

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 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. Hansford gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Councilman Eric Wilson was unable to attend the meeting; therefore, all unanimous votes will be five (5) votes (Dodd, Banks, Calloway, Hansford, and Lawrence).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 5, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Lawrence offered a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2010 council meeting as written. Seconded by Mr. Hansford, the motion carried unanimously.

LARRY JAMISON

Mr. Jamison was not present for the meeting.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Popham offered the following report:

- Meeting on Wednesday with HUD regarding the two grant applications. HUD will do the environmental assessment for both grants and both should be completed by the end of the year.
- Completing package for reassessment of grant from Lee Street to Tift College Drive to be presented to Mr. Jim Cole by end of October.
- Reviewed correspondence from Hodges, Harbin, Newberry, and Tribble regarding bid opening for the Highway 83 sanitary sewer project. There were 5 bids received with a low bid of \$167,000 to a high bid of \$455,000. HHNT will contact low bidder to confirm numbers since there is such a difference in the bids.

Mr. Popham stated that the vast difference is in the bore. Mr. Popham stated that

the bid includes everything for the Highway 83 sewer line including the bore under highway 83 and the separation of the sewer line. There was discussion regarding the advertisement of the bid and how council was notified of the bid opening. Mr. Popham is to verify that the bid was properly advertised.

- Working with DDA on bid for parking lot at Public Safety Complex.
- Public input meetings with UGA on October 29th at 11 am and 6 pm.

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 \$10,841.74 and the electric department committee totals of \$1,099.03. Seconded by Mr. Calloway, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dodd reported that council reviewed the water service contract with the county during the work session today and Mr. Popham will work with Mr. Melton to draft a new proposed contract.

MRS. BANKS

Mrs. Banks reviewed invoices totaling over \$500 for each vendor and offered a motion to approve the public affairs committee totals of \$1,590.28. Seconded by Mr. Calloway, the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Banks reminded everyone that this Saturday is the community yard sale and shred day. Mrs. Banks stated that Mrs. Hall has requested permission to close Jackson Street for through traffic due to the large number of vendors signed up to sale at the yard sale. Mrs. Banks offered a motion to close portions of Jackson Street and allow Mrs. Hall to use her discretion as to which portions of the street should be closed for pedestrian safety. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Banks reminded everyone of the HPC workshop meetings to be held on October 28th at noon and 7 pm at Aldermen Hall.

Mrs. Banks reminded everyone of the trick-or-treat on the square Friday, October 29 for the preschoolers in the morning and then annual downtown trick-or-treating on the square from 5:30 pm until 7:00 pm.

Mrs. Banks stated that the Transportation Enhancement grant document needs to be reviewed by council by next Wednesday to allow Mr. Popham to provide the information to Mr. Cole by the deadline of October 30th.

MR. CALLOWAY

Mr. Calloway reviewed invoices totaling over \$500 for each vendor and offered a motion to approve the police department committee totals of \$23,582.20 and the fire department committee totals of \$1,019.36. Seconded by Mrs. Banks, the motion carried unanimously.

MR. HANSFORD

Mr. Hansford reviewed invoices totaling over \$500 for each vendor and offered a motion to approve the administrative department committee totals of \$3,300.52 and the telecommunications department committee totals of \$2,262.99. Seconded by Mrs. Banks, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hansford stated that council reviewed the telecommunications report provided by Mr. Popham during the work session today.

MR. LAWRENCE

Mr. Lawrence offered a motion to approve the park, recreation, and cemetery committee totals of \$390.64. Seconded by Mr. Hansford, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lawrence offered a motion to approve the public works department committee totals of \$2,900.88. Seconded by Mr. Hansford, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lawrence stated that the James Street and College Street work is complete and the driveway repairs look good.

Mr. Lawrence stated that GMA is requesting that all cities renew their Ethics Ordinance.

Mr. Lawrence stated that the United Methodist Men will meet at St. Luke Methodist Church this Saturday from 1 pm until 5 pm and invited everyone to attend.

ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hansford stated that the Middle Georgia Community Action Agency has sent a letter requesting that the City appoint a board member. Mr. Hansford offered a motion

to appoint Mrs. Banks to the board. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried with four votes for (Dodd, Calloway, Hansford, and Lawrence). Mrs. Banks abstained from the vote.

Mrs. Banks thanked the Kingdom Builders for their work on 9 homes throughout the community last weekend.

Mr. Calloway offered a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation. Seconded by Mr. Hansford, the motion carried and council adjourned into executive session at 7:30 pm.

CITY CLERK REPORT

Mrs. Hall gave an update on the Streetscape project.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Melton stated that certified letters were sent to the property owners of the dilapidated house on Cabiness Road that council voted to allow 30 days for owner to demolish. Mr. Melton stated that he has not received a response from the property owner.

Mrs. Banks asked Mr. Popham for a review of the Phase III project. Mr. Popham stated that this is a project of aesthetics and that intersections are marked so that notice will be made to those areas. Mr. Popham reviewed a meeting he had today with Mr. Tom Queen, DOT, wherein Mr. Queen stated that he thought the proposed project looks good. Mr. Popham stated that the original estimates for Phase III on Lee Street was \$1.2 million and the cost that he has for Phase III on Tift College Drive will be \$753,000.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Submitted by:

Janice L. Hall, City Clerk