

## **MINUTES**

### **FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING**

**JULY 8, 2014**

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Present for the was Mayor John Howard, Councilmembers Mike Dodd, Julius Stroud, Greg Goolsby, Jimmy Jones, Eric Wilson, and Melvin Lawrence. Also present was City Administrator, Thomas White; and City Clerk, Janice Hall.

#### **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUESTS**

Mr. Stroud offered a motion to approve the travel requests for the MEAG Annual Conference in Amelia Island and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion. Mr. Goolsby asked for a review of the cost of the conference. Mr. White stated that he only received a form from Mr. Dodd and himself for the conference. Mayor Howard stated that Mr. White has previously completed all forms for travel and the assumption was that he would do the same for this conference. Mr. Goolsby stated that the approved form should be submitted for all travel. Mr. White stated that all expenses should be the same and stated that the total should be \$1,372 each. There was discussion regarding the amount of money included for meals as most meals will be provided by MEAG. Mr. White stated that he included the maximum allotment for meals in the total. Mr. Jones stated that the voting delegate receives one free night of lodging and complimentary registration for the conference. Mayor Howard stated that he was not aware of this and would have to look into it. Mrs. Hall stated that she has already taken care of that with MEAG by providing the voting delegates name and Mrs. Lowe with MEAG will take care of the hotel reservation and will invoice the city accordingly for the registrations. Mr. Goolsby stated that he understands the need for training and information but \$6,500 is a lot to pay for five (5) people to attend training when one could attend and bring the information back to the group. Mr. Goolsby stated that he feels council should be transparent and watch funds that are being spent. Mr. Jones stated that he agrees with Mr. Goolsby and would like to limit travel expense as much as possible. The motion carried with four (4) votes for (Dodd, Stroud, Wilson, and Lawrence) and two (2) votes against (Goolsby and Jones).

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Submitted by:

Janice L. Hall, City Clerk