

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 6:58PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Howard asked Mr. Stroud to give the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were Mayor Howard, Councilmembers Mike Dodd, Julius Stroud, Greg Goolsby, Jimmy Wilson, Eric Wilson, and Melvin Lawrence. Also present were City Attorney, Bobby Melton; City Clerk/Interim Administrator, Janice Hall; and Executive Assistant, Kristal Dunn.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICE

Mrs. Hall reviewed invoice totals for each department for a total of \$189,826.26 for general payables, \$630.61 for SEIZED and \$27,597.84 for SPLOST/GRANT payables; for a grand total of \$218,054.71. Mr. Jones offered a motion to approve the invoices. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Wilson, Jones and Lawrence).

APPROVAL OF REQUISITIONS ABOVE \$5,000

Mrs. Hall review three (3) requisitions that needed approval, the first being for PMC Maintenance for the sludge pump for \$6,035.50. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the requisition for PMC Maintenance. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Wilson, Jones and Lawrence). The second requisition is for Cox Industries to restock wooden poles for \$5,530.29. Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the requisition for Cox Industries. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Wilson, Jones and Lawrence). The third requisition is for Gresco for \$5,484.55. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the requisition for Gresco. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Wilson, Jones and Lawrence).

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CITY CLERK REPORT

- EPD is requiring the cleanup of the pond.
- Received the permit for the driveway at the Board of Education Fine Arts Center.

- The Forsyth Police Department is going through qualifying.
- Mrs. Hall stated that she has been working with the Engineer on the water problem at the Masonic Lodge and he has given an estimate for repairs at \$40,000.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Mr. Melton had nothing further to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- No Committee Reports at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Howard had nothing further to report.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

- APPOINTING VOTING DELEGATE FOR REGIONAL COMMISSION

Mr. Dodd offered a motion for the Mayor as the voting delegate and Mr. Lawrence as the alternate. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion carried unanimously.

- HPC PROPOSED GUIDELINES AND MAP

Mr. Jones stated that the HPC ordinance was adopted in 2004. There are three pieces that need to be considered, the ordinance, guidelines, and appointments. Mr. Jones stated you could not have the HPC without all 3 parts. In 2010 the Proposed Guidelines and Map were brought before the Council for consideration; and nothing was adopted at that time. Mr. Jones asked how do we do away with the ordinance & HPC, and if we do away with them, will we owe money back to the state. Mr. Melton stated that we had to options, call for a Public Hearing and either move tourism to HPC or resend the HPC ordinance. The Council wants to look at Design & Review as the HPC Board, the state review guidelines, and that maybe we use the same guidelines for HPC as for Design & Review.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Louis and Mrs. Charlotte Hogan of 332 Blount Street, came before council asking about water running thru their property. The ditch is eroding as well at the driveway. Mrs. Hall stated that the city would have Alvin Randall go out and look at it and see what could be done.

ADJOURN

There being no additional business to discuss, Mr. Wilson offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Submitted by:

Janice Hall

City Clerk/Interim City Administrator