

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 20, 2010

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND INVOCATION

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Calloway gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting was Mayor Tye Howard, Councilmembers Mike Dodd, Jo Anna Banks, James Calloway, Desi Hansford, Eric Wilson, and Melvin Lawrence. Also present was City Attorney, Bobby Melton; City Administrator, Greg Popham; and City Clerk, Janice Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 6, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Lawrence offered a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2010 council meeting as written. Seconded by Mr. Hansford, the motion carried unanimously.

POLICE CHIEF KEITH CORLEY RECOGNITIONS

Police Chief Keith Corley came before council to recognize the Police Department Chaplains, Reverend Whatley and James Barth. Chief Corley presented both Chaplains with a Chaplain badge.

Chief Corley recognized new hire, Willie Barkley, Jr., who will be attending mandate to obtain his police certification.

Mr. Calloway thanked Chief Corley for the recognitions and for the job he is doing as chief.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE VARIANCE REQUEST FOR JULIETTE COMMONS SUBDIVISION RELATING TO UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

Mrs. Hall stated that this matter will go before the Planning & Zoning Commission next Monday and this matter is before council tonight for approval to advertise only. Mrs. Hall stated that the recommendation from P&Z will be presented to council before the public hearing to be held during the second council meeting in August. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to advertise the public hearing for the variance request for the Juliette Commons subdivision. Seconded by Mr. Hansford, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE RFP FOR THE DESIGN OF A SWIMMING POOL/WATER FEATURE PARK

Mr. Wilson offered a motion to advertise the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the design of a swimming pool and/or water feature park. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Banks. Mr. Dodd stated that the RFP is for design and asked about the cost of operation of the park after it is built. Mr. Wilson

stated that the operation costs will depend upon the design that his approved. Mr. Popham stated that once the pool/water park is built it will need to be maintained and the design will show the number of lifeguards required but we will need additional employees and chemicals. Mr. Dodd asked if the operational cost will be provided before a decision is made and all council members agreed that this information must be provided and reviewed before any decision is made. The motion carried unanimously.

2009 AUDIT BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Mrs. Hall reviewed the additional budget amendments required to finalize the 2009 audit. Mrs. Hall stated that these amendments were included in the 2009 audit that was submitted to the State. Mr. Hansford offered a motion to approve the 2009 audit budget amendments presented. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Howard stated that the 2009 audit was submitted before the June 30th deadline.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Popham offered the following report:

- The engineers have submitted the applications for the renewal of the withdrawal permits.
- 2 of the 4 homes presented at the last council meeting for condemnation have been resolved.
- Moving forward on the request from the Public Affairs Committee on derelict signs.
- Finalizing the information for the HUD Grant for reimbursement of \$650,000 spent on the Tift/DOC project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MR. DODD

Mr. Dodd reviewed invoices totaling over \$500 for each vendor and offered a motion to approve the water department committee totals of \$6,921 and the electric department committee totals of \$4,057.02. Seconded by Mrs. Banks, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dodd stated that the request from Timberlake Ministries needs to be acted upon. Mr. Dodd stated that the Service Delivery Agreement provides that each entity must notify the other of their intention to run water lines but does not need permission in order to run the water line. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to proceed with the supply of water to Timberlake Ministries on Highway 83 North. Mr. Calloway seconded the motion. Mayor Howard stated that he spoke with Mrs. Anita Buice, County Administrator, today and she stated that the information that the council commissioners requested was not received until 2 hours before their meeting and the commissioners are not meeting tonight. Mayor

Howard stated that Mrs. Buice asked that the City hold off on making a decision until the commissioner's next meeting when they will have had time to review the information provided. Mayor Howard stated that if the City moves forward without the County support, it could cause problems in the future and requested that Council postpone any decision until the County has a chance to review the information. Mr. Dodd stated that the County is aware of the request from Timberlake Ministries as he, the Mayor, and Mr. Popham met with them and reviewed the request. Mr. Dodd stated that the information provided to them from Mr. Popham was information that they were already aware of. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the timeframe for the project; input from the County; additional request for sewer services after the water supply is in place; benefits/harm of moving forward with vote by council tonight; and information provided to the County. Mr. Popham stated that there are no county waterlines within miles of this property and this property is within 1500 feet of a City waterline. Mr. Calloway stated approval of motion tonight would put county on notice that we are running the waterlines and any objection that the County may have can be addressed when the objection presented to the City. Mrs. Banks asked how situations like this have been handled in the past when the County was running waterlines and Mr. Dodd stated that the County has never notified the City of their intentions to run any waterlines. Mr. Popham stated that the cost to run the waterlines is estimated to be \$45,000, with Timberlake Ministries paying \$15,000 upfront and the remainder of the monies for the project coming from revenue versus cost on their monthly bill after the waterline is completed. The motion carried unanimously.

MRS. BANKS

Mrs. Banks reviewed invoices totaling over \$500 for each vendor and offered a motion to approve the public affairs committee totals of \$1,522.93. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Banks stated that the BHT concert this past weekend was well attended and thanked everyone for a job well done.

Mrs. Banks stated that Mr. Chan Layson, MGRC, reviewed the Urban Redevelopment Plan during the Town Hall Meeting and this matter will be on the agenda for the next council meeting for approval.

Mrs. Banks stated that streets for resurfacing should be submitted to Mr. Popham by the end of the week.

MR. CALLOWAY

Mr. Calloway reviewed invoices totaling over \$500 for each vendor and offered a motion to approve the fire department committee totals of \$925.94 and the police department committee totals of \$18,597.50. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Calloway stated that Chief Carter is obtaining additional information concerning the city and county fire departments being housed in the Public Safety Complex and once all information is gathered, the public safety committee will meet on the matter.

MR. HANSFORD

Mr. Hansford reviewed invoices totaling over \$500 for each vendor and offered a motion to approve the administrative department committee totals of \$2,911.99 and the cable department committee totals of \$768.87. Seconded by Mr. Calloway, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hansford appreciated the attendance at the Town Hall meeting held before tonight's council meeting and stated that questions were raised during the meeting about the cable system. Mr. Hansford stated that Mr. Popham is working on the review of the system and will have the report ready by the end of September.

Mr. Hansford stated that a mid-year budget review and 2009 audit review meeting will be scheduled.

MR. WILSON

Mr. Wilson offered a motion to approve the recreation department committee totals of \$583.42 and the cemetery department committee totals of \$57.84. Seconded by Mr. Hansford, the motion carried unanimously.

MR. LAWRENCE

Mr. Lawrence reviewed invoices totaling over \$500 for each vendor and offered a motion to approve the public works department committee totals of \$6,066.89. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lawrence stated that a public works committee meeting will be scheduled to review privatization of the garbage collection service.

Mr. Lawrence stated that he has contacted Norfolk Southern concerning the two railroad crossings on Indian Springs Drive that were closed. Mr. Lawrence stated that they will be removing the barricade and grassing the area.

Mr. Lawrence reviewed information that was discussed during the Town Hall meeting regarding flying the American flag outside. Mr. Lawrence stated that we will need to change the way we fly the flags around the square and several options were discussed.

ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Howard requested an update on the landfill project. Mr. Lawrence asked if the money for the project is still allocated. Mr. Popham stated that no update has been received from Mr. Stuary. Mr. Popham stated that the wells have been repaired and stabilized. Mr. Popham stated that the overage on the cable bond money has been allocated for the methane gas extraction system.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

There being no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted by:

Janice L. Hall, City Clerk