

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 2015

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Greg Goolsby the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were Mayor Howard, Councilmembers Mike Dodd, Greg Goolsby, Jimmy Jones, and Melvin Lawrence. Also present were City Attorney, Bobby Melton; City Manager, Janice Hall; City Clerk, Kristal Dunn. Councilmember Julius Stroud arrived late for the meeting at 6:05PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES - \$266,866.15

Mayor Howard read the Consent Agenda. Mr. Jones offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones and Lawrence).

AGENDA ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

AWARD BID FOR WATER TANK MAINTENANCE PROJECT

Mrs. Hall stated that four (4) companies came to look at the tanks, but only two (2) submitted bids, American Tank and Utility Service. Mrs. Hall stated that Carl Hofstadter and Pat Wright looked over the contracts and had have made a recommendation to award the bid to American Tank. Mr. Jones offered a motion to award the bid to American Tank. Seconded by Mr. Dodd. Mr. Jones asked how long the contract was for and Brad McConnell with American Tank stated, 12 years with a 4% increase the 13th year. Mr. Goolsby stated he hoped Utility Partners will be with us in the future. Mr. Goolsby asked how we check ourselves. Mr. McConnell stated that American Tank would inspect every year and every 2nd year they would wash out. Mr. McConnell also stated that a scheduled has also been submitted with the bid. The motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, Jones and Lawrence. Mr. Stroud abstained.).

AWARD EMERGENCY BID FOR OLD BRENT ROAD LANDFILL PROJECT

Mrs. Hall stated that this was an emergency bid, due to time constraints, and that there was not time to send out an RFP. Mrs. Hall stated that two (2) quotes and been received, Sellers Contracting Services for \$39,350.00 and Appling Brothers Company for \$49,800.00. Mrs. Hall stated that the recommendation is to award the emergency bid to Sellers Contracting Services. Mr.

Goolsby offered a motion to approve the emergency bid for Old Brent Road Landfill Project to Sellers Contracting Services. Seconded by Mr. Dodd. Mr. Jones asked why there was such a difference in price. Mrs. Hall stated that Appling did not itemize their quote and Sellers did. Mr. Goolsby asked where the funds would come from. Mrs. Hall stated that it would come from General funds. The motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby and Lawrence. Mr. Jones abstained.)

APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY, INTERNET, AND ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION POLICY

Mrs. Hall stated that this was for approval for a Technology, Internet and Electronic Communication Policy. Mrs. Hall stated that the only change from the draft sent out is Section 10.C relating to changing passwords on a quarterly basis. Mr. Jones offered a motion to approve the Technology, Internet, and Electronic Communication Policy. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH SPECTORSOFT FOR COMPUTER MONITORING SOFTWARE

Mrs. Hall stated that this was for the approval for the purchase agreement with Spectorsoft for computer monitoring software. Mrs. Hall stated that it is for a 1 year contract with an option to purchase an upgrade to 3 years if all went well. Mr. Jones offered a motion to approve the purchase agreement with Spectorsoft for computer monitoring software. Seconded by Mr. Stroud. Mr. Jones asked if Mrs. Hall would explain to the public about the monitoring software. Mrs. Hall stated that this was a keystroke monitoring software that would maintain any information that was typed on a keyboard, even if it was erased. The motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO THE DDA FOR COMPLETION OF LEE STREET PARK

Mrs. Hall stated that there were invoices in the amount of \$4,303.49, still outstanding for Lee Street Park, and there was only \$1,505.77 in the Lee Street Park account at this time. Mrs. Hall stated that the gates still had to be completed and 2 strips of sod that still need to be laid. Mrs. Hall stated due to purchasing policy restraints she recommends transferring the funds to the DDA so they can pay the invoices, instead of City Hall paying. Mr. Stroud offered a motion to approve the transfer of funds to the DDA for completion of Lee Street Park. Seconded by Mr. Dodd. Mr. Goolsby asked if they had installed all of the engraved bricks. Mrs. Hall stated that 20 additional

brings were ready to be installed. The motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, and Lawrence.)

CONSIDER REQUEST FROM OTIS INGRAM FOR EXTENSION OF REZONING FOR BROOKLYN AVENUE PROPERTY

Mrs. Hall stated that this was initially approved by Planning & Zoning in 2014 for an 18 month extension, and was then sent to Council for approval. Mr. Melton stated that Mr. Ingram should come back to Council to plead his case, what is the reason for the 1 year extension, events that have taken place regarding the condemning of the property by the Board of Education and keeping the zoning as it is so that the Board of Education and Mr. Ingram can work it out. Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the request by Mr. Ingram for an extension of rezoning for Brooklyn Avenue property. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence. Mr. Melton stated that it should be allowed to extend out into the future because nothing is changing. Mr. Goolsby stated that hopefully something will break through. Mr. Ingram stated that he was trying to find solutions that will make everyone happy. Mr. Stroud asked for a rough estimate on how long he thought it would take to settle with the Board of Education. Mr. Ingram stated that he was making his best effort to move things along. The motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones and Lawrence.)

REPORTS

- Mayor Howard stated that he had gone to the County Commissioner meeting and asked that the County reconsider giving the land back to the City for the park. Mayor Howard stated that he thought that there was a misconception that the County didn't care about the City. Mayor Howard stated that the Commissioners were not opposed to the idea, but asked if we would consider adding on to what they already have. Mayor Howard stated that they asked if the City could provide a plan on what we proposed to do. Mr. Jones stated that it was a lot of work and money for a conceptual drawing for something we don't own. Mayor Howard stated that City was not going to spend any money until we have the park. Mayor Howard stated that the Commissioners wanted to argue that they did use the park. Mr. Jones stated that he applauded the Mayor for going over there to ask for the park back. Mr. Goolsby asked if the Regional Commission could help with a concept drawing, and Sam Perren from the Regional Commission stated that they would see what they could do. Mr. Jones asked Mrs. Hall to send the PowerPoint to the County Commissioners.
- Mr. Goolsby stated that the Train Museum committee had a meeting at the Historic Society. Mr. Dodd stated that Don Daniels had presented a program at the Kiwanis meeting today and that it was well received. Mayor Howard stated that he thought it was a

great idea, and that great stuff was going on and he just wanted to see it continued, no matter who was in office. Mr. Dodd stated that we didn't need to reinvent the wheel. Mr. Stroud stated that a year ago the Council was talking about how to market the City of Forsyth and he thinks that the Train Museum is a powerful step in the right direction.

- Mr. Lawrence stated that he had the opportunity to attend the MEAG and ACG conferences and that tomorrow he would be going to the District 6 meeting at the Regional Commission.
- Mrs. Hall stated that she and Mrs. Dunn would be attending the GMA District 6 meeting at the Regional Commission on Wednesday at noon. Mrs. Hall stated that the tree lighting was set for 5:30 on Monday, November 30th, with a free move at The Rose Theater for the kids, and Santa Clause would be available for photographs.
- Mr. Dodd stated that he attended the Train Festival and rode in the caboose of the train, and that someone suggested that the Mayor and Council should ride in the train for the Christmas

ADJOURN

There being no additional business to discuss, Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones and Lawrence). The meeting adjourned at 6:46PM.

Submitted by:

Kristal S. Dunn
City Clerk