

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Howard gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES - \$216,407.35 (\$199,996.42 for GENERAL INVOICES; \$1000.00 FOR OTHER; AND \$14,651.21 FOR SPLOST)

Mrs. Hall read the Consent Agenda. Mr. Jones offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence; the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, Jones and Lawrence).

AGENDA ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

PRESENTATION OF BREAST CANCER MONTH PROCLAMATION

Mayor Howard read the proclamation declaring October 2, 2015 as “Paint the Town Pink Day” in the City of Forsyth and encouraged all citizens to wear pink on this day and raise awareness for what all citizens can do to help in the early diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

APPOINT MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mr. Jones offered a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Greg Goolsby as the Mayor Pro-Tem. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence; the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Jones and Lawrence).

HISTORIC TRAIN FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Al Shackleford came before the Mayor and Council to discuss the Historic Train Festival. Mr. Shackleford stated that he retired from the Railroad, three (3) years ago, and was a member of the Train Festival Committee. Mr. Shackleford stated that November 7th would be the 3rd year for the Festival. Mr. Shackleford passed out brochures and reviewed the activities that would be available. Mr. Jones asked if there was anything additional that was needed from the City. Mr. Shackleford stated that there was not anything at this time but will let Mayor Howard

know if there is. Mr. Ralph Bass stated that ?? originated with 175 years of train in Forsyth, so the Festival began. Mr. Martin Presley reviewed the Chili Cook off. Mr. Presley stated that it was a competitive cooking event, and that we need teams to sign up. Mr. Presley stated that they were waiting on issues to be cleared up with the Health Department. Mrs. Loraine Khoury stated that they were also in need of judges for the Chili Cook Off.

PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND AND RESTATE THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND TO AUTHORIZE SIGNING OF PLAN DOCUMENTS

Mayor Howard opened the public hearing to amend and restated the retirement plan for City employees and to authorize signing of plan documents. Mr. Bobby Melton reviewed the addendum to the Retirement Plan Adoption Agreement. Mr. Melton stated that it had been advertised in the Monroe County Reporter issues of September 2nd and September 9th and had been first brought to the Council on September 1st. Mr. Melton stated this amends and restates the plan. Mrs. Hall reviewed the reasons for the amendment. After no further comments, Mayor Howard closed the Public Hearing. Mr. Jones offered a motion to approve the amendment and restatement of the Retirement Plan for the City Employees and to authorize signing of Plan Documents. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, Jones and Lawrence).

ADJOURN

There being no additional business to discuss, ?? offered a motion to adjourn. Seconded by ??, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, Jones and Lawrence). The meeting adjourned at 6:20PM.

Submitted by:

Kristal S. Dunn

City Clerk