

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL CALLED MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION

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

ROLL CALL

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

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 6, 2015 COUNCIL MEETING

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES - \$126,122.68

Mayor Howard read the Consent Agenda. Mr. Jones offered a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Stroud. The motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Jones and Lawrence).

AGENDA ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

AWARD BID FOR 2015 LMIG

Mrs. Hall stated that this award was for the 2015 LMIG - Patching, Leveling and Resurfacing of Bazemore Street, East Chambers Street, Ponder Street and Short Street. Mrs. Hall stated that Hofstadter & Associates recommended awarding the bid to Georgia Asphalt, Inc. with the low bid of \$50,989.22. Mr. Jones offered a motion to approve the award bid to Georgia Asphalt, Inc. for the 2015 LMIG - Patching, Leveling and Resurfacing of Bazemore Street, East Chambers Street, Ponder Street and Short Street. Seconded by Mr. Stroud. The motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Jones and Lawrence).

HEALTH INSPECTIONS FOR NON-PROFIT EVENTS

Mrs. Hall stated that the City can do the inspections for City Non-Profit events and recommends that the City take these back over. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the City doing the inspections for City Sponsored Non-Profit events. Seconded by Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones stated that the resolution needed to be changed to reflect that it is for only City sponsored events. Mr. Stroud asked about training for the Inspector. Mrs. Hall stated that Anita Cauthen, County Administrator stated that the County does all of their inspections and that they do not have any training. Mr. Lawrence stated that he would volunteer for the Inspector position. Mr. Stroud stated

that to take all liability off the City that we needed to make sure that the Inspector had whatever he needs to perform the job. The motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Jones and Lawrence).

APPROVAL TO CLOSE A PORTION OF KIMBALL STREET ON OCTOBER 31, 2015 FOR A “HAUNTING ON KIMBALL STREET – FAMILY MOVIE AND ACTIVITIES” – REQUEST BY BONNIE BARKER OWNER OF THE ANVIL ROOM

Mrs. Hall stated that this was for approval to close a portion of Kimball Street on October 31, 2015 for a “Haunting on Kimball Street – Family movie and activities”, by the owner of the Anvil Room, Bonnie Barker. Mr. Dodd asked if they would be charging for food, since it was a restaurant. Mrs. Hall stated that she assumed that they would charge for food but not the movie. Mr. Stroud offered a motion to approve the street closing. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence. Mr. Dodd stated that he was concerned, because we had already turned down one business request to close a street because it was for profit. Mr. Jones stated that he didn’t see a problem if it was for the community and that it was not close to a major thoroughfare. Mr. Dodd stated that he just wanted to make sure we were not setting a precedent. Mr. Jones asked if they could partner with Better Hometown and bring it back to not for profit. Mrs. Hall stated that she would like to do that and send them to the CVB/Better Hometown. Mr. Melton stated that he had read the statue and that it was concerned with gratuities. Mr. Melton stated that if the wanted to use the Fall Festival to lure people into their business, then they could bring the event into the Fall Festival. Mrs. Hall stated that Mrs. Khoury can advertise this event with the Fall Festival and have the street closure approved. The motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Jones and Lawrence).

TRAVEL REQUEST APPROVAL FOR MAYOR HOWARD TO MEAG MAYORS SUMMIT

Mrs. Hall stated that this was for approval for Mayor Howard to travel to the MEAG Mayor Summit, November 13th – November 15th. Mr. Stroud offered a motion to approve the travel request. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Jones and Lawrence).

APPROVAL OF IMMUNIZATION PHARMACY BENEFITS AGREEMENT WITH WAL-MART STORES, INC. – FOR FLU SHOTS FOR EMPLOYEES

Mrs. Dunn came before Council and stated this agreement with Wal-Mart Stores, Inc was so that the Pharmacist at Wal-Mart could come to City Hall and give the fulltime City employees the Flu-Shot. Mrs. Dunn stated that there would be a form for everyone to fill out if they had medical insurance with the City and wished to receive the Flu Shot. Mrs. Dunn stated that after the

forms were filled out, she would return them to Wal-Mart so that the Pharmacist could have everything entered and filed before she came to City Hall. Mr. Jones offered a motion to approve the agreement with Wal-Mart so that Flu Shots could be given to the fulltime employees. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Jones and Lawrence).

APPROVAL TO CANCEL NOVEMBER 3, 2105 COUNCIL MEETING AND HOLD COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 4, 2015

Mrs. Hall stated that Council needed to approve to cancel the Council meeting for November 3, due to elections and hold a Called Council Meeting on November 4, 2015, to give the oath for Post 2 seat that would be voted on November 3rd. Mr. Lawrence offered a motion to approve the canceling of the November 3rd meeting and hold a Called Council Meeting on November 4th. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Jones and Lawrence).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to move into Executive Session in reference to Personnel matters. Seconded by Mr. Jones, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Jones and Lawrence). Adjourn at 7:30PM to Executive Session.

Mayor Howard called the meeting back into open session at 7:51PM.

ADJOURN

There being no additional business to discuss, Mr. Stroud offered a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Jones and Lawrence). The meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.

Submitted by:

Kristal S. Dunn

City Clerk