

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 15, 2014

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND INVOCATION

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 6 PM, that the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. _____ gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were Mayor John Howard, Councilmembers Mike Dodd, Julius Stroud, Greg Goolsby, Jimmy Jones, Eric Wilson and Melvin Lawrence. Also present were City Attorney, Bobby Melton; City Administrator, Thomas White; and Janet Eldridge. City Clerk, Janice Hall, was unable to attend the meeting; Ms. Janet Eldridge attended in her absence.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 1, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Wilson offered a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2014 council meeting as presented. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Wilson, and Lawrence).

APPOINT PUBLIC DEFENDER

Mr. Jones offered a motion to appoint Mr. Jefferson Adams as Public Defender effective May 1, 2014 at a salary of \$800 per month. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Wilson, and Lawrence).

PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF GREASE TRAP ORDINANCE

Mayor Howard opened the public hearing for comments for or against the approval of the Grease Trap Ordinance.

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to adopt the Grease Trap Ordinance as presented. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Wilson, and Lawrence).

PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF STREET NAMING/RENAMING

ORDINANCE

Mayor Howard opened the public hearing for comments for or against the approval of the Street Naming/Renaming Ordinance.

Howell Newton

Ronald Bearden

Frank Vaughan

Mr. Wilson offered a motion to adopt the Street Naming/Renaming Ordinance as presented. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Wilson, and Lawrence).

PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF BLIGHTED PROPERTY ORDINANCE

Mayor Howard opened the public hearing for comments for or against the approval of the Blighted Property Ordinance.

Fred Dungan

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to adopt the Blighted Property Ordinance as presented. Seconded by Mr. Jones, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Wilson, and Lawrence).

PUBLIC HEARING FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO UTILITIES ORDINANCE

Mayor Howard opened the public hearing for comments for or against the approval of the amendments to the Utilities Ordinance. Amend Section 23-120(b)2 to add city administrator.

James Lyons

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to adopt the amendments to the Utilities Ordinance as presented. Seconded by Mr. Jones, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Wilson, and Lawrence).

CHANGE ORDER FOR RAILROAD AVENUE PROJECT

Mr. Kevin Berry, Hofstadter & Associates, reviewed the change order for the Railroad Avenue project. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to accept the change order as presented. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Wilson, and Lawrence).

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES

Mr. Wilson offered a motion to approve the payment of the accounts payable invoices. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Wilson, and Lawrence).

Approval of purchase order for lighting for Railroad Avenue project – Gresco Utility - \$20,082

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the purchase order. Seconded by Mr. Jones, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Wilson, and Lawrence).

Approval of purchase order for transformer for Tractor Supply – Stuart Irby - \$5,397 (customer has paid for transformer)

Mr. Wilson offered a motion to approve the purchase order. Seconded by Mr. Jones, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Wilson, and Lawrence).

Approval of water meter purchase – HD Supply - \$66,975 total for 2 routes

Mr. Lawrence offered a motion to approve the purchase order. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried with five (5) votes for (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, and Lawrence) and one (1) against (Wilson).

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. White offered the following report:

- Paint the Town Purple will be held on May 3rd; antique car show begins at 10:00 am

CITY CLERK REPORT

No report

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Melton had nothing further to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS – CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC COMMENTS – MAYOR HOWARD TO REVIEW RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Albert Mays

Mr. James Lyons

Mr. Ronald Bearden

Mr. Fred Dungan

Mr. James Lyons

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Stroud offered a motion to adjourn into executive session. Seconded by Mr. Jones, the motion carried unanimously and council adjourned into executive session.

ADJOURN