**Minutes**

**Forsyth City Council**

**January 02, 2024**

**Call to Order**

Mrs. Regina Ivie, the Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation by Clarence Thrower, and Roll Call.**

Mayor Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Clarence Thrower gave the invocation. In attendance at the meeting was Mayor Eric Wilson, Councilmembers Josh Hill, Chris Hewett, Lois Allen, Greg Goolsby, Charles Wilder and Mike Dodd. Also in attendance at the meeting was the City Manager, Craig Mims, the Assistant City Manager, Regina Ivie, and the City Attorney Bobby Melton. Six members of council were in attendance for the meeting, all unanimous votes will be six votes (Hill, Hewett, Allen, Goolsby, Wilder, and Dodd).

**Swearing in of Mayor Eric Wilson, and Councilmembers Lois Allen, Greg Goolsby, and Josh Hill.**

Mrs. Regina Ivie administered the oath of office to Mayor Eric Wilson, and Councilmembers Lois Allen, Greg Goolsby, and Josh Hill.

**Approval of the agenda.**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the minutes from the council meeting held on December 18, 2023.**

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Appointment of Mayor Pro-Teem for 2024.**

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to appoint Mr. Chris Hewett to serve as Mayor Pro-Teem for 2024. Seconded by Mrs. Allen; the motion carried unanimously.

**Adoption of parliamentary procedures.**

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the adoption of Roberts Rules of Orders, 12th edition. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion caried unanimously.

**Appointment of 2024 professionals.**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the appointments of 2024 professionals as presented. Seconded by Mr. Dodd the motion carried unanimously.

**Set qualifying fees.**

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve setting the qualifying fees as published. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**2024 Board Appointments**

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to reappoint James Freeman to serve on the Downtown Development Authority Board. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to appoint Mr. Josh Hill for the annual council seat to serve on the Downtown Development Authority Board. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to reappoint Martin Presley and Kathy Rowland to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to nominate Lois Allen to serve on the Convention and Visitors Bureau Board. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wilson appointed Jane Pennington to serve on the Housing Authority Board.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to reappoint Mr. Dodd to serve on the Golf Board. Seconded by Mr. Hill, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to reappoint Mr. Goolsby to serve on the Monroe County Development Authority Board. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously with 5 votes (Hill, Hewett, Allen, Wilder, and Dodd) and 1 abstention (Goolsby).

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to reappoint Mr. Hewett to serve on the Monroe County Hospital Board. Seconded by Mr. Goolsby; the motion carried unanimously with 5 votes (Hill, Allen, Goolsby, Wilder, and Dodd) and 1 abstention (Hewett).

**Approval of Street closure request on March 23, 2024, by Monroe County Achievement Center.**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the street closure request on March 23, 2024, by Monroe County Achievement Center. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of 2024 budgeted vehicle purchases for Public Works, Recreation, and Electric Department.**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the purchase of the 2024 budgeted vehicle purchases for Public Works, Recreation, and Electric Department. Seconded by Mr. Goolsby; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Requisitions Greater than $6,000**

* **Davis Plumbing $39,545.00**

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the requisitions greater than $6,000 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**City Manager’s Report**

Mr. Craig Mims, the City Manager, advised that:

-Six police cadets reported to the police academy on today January 2, 2024.

-The police department open house was successful. We received positive feedback from citizens and visitors.

-Our police, fire, and utilities department participated in the shop with a Hero program prior to Christmas.

-The admin department completed the city’s annual immigration report and submitted it prior to the end of the year deadline.

-Extended a big thank you to Community Development and Main Street for the great holiday events over the past two months

**City Attorney Report**

Mr. Bobby Melton, the City Attorney, had no business to report.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Wilson extended wishes for a Happy New Year. He thanked the Main Street Director, the city employees, and volunteers for a job well done at the New Year Eve event. Mayor Wilson provided information for the council retreat on January 31, 2024.

**Council Board Reports**

Mr. Hewett advised the Hospital Authority Board will be meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

Mayor Wilson advised the GA Cities Summit will be held January 26-29, 2024.

**Additional Business**

No additional business to report.

**Public Comments**

Mr. Darren Latch, at 15 Mornside Drive, advised that his community is suffering from a graffiti attack. He asked that the city consider cameras for the area, increased penalties, or some graffiti resistant paint.

Mr. Larry Evans, at 31 Marshall Road, asked that the city consider getting with the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education to build a community swimming facility.

**Executive Session**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion for executive session for potential purchase of real estate at 6:36p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to end the executive session at 7:09p.m. Seconded by Mr. Wilder; the motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Hewett offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11p.m. Seconded by Mr. Wilder; the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by:

Shayla Furlow, Executive Administrative Assistant