. Klimm over the last two months making him grow as an individual, as a leader; they had one fatality off Fort Howard Road; he and Attorney Dickey are just about through with the SOP's, which will need to come before Council; good things are coming.

**Mayor and Council** – Councilmember Kirkland said he will be participating in the Memorial Celebration at Veterans Park on Monday at 6:00 PM and invited Council to attend.

## **6. Executive session to discuss personnel, pending litigation, attorney client privilege, and real estate.**

Motion: Councilmember Scott  
Second: Councilmember Browher  
Vote by Council: Unanimous

Motion to return to meeting: Councilmember Rahn  
Second: Councilmember Scott  
Vote by Council: Unanimous

**7. Follow the statutes of executive session, to put on file an executive session affidavit and resolution.**

Motion to approve: Councilmember Blackwell

Second: Councilmember Scott

Vote by Council: Unanimous

**8. Take any action that is needed on the items from executive session.**

No action taken.

**Adjourn:**

Motion: Councilmember Browher

Second: Councilmember Blackwell

Vote by Council: Unanimous