

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 19, 2015

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 6:04PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Lawrence gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were Mayor Howard, Councilmembers Mike Dodd, Greg Goolsby, Eric Wilson, and Melvin Lawrence. Also present were City Attorney, Bobby Melton; City Manager, Janice Hall; and Executive Assistant, Kristal Dunn. Councilmembers Julius Stroud and Jimmy Jones were absent; therefore all unanimous votes will be four (4) votes (Dodd, Goolsby, Wilson and Lawrence).

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wilson offered a motion to approve the minutes from the May 5th, 2015 Council meetings. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, Wilson and Lawrence).

APPOINT THE CONVENTION & VISTOR'S BUREAU BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Goolsby stated that the initial intent was for the Downtown Development Authority Board to serve as the Convention & Visitor's Bureau Board with the addition of two new members. Mr. Goolsby stated that the DDA held a meeting last night and offered recommendations. Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the recommendation from the DDA Board, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson asked if all sectors were covered and if all recommendations meet the qualifications of legislation. Mr. Wilson read the names and terms for the CVB Recommendations; The recommendations from the DDA Board for the CVB Board appointees are as follows; Hotel Sector – Ken Bowman, 3 year term – Fred Kapadia, 2 year term; Restaurant Sector – Bonnie Barker, 3 year term – Wayne Wentendorf, 1 year term; Retail Sector – Nancy McComb, 4 year term – Angie Ellis, 1 year term; At-large – Kerri Swearingen, 4 year term – Otis Ingram, 2 year term; Council Representative – Greg Goolsby. Mr. Goolsby stated that the board will hold its 1st meeting on June 8th, at 5:30 PM. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the recommendations as they were read by Mr. Wilson. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, Wilson and Lawrence).

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUEST FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mrs. Hall stated that the Council needed to approve travel request for the elected officials. Mrs. Hall read the travel request; Mayor Howard for \$283 for the GA Conference of Black Mayors in Fort Valley on May 29th; Mayor Howard for \$1,387 for the MEAG Annual Meeting in Amelia Island, FL on July 12th-15th; Mr. Lawrence for \$1,387 for the MEAG Annual Meeting in Amelia Island, FL on July 12th-15th; Mr. Stroud for \$1,387 for the MEAG Annual Meeting in Amelia Island, FL on July 12th-15th; Mr. Goolsby for \$1,387 for the MEAG Annual Meeting in Amelia Island, FL on July 12th-15th. Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the Travel Requests. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, Wilson and Lawrence).

APPROVAL OF GMA'S DISTRICT 6 OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016

Mrs. Hall stated that the nominations for the election of GMA's District 6 Officers for 2015-2016 had to be approved so that the ballot could be sent in. Mr. Wilson offered a motion to approve the nominations for the Election of GMA's District 6 Officers for 2015-2016 as submitted from GMA. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, Wilson and Lawrence).

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR PURCHASE OF LADDER TRUCK

Mrs. Hall stated that the resolution for the purchase of the ladder truck needs to be approved. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the resolution for the purchase of the ladder truck. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, Wilson and Lawrence).

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES

Mrs. Hall reviewed invoice totals for each department for a total of \$291,441.72 for general payables, \$630.39 for SEIZED and \$16576.13 for SPLOST/GRANT payables; for a grand total of \$308,648.24. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the invoices. Seconded by Mr. Goolsby, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, Wilson and Lawrence).

Mrs. Hall stated that there were 2 requisitions greater than \$5000 that need to be approved. The first was the restock of transformers for \$8,415. Mr. Wilson offered a motion to approve the requisitions for the restock of transformers. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, Wilson and Lawrence). The Second requisition was for Alan Vigil Ford for the chassis for the rescue truck, for \$39,995.49. Mr. Wilson offered a motion to approve the requisition for Alan Vigil Ford. Seconded by Mr. Goolsby, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, Wilson and Lawrence).

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Pete Degan, MEAG, will return to council on June 19th to review again MEAG's position on consolidation and what will be required for a MEAG city to do as far as the agreements with MEAG.
- Working on correcting issues with the Old Brent road landfill; problems with documentation have been corrected and we have the sediment ponds to clean out; working to reschedule meeting with EPD to review status of work
- Blount Hill lift station NTP issued; but delayed until pumps are delivered in June.
- Spoke with DOT regarding I75 lights; confirmed that maintenance & repair is city responsibility; there is no state funding to repair the lights; I requested that we be placed on the list for future lighting projects.
- Working on changes in organizational chart; will bring back recommendations to council for review and approval.
- Rewriting the travel & vehicle policies; making changes to the social media policy; changes to vacation policy for department heads; adding information technology policy.
- Working with county to write an agreement for the election superintendent to be the probate judge as it has been for several years; also looking at possibility of elections board for city and county.
- Working with United Bank for credit cards and payroll debit cards; credit cards will do away with the American Express and can be used as needed for purchases and travel; no cost to city for credit cards; payroll debit card accounts are for employees that do not qualify for regular checking accounts; working with bank on the fees for payroll debit cards; will bring agreements back to council for review and approval.
- Particle counters at RWTP were hit by lightning again yesterday; must repair or replace within 5 days per state law; sent them off today for repair; Pat Wright is working with Johnny Hodges to see what additional remedies can be put in place to protect against lightning strikes.
- AJ Rollins, Fire Captain, delivered the baby of Darryl Prince, Firefighter this past weekend.
 - Just wanted to recognize them as this was one of those once in a lifetime events.

First Baptist Church would like to close King Street from Indian Springs Drive to the first house on King Street on Wednesday, May 27th from 5 PM to 8 PM for a church wide cook out. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the closing of King Street from Indian Springs Drive to the first

house on King Street. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, Wilson and Lawrence).

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Mr. Melton had nothing to report.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

- No additional reports were offered.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

- Mr. Goolsby stated that during the 2nd Council meeting of the month could be a budget meeting/work session type meeting, maybe topics to help the City Manager. Mayor Howard stated that he had something to bring to the DDA board; he has ideas on how to fund the DDA. Mayor Howard stated that starting in June, for the 2nd meeting, we will hold a work session. Mr. Dodd stated we could discuss legal issues and then move into the work session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Mr. William Calloway** of 209 Solomon Street, came before council and stated that he had visited Tift College to fish and had a great experience with his grandkids. Mr. Calloway also asked about having to pay extra money to have limbs picked up. Mrs. Hall stated that this was only for large loads that Advance Disposal would not pick up. Mrs. Hall told Mr. Calloway, that Advance Disposal would still be pick up small debris on Fridays. Mr. Calloway thanked the Council, Mayor and City Manager for all that they do.

ADJOURN

There being no additional business to discuss, Mr. Lawrence offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Goolsby, the motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:45PM.

Submitted by:

Janice L. Hall
City Manager