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WELCOME TO THE MAYOR & COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE CITY OF RIVERDALE
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015 | 7:00 PM**

The Honorable Mayor Evelyn Wynn Dixon

The Honorable Cynthia Stamps-Jones
The Honorable Wanda Wallace

The Honorable An'cel Davis
The Honorable Kenneth Ruffin

City Manager:
City Clerk:
City Attorney:

E. Scott Wood
Sylvia Vaughan
L'Erin Barnes

1. **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:** Provided by the Honorable Mayor Wynn-Dixon.
2. **ROLL CALL- CITY CLERK:** All Members of Council were present which constituted a quorum.

Attendee's Name	Title	Absent	Present
Evelyn Wynn-Dixon	Mayor, At-Large		X
Cynthia Stamps-Jones	Council Member, Ward 1		X
An'cel Davis	Council Member, Ward 2		X
Wanda Wallace	Council Member, Ward 3 Mayor Pro-Tem		X
Kenneth Ruffin	Council Member, Ward 4 Parliamentarian		X

3. **INVOCATION:** Provided by Pastor Riley.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recited in unison.
5. **RULES OF CONDUCT READ BY OFFICER IN ARMS:** Provided by Sergeant Wilburn.
6. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Addition(s): Approval of the City Newsletter.

Deletion(s):

7. PRESENTATIONS: (5 MINUTE LIMIT)

• **PROCLAMATION FOR JULIUS AGWU FOUNDATION**

City Manager Scott Wood presented a proclamation to Julius Agwu for his dedication of community service on behalf of the Mayor and City Council. The following proclamation was read into the record:

Proclamation

*of the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Riverdale,
Georgia, recognizing:
Julius Agwu
for his dedication of community service*

Whereas: Julius Agwu is a prominent international comedian, musician, actor, producer, philanthropist and humanitarian; and

Whereas: He has anchored numerous prominent entertainment events in his home country of Nigeria, including the Africa Movie Awards Academy, the Miss Nigeria Beauty Pageant, and the Nigeria Entertainment Awards; and

Whereas: Julius Agwu has established numerous successful business and entertainment interests not only within Nigeria but also in Scotland, England and the United States of America; and

Whereas: He does hail from the state of Rivers in his home country; and

Whereas: Julius Agwu has recently declared Riverdale, Georgia to be an adopted “home away from home”and;

Whereas: He has been philanthropically supportive of the City of Riverdale through the donation in November of 250 turkeys to local needy families and public safety officials; and

Whereas: Julius Agwu has graciously provided dynamic entertainment as a headline act at the City of Riverdale Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Now Therefore, I, Dr. Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, by virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Riverdale, Georgia, and on behalf of City Council Members Cynthia Stamps-Jones, An’cel Davis, Wanda Wallace, and Kenny Ruffin, wish to express particular appreciation to Mr. Julius Agwu for his generosity to and support of the citizens of this community.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this 14th day of December 2015, and have caused the Official Seal of the great City of Riverdale, to be affixed hereto:

- **PROCLAMATION FOR BISHOP ADEYINKA ADEJUBE**

City Manager Scott Wood presented a proclamation to Bishop Adeyinka Adejube on behalf of the Mayor and City Council for his Service as a Humanitarian. The following proclamation was read into the record:

Proclamation

*of the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Riverdale, Georgia,
recognizing:
Bishop Adeyinka Adejube
for his Service as a Humanitarian*

Whereas: Bishop Adeyinka Adejube is a member of the National Academy of Recording Artist and a voting representative to the internationally prestigious Grammy awards; and

Whereas: He was a valued member of the production team of the documentary of the late Reverend A. D. William King, brother of Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

Whereas: Bishop Adeyinka Adejube has facilitated numerous business and educational exchanges between his native Nigeria and the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and the University of Georgia; and

Whereas: He is the Chief Operating Officer of the Julius Agwu Foundation, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping the less privileged; and

Whereas: Bishop Adeyinka Adejube was instrumental in organizing and implementing the distribution of 250 turkeys to the less privileged and also the public safety officials of the City of Riverdale; and

Whereas: We give pause, honor and gratitude for the deep and abiding commitment of this honorable humanitarian who has given so unselfishly to help our community grow and thrive by providing valuable services.

Now Therefore, I, Dr. Evelyn Wynn-Dixon, by virtue of authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Riverdale, Georgia, and on behalf of City Council Members Cynthia Stamps-Jones, An’cel Davis, Wanda Wallace, and Kenny Ruffin, do convey our most sincere gratitude for the humanitarian efforts and initiatives of Bishop Adeyinka

Adejube and the Julius Agwu Foundation, and extend this expression of the City's esteem to Bishop Adeyinka Adejube.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand on this 14th day of December 2015, and have caused the Official Seal of the great City of Riverdale, to be affixed hereto:

- **SCORE PHOTO PRESENTATION YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAMS**

Recreation Director Alan Dotson presented a presentation on behalf of the Youth Football Teams. He stated that the Youth Football Teams consist of ages 14, 12, 6 and under. Mr. Dotson also acknowledged the Riverdale Blackhawk Football Teams for qualifying and playing in the 2015 Southern Premier Youth Football Championships. He stated that the 6 and under Riverdale Blackhawk Football Team traveled to Daytona Beach for Thanksgiving and won the Thanksgiving Bowl Championship for their Age Division.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (5 MINUTE LIMIT) SEE BLUE CARD FOR RULES OF PARTICIPATION

There were no public comments.

9. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES: Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2015 Work Session and Business Session; and Special Called Meeting of December 8, 2015

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2015 Work Session and Business Session; and Special Called Meeting of December 8, 2015. Council Member Ruffin provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

10. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS:

A. CANCELLATION OF DECEMBER 28, 2015 MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the cancellation of the December 28, 2015, Meeting with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

B. AMENDMENT OF THE BUDGET- FY -2015/RESOLUTION NO. 56

Finance Director Don Turner provided an overview of the FY-2015 Budget Amendment. He stated that the purpose of this item is to increase the revenue budget to balance the City's Budget.

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment FY-2015 with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

C. ADOPTION OF RECREATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS JOB DESCRIPTIONS

City Manager Scott Wood provided an overview of the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Job Descriptions. He stated that the purpose of this item is for Mayor and Council to approve the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Job Descriptions as presented.

Council Member Wallace made a motion to approve the Recreation and Cultural Affairs Job Descriptions with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

D. APPOINTMENT OF A HEARING OFFICER FOR ETHICS COMPLAINT FILED AND SCHEDULE A HEARING DATE/RESOLUTION NO.55

City Attorney L’Erin Barnes gave an overview of the appointment for a Hearing Officer for the Ethics Complaint. She stated that the purpose of this item is for Mayor and Council to appoint a Hearing Officer and to schedule a hearing date.

Council Member Ruffin made a motion to appoint Attorney Deborah Leslie, Hearing Officer for the ethics complaint and schedule a hearing for December 21, 2013. **The motion passed with Council Members Ruffin and Wallace voting “Yes”. Council Members Stamps-Jones and Davis voted “No”. Mayor Wynn-Dixon broke the tie.**

E. APPROVAL OF THE CITY NEWSLETTER

Council Member Ruffin provided an overview of the City’s Newsletter. He stated that the purpose of this item is to move the printing and binding accounts of the Mayor and Council to the City Manager’s Contingency Account to be used for publication of a quarterly City Newsletter.

Council Member Ruffin made a motion to approve the City Newsletter with Council Member Wallace providing the second. **The motion passed with Council Members Ruffin and Wallace voting “Yes”. Council Members Stamps-Jones and Davis voted “No”. Mayor Wynn-Dixon broke the tie.**

11. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Comments were provided by the governing body.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Wallace made a motion to adjourn the Business Session Meeting at 8:15 pm with Council Member Ruffin providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Evelyn Wynn-Dixon

City Clerk Sylvia Vaughan