

**MINUTES**  
**FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 4, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND INVOCATION**

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Banks 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 Administrator, Thomas White; City Attorney, Bobby Melton; and City Clerk, Janice Hall.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING**

Mr. Wilson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2011 council meeting as written. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously.

**STEVE COLEMAN – ELECTRICAL OUTAGES**

Mr. Steve Coleman, 91 Meadow Drive, came before council to discuss recent electrical outages in his neighborhood. Mr. Coleman stated that he met with Mr. White today to discuss this matter and Mr. White informed him that the City would be installing breakers to isolate the problems so such a large area would not be out at one time. Mr. Coleman commended the electric department on their work and thanked the City for taking measures to reduce the number of outages. Mr. Coleman stated that he has all city services but does not live in the City and that he is surrounded by city properties. Mr. Coleman stated that City should just annex his property and others like his that are receiving services but outside the city limits. Mr. Coleman stated that the City needs to expand the city limits and cleanup the boundary lines. Mr. Coleman stated that there is also a duplication of services as far as the public safety is concerned because both city and county fire and police respond in his area. Mayor Howard agreed with Mr. Coleman on the annexation issue and stated that this is already being worked on by Mr. Frank Vaughan and the Middle Georgia Regional Commission. Mayor Howard stated that the electrical outage issues are being worked on diligently by the electrical department. Mr.

Coleman stated that he appreciates the City working on both issues. Mr. Dodd stated that he lives in the same neighborhood as Mr. Coleman and the power has been out nine times since May of this year. Mayor Howard thanked Mr. Coleman for bringing the issues to council.

**DARLENE MCLENDON – CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ALCOHOL PERMIT FOR GOLF COURSE AND PARK**

Mrs. Darlene McLendon came before council to request a temporary alcohol permit for October 22, 2011 for the Forsyth Golf Course and Country Club Park for a golf event beginning held from 5:30 pm until 10:30 pm. Mr. Wilson offered a motion to approve the temporary alcohol permit. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion and asked if this is a single event permit and Mrs. McLendon stated that it is. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES**

Mrs. Hall stated the general operating invoices for approval totals \$225,860.42 and the special fund invoices for approval totals \$32,891.66 for a grand total of \$258,752.08. Mrs. Banks offered a motion to approve the accounts payable invoices. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**MR. DODD**

Mr. Dodd offered the following report from the public works committee:

- Reviewed the committee meeting held for Streetscape Phase III; this project will be very expensive and an application for additional funding has been submitted; architect submitted best plan for the project and cost is \$3.9 million; fund will determine extent of plan to be completed now with future work as funding becomes available.

**MRS. BANKS**

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

- Update on status of dilapidated houses approved for burning
- Committee rejected all bids for pest control service and will submit a new RFP
- Halloween trick-or-treat on the square will be Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

- EMC has recovery money for “Home Plus” program for customers to receive \$100 rebate for maintenance on HVAC system at their homes, asked that City look into a similar program

### **MR. CALLOWAY**

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

- Reviewed committee meeting and stated that the engineers are working on information for the Boxankle Plant rehab

### **MR. HANSFORD**

Mr. Hansford offered the following report from the administrative and telecommunications committees:

- Cable appraisal should be complete by the end of October

### **MR. WILSON**

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

- Reviewed the committee meeting held today, next meeting will be November 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 pm

### **MR. LAWRENCE**

Mr. Lawrence offered the following report from the parks/recreation/cemetery committee:

- Kynette Park project is moving forward; thanked Monroe County and the Department of Corrections for their assistance with the work on this project
- Parks Advisory Board will begin meeting soon

### **CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

Mr. White reviewed conference he recently attended. Mr. White stated that the Old Brent Road Landfill Methane Extraction System project is underway and should be complete by November 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. White stated that the electric department will be installing sectionalizer switches to correct the problems Mr. Coleman addressed council about.

### **CITY CLERK REPORT**

Mrs. Hall stated that all but three fulltime employees attended the customer service training at the Department of Corrections last week. Mrs. Banks asked if there were any overall implementations that could be measured to see how well employees are

doing and Mrs. Hall stated that the training was an overall training for all departments and it will be an individual choice of the employee to practice what was taught but everyone will be evaluated on how well they practice what was taught. Mr. Lawrence stated that now that all have been trained everyone coming into City Hall should be treated equally and with good customer service skills.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mr. Melton had nothing further to report.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Mr. Steve Coleman stated that customer service in City Hall is much better lately than it was last year.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Janice L. Hall, City Clerk