

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 7, 2011

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND INVOCATION

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mr. Dodd 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, and City Clerk, Janice Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 17, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Wilson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2011 council meeting as written. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF 2011/12 PRISONER CONTRACT WITH DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Mrs. Hall stated that this is a renewal contract with the Department of Corrections for the three prison crews. Mrs. Hall stated that there are no changes to the previous contract. Mrs. Banks offered a motion to approve the 2011/12 contract with Department of Corrections for three prison crews. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES

Mrs. Hall stated the amount for the accounts payable invoices is \$307,484.29. Mr. Wilson offered a motion to approve the accounts payable invoices. Seconded by Mr. Hansford, the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MR. DODD

- Mr. Dodd offered the following report for the public works committee:
- Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the Change Order for the Streetscape Project for the water blasting to remove the temporary striping on the square. Seconded by Mr. Calloway, the motion carried unanimously.
 - Work continues on the architectural engineers for Phase III Streetscape Project.

- Phase I and II of the Streetscape Project has a completion date of June 10, 2011. Mrs. Hall stated that she spoke with a representative of JHC today and they stated that they will complete the punch list by the 10th.

MRS. BANKS

Mrs. Banks offered the following report from the public affairs committee:

- Introduced Mrs. Loraine Khoury as the new Downtown Development Director.
- Mrs. Khoury thanked everyone for the appointment and looks forward to working with everyone.
- Mrs. Khoury stated that the Farmers Market will begin on June 17th on the lot behind Farmers Bank and run through the end of October.
- July 3rd will be the fireworks event at the Monroe County Recreation Complex with music and other events beginning at 7:00 pm then the fireworks at 9:30 pm.
- Mrs. Banks stated the public affairs committee will meet this Thursday at noon
- Work continues on the boundary map and should be complete in next couple of weeks.
- Commissioner Owens will call DCA on the city's CDBG application to support funding of the project.
- Mrs. Khoury will work on the maintenance repairs that are needed at the Welcome Center
- Work continues on the dilapidated houses

MR. CALLOWAY

Mr. Calloway offered the following report for the public utilities committee:

- Mr. Calloway offered a motion to approve replacement of the pump at the Russellville Plant at a cost of approximately \$18,000. Seconded by Mrs. Banks, the motion carried unanimously.
- Thanked water customers for cutting back on water consumption
- Mr. Calloway reviewed a meeting held yesterday for a review of the companies that submitted proposals to be prequalified for the Boxankle Plant rehab. Mr. Calloway offered a motion to approve 12 of the companies that submitted proposals. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion carried unanimously.

MR. HANSFORD

Mr. Hansford offered the following report for the administrative, court, and telecommunications committees:

- The administrative committee will meet this Thursday at 10:00 am and the telecommunications committee will meet this Thursday at 11:00 am.
- Mr. Hansford asked for an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel matters.
- Mrs. Banks asked that efforts be refocused on the RFP for the cable system.

MR. WILSON

Mr. Wilson offered the following report for the public safety committee:

- Reviewed the public safety committee meeting held today
- Reviewed bids received for the new fire truck and stated Mrs. Hall will work on the financing for the vehicle to bring back to council at the next meeting
- Mayor Howard complimented the fire and police departments for their handling of the bomb scare at Captain D's.

MR. LAWRENCE

Mr. Lawrence offered the following report for the parks, recreation, and cemetery departments:

- Mr. Lawrence stated that he is receiving good comments on how the Streetscape has turned out.
- Will have a full report on the Kynette Park project at the next meeting.
- 2 high school students have been hired as summer workers
- 1st week of summer camps being held this week at the Recreation Department

CITY CLERK REPORT

Mrs. Hall asked that the executive session included personnel and potential litigation.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Melton had nothing further to report.

ADDITIONAL OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Howard thanked the city workers responsible for the excellent work preparing for Memorial Day weekend.

Mayor Howard thanked all citizens for conserving water when the request went out.

Mayor Howard stated that Mr. Frank Vaughan is working with the MGRC on the mapping project.

Mr. William Calloway, Solomon Street, came before council stating that last week people were using Aldermen Hall for a baby shower and he thought that council had voted to stop renting it out. Mrs. Banks stated that during the discussion about no longer renting out Aldermen Hall it was stated that three events were already booked but no new parties have been booked. Mr. Calloway stated that those people should have been given their money back and told to find a different place for their party. Mayor Howard stated that it was said that night that parties were already booked and those would be honored but no new parties would be allowed. Mr. Calloway disagreed with the Mayor and asked him to go back and review the tape of the meeting.

Mr. Calloway offered a motion to adjourn into executive session for personnel and pending litigation. Seconded by Mrs. Banks, the motion carried unanimously and council adjourned into executive session at 7:40 pm.

Mayor Howard called the meeting back into open session at 9:00 pm.

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to accept the resignation of Judge Jeff Davis as Municipal Court Judge. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Submitted by:

Janice L. Hall, City Clerk