**Minutes**

**Forsyth City Council Meeting**

**February 19, 2024**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation by Lloyd Strickland, and Roll Call.**

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

**Approval of the agenda.**

Mayor Wilson stated that he was aware of one change on agenda item 8 that needed to be amended to change the date from March 9th to March 9th and March 10th.

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment to change the date on item 8 to March 9th and March 10th. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the minutes from the council meeting held on February 5, 2024.**

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

**Hearing on final plat application for Lands of Will Well LLLP.**

Mr. Bobby Melton, the City Attorney advised that the purpose of the hearing is under the subdivision ordinance of the city to approve the final plat for Will Well LLLP.

Mr. Jamie Garner, representative for Will Well LLLP, stated that he was seeking to amend the preliminary plat to sale land that was originally contemplated to be developed into multifamily houses. He advised the intent of the purchaser is to have a buffer. He advised they will essentially be taking away 21 lots totaling 21.5 acres.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the final plat application for the lands of Will Well LLLP. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval to award bid to Renfroe Construction for Country Club Park.**

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the award bid to Renfroe Construction for Country Club Park. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of temporary permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages for El Dorado Mexican Restaurant on March 8th, 9th, and 10th.**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the temporary permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages for El Dorado Mexican Restaurant on March 8th, 9th, and 10th and to waive the permit fee. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of temporary permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages for Fox City Brewing on March 9th and 10th.**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the temporary permit for the sale of alcoholic beverages for Fox City Brewing on March 9th and 10th and to waive the permit fee. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of street closure request on February 24, 2024, for Malik Herring Day Parade.**

Mr. Wilder offered a motion to approve the street closure request on February 24, 2024, for the Malik Herring Parade. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of street closure request on March 2, 2024, for the Forsythia Festival 5k Race.**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the street closure request on March 2, 2024, for the Forsythia Festival 5K Race. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of street closure request on March 8, 2024, through March 11, 2024, for the Annual Forsythia Festival.**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the street closure request on March 8, 2024, through March 11, 2024, for the Annual Forsythia Festival with a change in parking. Seconded by Mrs. Allen; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of an intergovernmental agreement with Monroe County Senior Center for electric expense reduction.**

Mr. Wilder offered a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Monroe County Senior Center for electric expense reduction. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of requisitions greater than $6,000**

1. **Allsouth Environmental Services, Inc. $14,020.95**
2. **Davis Plumbing Company $16,867.00**
3. **Freedom Fireworks $13,500**

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

**Public Hearing to consider amendment to Article 10, (Nonresidential Zoning Districts) Table 10.1**

Mr. Melton advised the public hearing was advertised in the Reporter on January 31, 2024, February 7, 2024, and February 14, 2024 to consider amendments to article 10 (Nonresidential Zoning Districts) Table 10.1. He stated that the amendment would not delete any prior provisions, it adds additional usage.

Mr. Cody Ellis, the former Community Development Director, stated that in June of 2023 the council approved the amendments to the Nonresidential zoning ordinance table. He advised that agricultural zoning was added with uses and dimension requirements. He stated that some current usage was added and defined. Mr. Ellis advised that planning and zoning voted unanimously to recommend the approval of the proposed additions during the January meeting.

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing for comments in favor of or opposition to the proposed amendments for Article 10, (Nonresidential Zoning Districts) Table 10.1.

There being no comments in favor of or opposition to the proposed amendment to Article 10, (Nonresidential Zoning Districts) Table 10.1, Mayor Wilson closed the public hearing.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the amendment to Article 10, (Nonresidential Zoning Districts) Table 10.1. Seconded by Mr. Hill; the motion carried unanimously.

**City Manager’s Report**

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

-The police department has confirmed the grant from GA Office of Highway Safety is approximately $35,000 to be used for various equipment.

-The Project Manager, Will Campbell, has issued the RFP for sanitation services, and we expect bid results by the end of February.

**City Attorney Report**

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

Mr. Wilder questioned the status of the city appointee to the county library board issue.

Mr. Melton advised that he was still working on it.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Wilson had no business to report.

**Additional Business**

Mr. Hewett advised the Hospital Board will meet on Thursday, February 22, 2024 at 5:30.

Mrs. Lois Allen advised the CVB board met on Saturday February 17, 2024.

Mr. Wilder thanked the council for how they handled the Colbert situation.

**Public Comments**

Mrs. Linda Hampton, at 419 MLK Jr. Drive, questioned the location of the land for Will Well LLLP.

**Executive Session (if necessary)**

No executive session needed.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Hewett offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:29p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Allen; the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Submitted by:

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