

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING

OCTOBER 4, 2012

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm. Present for the meeting was Mayor John Howard, Councilmembers Mike Dodd, Eric Wilson, Jo Anna Banks, and James Calloway. Also present was County Commissioners & Public Facilities Authority, County Administrator, and County Attorney; City Administrator, Thomas White; and City Clerk, Janice Hall.

Councilmembers Hansford and Lawrence were unable to attend the meeting; therefore, all unanimous votes will be four (4) votes (Dodd, Banks, Calloway, and Wilson).

REVIEW BOND FOR 2014 SPLOST

County Commission Chairman, James Vaughn, reviewed the projects being included in the bond as follows: county issued \$13.7 million bonds in 2003 for the water system and they will call those bonds and refinance through the Monroe County Public Facility Authority (MCPFA) and the county, Forsyth, and Culloden will bond portions of their 2014 SPLOST proceeds. Mr. Vaughn stated that Merchants Capital was able to get the interest rate at 1.5% and differ the interest payment until December 2013.

Mr. Calloway offered a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Monroe County. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Banks, Calloway, and Wilson).

Mr. Calloway offered a motion to authorize Mayor Howard to sign all documents required for the bond for the 2014 SPLOST. Seconded by Mrs. Banks, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Banks, Calloway, and Wilson).

All documents were signed by Mayor Howard and witnessed and sealed by Mrs. Hall for the agreements with the MCPFA to bond a portion of the 2014 SPLOST.

Chairman Vaughn reviewed that Judge Fletcher has agreed to handle the LOST negotiations and reviewed dates he is available. Judge Fletcher's fee is \$525 per hour with an 8 hour minimum plus hotel cost for overnight stay. Mr. Wilson offered a motion to approve

Judge Fletcher to handle the LOST negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Calloway, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Banks, Calloway, and Wilson). The city and county officials discussed the dates Judge Fletcher is available. Mrs. Banks offered a motion to hold the negotiations on October 29th. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Banks, Calloway, and Wilson). Mr. White stated that officials have until December to reach an agreement or must go to court then. There was discussion regarding the need to discuss the split of the LOST prior to going to negotiation with a judge. Mrs. Banks asked if the county would notify the city of the split they are recommending prior to the October 29th negotiation meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Submitted by:

Janice L. Hall, City Clerk