

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING

DECEMBER 2, 2015

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Mike Dodd gave the invocation.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIAL

Mrs. Dunn administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Chris Hewett, newly elected Councilmember.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were Mayor Howard, Councilmembers Mike Dodd, Julius Stroud, Jimmy Jones, Chris Hewett and Melvin Lawrence. Also present were City Attorney, Bobby Melton; City Manager, Janice Hall; City Clerk, Kristal Dunn.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES - \$72,234.67

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

AGENDA ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2016 BUDGET

Mr. Melton stated that this was the 1st official meeting of the 2016 Budget. Mr. Melton stated that the Budget had been advertised for tonight and for December 15th. Mayor Howard opened the Public Hearing. Mrs. Hall went over the proposed Budget for 2016. Hearing no comments from the Public, Mayor Howard closed the Public Hearing.

APPROVAL OF 2015 EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BONUS

Mrs. Hall stated that this was for just the formal approval. Mrs. Hall stated that the Christmas Bonuses were put in the budget each year. Mrs. Hall went over the amounts, for Full Time employees with greater than a year it was \$300.00, Full Time employees with less than a year, \$150.00 and for Part Time employees it was \$100.00. Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the 2015 Employee Christmas Bonuses. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Hewett and Lawrence).

APPROVAL TO TRANSFER THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATION OF JAMISON WORKERS COMPENSATION CASE FROM AFFINITY TO GEORGIA ADMINISTRATED SERVICES

Mrs. Hall stated that this was for a former employees Workers Compensation. Mrs. Hall stated that we had settled the indemnity, but that the medical was still outstanding. Mrs. Hall stated that Affinity was not going to be doing third-party administration any longer. Mrs. Hall stated that this contract is the same as what we had with Affinity. Mr. Stroud offered a motion to approve the transfer of the third-party administration of Jamison Workers Compensation Case from Affinity to Georgie Administrated Services. Seconded by Mr. Dodd. Mr. Jones asked if the City paid the company the premiums for Workers Compensation. Mrs. Hall stated yes, but that the company that originally handled the third-party administration was absolved, and the Indemnity was settled. Mr. Hall stated that the Insurance attorney was trying to handle and settle for the Medical bills. Mr. Lawrence asked if the Workers Compensation was for life. Mrs. Hall stated yes, but this was just for the medical. Mr. Hewett asked what injury this was for and Mrs. Hall stated it was a back injury. Mr. Dodd asked about the average cost. Mrs. Hall stated that in 2012 it was \$87,000 when the Indemnity was settled, for 2013 - \$23,000, 2014 - \$32,000 and for 2015 YTD was \$24,000. Mr. Dodd asked Mr. Melton was his recommendation was. Mr. Melton stated that once he hit retirement age, he did not know what happened. The motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Hewett and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL OF POLICY CHANGE TO POLICE DEPARTMENTAL POLICY SECTION 8.15 GCIC/NCIC

Major Foster came before the council and stated that GCIC suggested change be made to the policy before their upcoming GCIC Audit. Mr. Stroud offered a motion to approve the policy change to the Police Departmental Policy Section 8.15 GCIC/NCIC. Seconded by Mr. Jones, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Hewett and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL STREET CLOSING FOR CHRISTMAS PARADE

Mrs. Hall stated that council had previously approved the street closing for the Christmas Parade, but an additional street (Railroad Avenue) need to be closed to line up the Shriners at James Street. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the additional street closing for the Christmas Parade. Seconded by Mr. Jones, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Hewett and Lawrence.)

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Mrs. Hall stated that Atlanta Gas Light would be moving the gas line next week at Country Club Park.
- Christmas Parade is Thursday at 7:00 PM.
- Ground Breaking for Head Heating & Air, December 7th at 10:00AM.
- Eggs & Issues at El Tejado – need to RSVP
- Old Brent Road Landfill should be finished by December 12th.
- Property and Liability renewal due on January 31st.
- Steve Butler found one more truck at Hickman Auto Sales for \$8,800.00. Mr. Jones asked if we needed the Council's approval since we had a not to exceed \$30,000 and did not go over that amount with the other two purchases.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Melton had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howard had nothing to report.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL REPORTS

- Mr. Stroud asked about changing the expiration date on the Property & Liability, since it expires on 1/31/16, instead of at the end of the year.
- Mr. Lawrence asked if all the Board Member were up to date. Mrs. Hall stated that they were all up to date, but there are a few member that will be expiring.
- Mr. Goolsby asked if the Council would be riding in the Christmas Parade. Mrs. Hall stated that we would next year, there was just not enough time to decorate for it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN

There being no additional business to discuss, Mr. Jones offered a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Hewett and Lawrence). The meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

Submitted by:

Kristal S. Dunn

City Clerk