

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 02, 2015

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 6:03PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Lawrence gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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 Manager, Janice Hall; and Executive Assistant, Kristal Dunn.

COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Wilson offered a motion to approve the minutes from the May 19th, 2015 Council meetings. Seconded by Mr. Goolsby; The motion carried with four (4) votes for (Dodd, Goolsby, Wilson and Lawrence) and two (2) abstention (Stroud and Jones due to being absent from that meeting).

PUBLIC HEARING FOR BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR POURING LICENSE – APPLICANTS SHUNDA WHATLEY AND ROBERT TRAYLOR – 52 LOVERS LANE FOR A SPORTS BAR

Mayor Howard opened the public hearing for comments for or against the approval of the beer/wine/liquor pouring license for applicants Shunda Whatley and Robert Traylor – 52 Lovers Lane. Mr. Bobby Melton reviewed the beer/wine/liquor pouring application received for Shunda Whatley and Robert Traylor, stating that there was several questions that needed to be answered. Mr. Melton stated that there were no tax records for either applicant. Mr. Melton stated that both had an extensive arrest record, but did not see anything that would prohibit them getting the license; however he did feel that several issues and questions needed to be addressed. Mayor Howard opened the floor for public comments. Chief Corley came before the council and stated that he did not think that having a bar in that area (52 Lovers Lane) was a good idea, due to the violence. Chief Corley did not believe that area was conducive for a bar. Ms. Whatley nor Mr. Traylor were present for the public hearing. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Howard closed the public hearing. After much discussion, Mr. Jones offered a motion to table the application until questions are answered and to bring it back to the 1st meeting in July. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion

carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Wilson, Jones and Lawrence).

ACCEPTING RESIGNATION OF JO ANNA BANKS FROM PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Mrs. Hall stated that the Council should accept the resignation for Mrs. Banks; she has sold her house and moved out of state. Mr. Goolsby asked how we needed to handle nominations for the Planning & Zoning Board. Mrs. Hall stated that recommendations should be submitted to her, she would vet them, and bring them back to council for approval. Mr. Wilson offered a motion to accept the resignation of Jo Anna Banks from the Planning & Zoning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Wilson, Jones and Lawrence).

APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE AMENDMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDINANCE

Mrs. Hall stated that the Regional Commission would be coming to the next meeting to review the changes that would be made to the Administrative Ordinance and requested approval to begin advertising for the public hearing. Mr. Stroud offered a motion to approve to advertise amendments to the Administrative ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Wilson and Lawrence).

APPOINT VOTING DELEGATE FOR MEAG POWER ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Mrs. Hall stated that the council needs to appoint a voting delegate for the MEAG Power Annual Conference. After discussion, Mr. Lawrence offered a motion to leave the voting delegate as it is. Seconded by Mr. Jones, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Wilson and Lawrence).

APPROVE RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR LADDER TRUCK USING MCT FUNDS

Mrs. Hall reviewed the resolution to purchase the equipment for the ladder truck using Municipal Competitive Trust Funds. Mrs. Hall stated that at this time the interest rate is 5% for ten (10) years on \$80,000. Mrs. Hall stated that the monthly payback on the loan to ourselves would be \$848.00 a month. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the resolution to purchase equipment for the ladder truck using MCT Funds. Seconded by Mr. Jones, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Jones, Wilson and Lawrence). Mr. Lawrence asked if we needed 2 (two) sets of hose bridges. Chief Herndon stated that because they

are the width of the ladder base, they would help with traffic flow. Mr. Goolsby asked if we had the money in this year's budget. Mrs. Hall stated yes.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICE

Mrs. Hall reviewed invoice totals for each department for a total of \$220,998.22 for general payables, none for Seized and none for SPLOST/GRANT payables; for a grand total of \$202,998.22. Mr. Jones offered a motion to approve the invoices. Seconded by Mr. Wilson, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Wilson, Jones and Lawrence).

Mrs. Hall stated that there was 1 requisition greater than \$5000 that need to be approved. Mrs. Hall stated that Chief Corley had received bids for 3 cars. Chief Corley came before the Council and reviewed the bid from interceptor for 1 2016 Ford SUV and 2 2015 Dodge Chargers. Mr. Stroud offered a motion to approve the requisition for the 1 SUV and 2 Chargers. Seconded by Mr. Dodd. The Mayor stated it looked like there would be extra money and Chief Corley stated that the bid did not included the radios. The Mayor asked if Chief Corley had anyone in mind to give the new cars to and Chief Corley stated that no that he wanted to reward the employees with good stats. The Mayor stated that he would like to get to a position where vehicles could be assigned to each officer. The Mayor stated that he would like to look at some previously owned vehicles. Mr. Goolsby stated he would like to take the money and get 5 or 6 vehicles rather than 3. Chief Corley stated that he would prefer new vehicles, since they had not had any new vehicles since 2011. Mrs. Hall reviewed the SPLOST funds available. Mr. Stroud amended his motion to allow Mrs. Hall to look for alternate bids for new vehicles, possibly 2015s, need black vehicle if possible. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, Mrs. Hall will come back in 2 weeks with 2 more quotes, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Wilson, Jones and Lawrence).

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Mrs. Hall stated that she was putting together a project and item list for review at the 1st work session.
- All moves for Hotel and classes for the GMA Conference are complete. Packets should be mailed next week.
- Reminder that a MEAG Rep will attend the next council meeting, before the work session.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Mr. Melton had nothing to report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The Mayor had nothing to report.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

- Mr. Stroud asked if Mrs. Hall would have Johnny Hodges look at a light pole at Fern Drive & Oak Ridge Drive.
- Mr. Goolsby asked about Advanced Disposal doing the containers to hide the trash cans on the square. Mrs. Hall stated that Advanced Disposal stated that it was up to the City to do this. Mrs. Hall also stated that she was looking into having some containers constructed.
- Mr. Jones asked Mrs. Hall if the policy changes that the Administrative Committee would still be addressed. Mrs. Hall stated that yes they would and that this was one of the things that she would be bring to the work session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- **Maggie Jackson** was not present for the Council meeting.

ADJOURN

There being no additional business to discuss, Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.

Submitted by:

Janice L. Hall

City Manager