

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 1, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Rev. Charles Dumas of St. Luke A.M.E. Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were Mayor Wilson, Councilmembers Mike Dodd, Julius Stroud, Greg Goolsby, Dexter King, Chris Hewett and Melvin Lawrence. Also present were City Attorney, Bobby Melton; City Manager, Janice Hall; City Clerk, Kristal Dunn.

PRESENTATION OF POLICE DEPARTMENT STATE RECERTIFICATION PLAQUE

Mayor Wilson presented Interim Chief of Police Eddie Harris with a plaque of achievement, for completing the recertification process with The Georgia Police Accreditation Coalition. Interim Chief of Police Eddie Harris presented Certification Manager Arrixie Sproul with a plaque of appreciation, for stepping into the role of Certification Manager, shortly after completely the Certification Manager's Training and State Certification Assessor's Training in April 2015, just prior to Bob Sanderson relinquishing his role.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to do away with the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence. The Agenda was amended to remove the Consent Agenda for tonight.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Stroud offered a motion to approve the minutes from the January 19th Council Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES - \$262,739.33

Mrs. Hall read the Accounts Payable totals for each Department. Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Invoices in the amount of \$262,739.33. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL OF REQUISITIONS GREATER THAN \$5,000

- a. Georgia Hydrant – emergency work at Lee Street, 2 valve insertions \$13,000

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the requisition for Georgia Hydrant in the amount of \$13,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

- b. Stuart Irby Company – 1st quarter commitment with ECG - \$11,104.25

Mr. Stroud offered a motion to approve the requisition for Stuart Irby Company in the amount of \$11,104.25. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

- c. Georgia Asphalt – emergency work at Conifer Drive - \$39,382.50

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the requisition for Georgia Asphalt in the amount of \$39,382.50. Seconded by Mr. Hewett. Mayor Wilson stated that this was the sink hole on Conifer Drive. Mrs. Hall stated that the crews worked Thursday, Friday and Saturday and that the Asphalt should be poured. Mr. Dodd asked if it was a failure from age or something else. The motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

AGENDA ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF EVENT PERMIT FOR STREET CLOSINGS FOR THE FORSYTHIA FESTIVAL MARCH 11 – 13, 2016

Mrs. Hall stated that with Rebekah leaving and the new hire Lindsey Childs trying to make sure everything was done, this was a street closing that did not get submitted. Mrs. Hall stated that they have requested that Jackson Street be closed at noon on Friday, March 11th to allow for state and vendor set up and that Jackson Street from West Morse Street to West King Street be closed by Friday, March 11th at 4:00am for Kids Corner setup. Mr. Hewett offered a motion to close Jackson Street at noon on Friday, March 11th and Jackson Street from West Morse Street to West King Street at 4:00am on Friday, March 11th. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO FIRE DEPARTMENT POICY RELATING TO PRIOR EXPERIENCE CONSIDERED IN PROMOTIONAL PROCESS AND CHANGING APPROVAL FROM PERSONNEL MANAGER TO CITY MANAGER

Mrs. Hall stated that this approval is for amendments to the Fire Department Policy relation to prior experience considered in Promotion process and changing approval from Personnel Manager to City Manager. Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the amendments to the Fire Department Policy. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY RELATING TO SECTION 4.10 UNIFORM DRESS CODE, HAIR AND GROOMING

Mrs. Hall stated that this is just a wording change to the Police Department Policy. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the amendments to the Police Department Policy, relating to Section 4.10. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY RELATING TO SECTION 4.11 TATTOOS, BODY ART, INTENTIONAL SCARRING, MUTILATION, DENTAL ORNAMENTATION, BRANDING

Mrs. Hall stated that this change for the purpose and Guidelines to be changed. Mr. Lawrence offered a motion to approve the amendments to the Police Department Policy relating to Section 4.11. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Johnny Hodges is working on a mock up for the lighting on Johnston Street.
- Meeting February 10th at 2:00pm with the DOT and Railroad concerning Lee Street.
Mr. Stroud asked if this was for safety. Mayor Wilson stated that the last accident at that railroad crossing was 1982. Mayor Wilson encouraged everyone to be there.
- Working on getting the metalwork done for the trash can on the square.
- All of the trucks on GovDeals have all be sold.
- Talking with Advance Disposal about getting rid of the abundance of utility poles at the Electric Department.
- Pole Inspections have started.
- Working on a form for travel reimbursement.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Melton stated he had an update on the abandoning of Beverly Street. Mr. Melton stated that Steve Coleman had completed the play and that the street would be split between the two property owners.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Meeting are now being recorded to be put on the City's YouTube page.
- The Council meetings will be held on Monday at 6:00pm through June and then we will reevaluate.
- Mr. Stroud attended a meeting at GMA Mayors Day for Active Georgia and has established a Forsyth team. Mr. Stroud and Mayor Wilson encouraged everyone to go on to the website and log your fitness in hope that Forsyth can win an award as well as other cities have.
- Wednesday will be an Eggs & Issues for Local Government.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation AD HOC Committee

- Mr. Stroud stated that they need to schedule a meeting.

Train Museum AD HOC Committee

- Mr. Hall stated that she had received the info from the Historical Society and that there needed to be a meeting with the AD HOC committee before the meeting with the Historical Society.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL REPORTS

- Mr. Dodd stated that the youth at the Mayor's conference were very well informed and that he would like to see Mary Persons High School included. Mr. Wilson stated that he would like to congratulate Mr. Dodd for the Training certificate for 204 hours that he received at Mayor's Day.
- Mr. Stroud stated that on March 26th there would be a Fit to Achieve 5K road race and that all the proceeds would go to the Achievement Center. Mr. Stroud stated that a youth (7-8) football team from Monroe County went to the Dome to play and won and he wanted to commend the Coach and Players.

- Mr. Lawrence asked if something could be put in the place of the tree that was gone on James Street.
- Mr. Stroud suggested that we have a Spring or Fall cleanup day in the City. Mr. Stroud stated that he thinks the citizens will take pride in the City if they see the Leaders of the community doing it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – (MAYOR WILSON TO REVIEW RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS)

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- James Lyons – 865 Montpelier Road – Mr. Lyons stated that he was back to talk about allowing the public to go fishing at the lake. Mr. Lyons asked that the City straighten it up. Mr. Hewett stated that other cities were stopping letting the public fish at reservoirs due to the liability. Mr. Melton stated that we needed to get an opinion from the City Engineer and found out if the requirements were still the same and what the DNR rules were for drinking water.

ADJOURN

There being no additional business to discuss, Mr. Lawrence offered a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence). The meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.

Submitted by:

Kristal S. Dunn

City Clerk