

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 21, 2013

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND INVOCATION

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. White gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting was Mayor John Howard, Councilmembers Mike Dodd, Jo Anna Banks, Eric Wilson, and Melvin Lawrence. Also present was City Attorney, Bobby Melton; City Administrator, Thomas White; and City Clerk, Janice Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 7, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING

Mrs. Banks offered a motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2013 as written. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Banks, Wilson, and Lawrence).

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH QUALITY TIRE RECYCLING

Mr. White reviewed the agreement states this is for tires picked-up on the side of the roadway and is required by EPD for proper disposal. Mrs. Banks offered a motion to approve the agreement with QTR. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Banks, Wilson, and Lawrence).

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO REDEEM THE CABLE/FIBER OPTIC BOND, SERIES 1999

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the Resolution for early redemption of the Cable/Fiber Optic Bond. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. Mr. Melton stated the Downtown Development Authority will also approve a Resolution at their meeting next Tuesday. Mr. Dodd asked if there will be excess funds after the bond is retired and Mrs. Hall stated that as of March 31, 2013 statement the excess funds were approximately \$287,000 and \$18,000 in attorney fees and \$2500 in bank fees will have to be paid out of any excess funds. The motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Banks, Wilson, and Lawrence).

APPOINTMENT OF VOTING DELEGATE FOR GMA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING IN SAVANNAH IN JUNE

Mr. Wilson offered a motion to appoint Mr. Lawrence as the GMA voting delegate. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Banks, Wilson, and Lawrence).

REVIEW OF ELECTRIC CITIES SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES

Mrs. Banks offered a motion to rescind the 2014 contract with Electric Cities of Georgia. Mr. Dodd seconded the motion. Mrs. Hall asked that the motion be restated to rescind the 2014 Subscription Services with ECG and Mrs. Banks restated the motion. Mr. White stated that the deadline to submit a final subscription service contract has been extended until June 10, 2013. The motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Banks, Wilson, and Lawrence).

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES

Mr. Wilson reviewed totals for each department and stated the grand total of all invoices for approval is \$460,613.96. Mr. Wilson offered a motion to approve the invoices as presented. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Banks, Wilson, and Lawrence).

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Alvin Randall offered the following report for projects in progress:

- Tradewinds Sewerline Project – finalizing project and engineer will be conducting final walk-thru of project soon.
- Sharp Street Sewerline Project – the system is in place and the engineer will inspect and develop as as-built drawing.
- Brentwood Place Apartment Project – electric and cable infrastructure are in place and Brentwood Place Apartment contractor will be tying into manhole soon.
- South Interceptor Sewerline Project – reorganized work and picking back up at Blount Street manhole until final easement is received.
- Kynette Park Project – waiting on responses to RFP for concrete work.
- Reclamation of MLK Jr. Drive – ongoing process; DOT patching bad surface areas; meeting to discuss reclaiming of Union Hill drive area which will be a challenge to correct as surface water will need to be rechanneled to the water catch basin at property north of intersection and that catch basin is stopped up; DOT will try to revert water back to the catch basin.
- LMIG – engineering is complete and RFP has been published with June 26 deadline.
- ECG – meeting of members will be held on May 29th and strongly encouraged all elected officials that can attend to do so; ECG Board extended deadline to June 10 to allow cities time to discuss their subscription services after the May 29th meeting; will need clear path of where all participants stand to make sure keep cost down for each city.

CITY CLERK REPORT

Mrs. Hall reviewed that a new line item was setup to allow for the transfer in from the Municipal Competitive Trust to pay the lawsuit settlement in the Rutherford case. Mrs. Hall requested approval to

increase the new line item to \$160,000 to cover the transfer. Mr. Wilson offered a motion to approve the budget increase as requested. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative was Dodd, Banks, Wilson, and Lawrence).

Mrs. Hall stated she has received information from GMA on by-law changes that will be voted on during the annual convention. Mrs. Hall stated she will pass this information on to Mr. Lawrence, as he is the voting delegate.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Melton had nothing further to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howard stated that he will get with Chief Herndon to see if he has contacts to send supplies to the victims of the tornadoes in Oklahoma.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Mr. Wilson stated that he has been approached by property owners on Harris Street and Kimball Street requesting that the streets be made one-way. Mr. Wilson reviewed that parking on both sides of the streets makes the roadway very narrow and only allows for one vehicle to pass-through at a time. Mr. Lawrence suggested that restricting parking to one side of the street could alleviate the problem. Mrs. Banks stated the Johnston Street/Kimball Street intersection is very dangerous. Mr. Dodd stated that Streetscape Phase III has bumpouts that could help with these problems but DOT has already approved the plan so we need to make sure that making these one-way streets would not affect the approved plan. Mrs. Banks stated the DOT may have someone on staff that could assist Mr. White in researching the matter.

Mrs. Banks asked that the signage on DOC campus be considered when approving signage for Streetscape Phase III to match their signage.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Submitted by:

Janice L. Hall, City Clerk