

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2014

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Present for the meeting were Mayor Howard, Councilmembers Mike Dodd, Julius Stroud, Greg Goolsby, Jimmy Jones, Eric Wilson, and Melvin Lawrence. Also present were City Attorney, Bobby Melton; City Clerk/Administrator, Janice Hall; and Administrative Assistant, Stacy Ladson.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING AND SPECIAL CALLED JOINT MEETING OF NOVEMBER 3, 2014.

Mr. Stroud offered a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2014 Council meeting and the November 3, 2014 special called joint meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion carried unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUESTS FOR GMA MAYORS DAY

Mrs. Hall stated four additional travel request had been submitted – Mayor Howard, Mr. Stroud, Mr. Goolsby, and Mr. Lawrence. The travel request are for January 23 – 26, 2015. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the travel request. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion was carried unanimously.

3. ACCEPT QUIT CLAIM DEED FROM FORSYTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mr. Melton advised Council to accept the quit claim deed from the Forsyth Presbyterian Church for the small parcel adjacent to Lee Street Park. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to accept the quit claim deed. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Hall stated DOT will start on Lee Street Park in mid-January.

4. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES

Mrs. Hall reviewed invoice totals for each department for a total of \$236,964.53 for general payables, \$557.09 for seized payables, and \$62,682.57 for SPLOST payables; for a grand total of \$300,204.19. Mr. Jones offered a motion to approve the invoices. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

5. CITY CLERK/CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mrs. Hall reviewed information presented during the work session and recommended changing the Off System Sales and Yearend Settlement from MEAG from 100% deposit into the Municipal Competitive Trust Generation Account to 100% deposit into the Municipal

Competitive Trust Flexible Account. Mr. Jones offered a motion to approve the recommended change. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously.

6. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Melton informed Council the Forsyth CableNet proposal to resolve the escrow account is coming soon.

Mr. Melton also advised Council to forgo the Competitive Local Exchange Telecommunications Certificate license as it is no longer needed. Council agreed by general consensus.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks/Recreation/Cemeteries Committee

Mr. Dodd offered a motion at the request of the Tree Board, that Mayor and Council issue a proclamation honoring Harold C. Kendrick Jr. for his service to the City by naming him Chairman Emeritus of the Forsyth Tree Board. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion carried unanimously.

Public Safety Committee

Mr. Stroud had nothing further to report.

Public Affairs Committee

Mr. Goolsby stated the DDA had just completed the annual planning retreat where they set goals for the 2015 year ahead. The Board also discussed the Convention and Visitors Bureau where they developed strong legislation and bylaws. The DDA Board will meet again at the end of November to review the drafts and adopt the documents. Mr. Goolsby also thanked Mr. Ken Bowman and KOA Campgrounds for the hosting the retreat.

Administrative Committee

Mr. Jones had nothing further to report.

Public Works Committee

Mr. Wilson had nothing further to report.

Public Utilities Committee

Mr. Lawrence stated the City of Forsyth is doing well as far as MEAG is concerned. However, Mr. Lawrence reminded the Council the electrical rates were less expensive than other MEAG cities which is beginning to cause cash flow problems for the City.

8. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Howard reported the City is in a better financial state than expected and he hoped this would lead to more economic development within the City.

Mayor Howard recently attended a dinner with Monroe County Farm Bureau, which he thoroughly enjoyed and encouraged other member to show more appreciation of the agricultural industry.

Mayor Howard is working with the Regional Commission to determine dates for the Charter discussion.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL BUSINESS:

9. REVIEW OF THE 2015 PURPOSED BUDGET

Mrs. Hall reviewed some highlights of the proposed budget noting no transfers were included in the budget. After tonight's work session meeting with MEAG, some items may be changed. Mrs. Hall will work on amendments to the proposed budget and encouraged council to hold weekly meetings to review the proposed budget.

ADJOURN

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM.

Submitted by:

Janice L. Hall, City Clerk