

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 4, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Minister Denise Watts from Wrights Grove Baptist Church gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were Mayor Wilson, Councilmembers Mike Dodd, Julius Stroud, Greg Goolsby, Chris Hewett and Melvin Lawrence. Also present were City Attorney, Bobby Melton; City Manager, Janice Hall; City Clerk, Kristal Dunn. Councilman Dexter King came in at 6:15PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Stroud offered a motion to approve the minutes from the March 21st Council Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Hewett and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 29, 2016 JOINT MEETING

Mrs. Hall asked that the approval of the minutes of the March 29th joint meeting be tabled. Mr. Hewett offered a motion to table the approval of the minutes of the March 29th joint meeting. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Hewett and Lawrence.)

UPDATE ON WATER MAIN BREAK

Pat Wright from Utility Partners came forward to give an update on the water main break. Mr. Wright stated that he wanted to thank Contractor John R. Walker from Macon. Mayor Wilson thanked Pat Wright, Utility Partners and the Contractors. Mayor Wilson stated that we were about an hour from running out of water. Mr. Wright stated that we were at about 25% right now. Mr. Wright stated that the bank area of the creek where the failure occurred has been temporarily fixed, but it is prone to failure again. Mr. Stroud asked what the plan was to fix. Mr. Wright stated they would need to reroute the line and that we they had a solid plan they would come back to the Council for approval. Mayor Wilson stated that they should not wait, that the Council did not want to be any part of a delay. Mr. Wright stated that they were not asking for any decision tonight. Mayor Wilson stated that due to the emergency situation, we will be calling Council together at a later time, before the next Council Meeting. Mr. Goolsby asked what the status was for the City to tie into the Macon Water Authority and that if we had it in place, would it of averted the crisis. Mr. Wright stated that it would not have averted the crisis, but would have give us a buffer. Mrs. Hall stated that due to the emergency situation, they have called in a contractor and we have the authority to approve the invoices. Mr. Stroud thanked Mr. Wright.

ALVIN JEFFERSON – YOUTH CAMP PROGRAM

Mr. Alvin Jefferson a Mary Persons and Auburn graduate and a former Harlem Globetrotter came forward to discuss a Youth Camp Program. Mr. Jefferson stated that a month ago when he played against the Harlem Ambassadors it sparked interest to bring something to the City for the youth. Mr. Jefferson stated that Mr. Alex Wright, Shaun Wright and Pat Burke had started and Basketball camp to help teach life skills to the youth. Mr.

Jefferson stated that he would help youth to develop life skill and how to conduct themselves. Mr. Jefferson asked the Council search for Pat Burke Hoops on google to see testimonials. Mr. Lawrence asked what we can do. Mr. Stroud stated that Mr. Jefferson has done a phenomenal job in working with the youth at the Recreation Department.

APPROVAL OF STREET CLOSING FOR MAIN STREET EVENTS

Mrs. Khoury came forward to ask for approval for all of the street closings for all Main Street Events. Mr. Stroud asked what Touch-A-Truck was. Mrs. Khoury stated that it was where kids can come in and become familiar with trucks of all types. Mr. Stroud asked if there would be any road worthy truck such as trucks from the National Guard. Mrs. Khoury stated she had not thought of the National Guard but would contact them. Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the road closings for Main Street Events. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL OF NONPROFIT SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR SAVE-A-PET – 14 N JACKSON FOR MAY 14, 2016

Mrs. Hall stated that this was an annual event that was held on N Jackson Street between Adams and Moore Streets. Mrs. Hall stated that since it was a Save-A-Pet event that they were asking for permission to have dogs on a leash. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the nonprofit sale of alcoholic beverages for the Save-A-Pet event. Seconded by Mr. Hewett. Mr. King asked what they would be selling. Mrs. Hall stated that they would be selling beer & wine and that they would also be pre-selling tickets for the events. The motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL OF DEPOSIT ACCOUNT WITHIN MUNICIPAL COMPETITIVE TRUST FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS YEAREND SETTLEMENT

Mrs. Hall stated that this was to approve the deposit account within the Municipal Competitive Trust for the Telecommunications Yearend Settlement. Mrs. Hall stated that the deposits were in the amount of \$889 and \$1,280. Mr. Stroud offered a motion to approve the deposit within the Municipal Competitive Trust for the Telecommunications Yearend Settlement. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL OF SECLICKFIX AGREEMENT

Mrs. Hall stated that the agreement was sent to Mr. Melton to look at for changes or problems. Mr. Melton stated that the company was not registered with the Secretary of State Office. Mr. Melton stated that in an unlikely event that something happened, all disputes will be resolved by Georgia Law in Monroe County Superior Court. Mr. Melton stated that with an LLC, the Secretary of State has no jurisdiction and that the company agreed to be in our courts under Georgia Law. Mr. Melton also stated that their headquarters are in Delaware. Mrs. Hall stated that there were approximately 30 entities in Georgia using the program. Mrs. Hall stated that it would take approximately ten (10) weeks to set up the program. Mr. Stroud offered a motion to approve with the contingency on the company making changes to the contract and registering with the Secretary of State. Seconded by Mr. Hewett. Mr. King asked about the 1%. Mrs. Hall stated that the initial cost is based on the number of citizens that actually use it. Mr. Stroud stated that he thought it was a good way to tighten up the City. Mr. King stated that he was concerned with no one using it. Mr. Hall stated that it was a very simple process to cancel if we see that no one

is using it. Mr. Stroud stated that it would produce automated work order. Mr. King asked was the current system not working. Mr. Hall stated that the current system was an address specific and that it is hard to put in pot holes and trash. The motion carried four (4) to two (2), (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, Hewett and voting in the negative were King and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES - \$84,907.18

Mrs. Dunn read the Accounts Payable totals for each Department. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Invoices in the amount of \$84,907.18. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Mrs. Hall talked about the incident that happened over the previous weekend. The power outage was due to a lightning strike on a transformer. The water line break that was talked about earlier.
- Mrs. Hall reminded the Council of the Train Museum Trip coming up this weekend.
- Mrs. Hall stated that the Cleanup of the City would be held on April 23rd. We will meet on the square at 9:00AM.
- Mrs. Hall stated that she and the Mayor had a meeting with Advance Disposal and we would be following their limb debris truck and anything left by Advance Disposal, the City would pick up with the grapple truck. If a landscape company comes in and cleans up they will need to clean up after themselves. Mr. Goolsby asked if the grapple truck was running. Mrs. Hall stated that if someone calls in and says I have a large pickup, we will pick up at no charge. Mr. Hewett stated that he had a pile at his drive way, where he had cleaned up the flower beds. Mr. Hall stated that it sounded like Advance Disposal should of picked it up. Mr. Goolsby asked that some kind of plan be developed to send to the citizens. Mayor Wilson stated that after the meeting with Mr. Lovett/Advance Disposal, we will follow behind and pick up any leftover debris. Mrs. Hall stated that there was a \$35.00 tipping fee to the county. Mrs. Hall stated that storm debris from city trees and limbs off tee on city right-a-way, we will pick up with the grapple truck. Mrs. Hall stated that if the Council sees issues or something you want to change on the ordinances, we will change and then bring back to Council for approval. Mr. Goolsby asked if we could put it on the work session agenda.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Melton stated that he had gotten the deed from the America Legion and accept the deed to change the title. Mr. Lawrence offered a motion to accept the deed from the America Legion. Seconded by Mr. Hewett. Mr. Melton stated that if they had already made reservation, we should honor them. Mrs. Hall stated that there were repairs that needed to be made to the roof and the kitchen floor. The motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Trip to look at train museums this Saturday.

- Commend Council and the Commissioners on the join meeting. Priorities were set and feels it was a good step. The meeting will be set for the 5th Tuesday of the month.
- Thank City Council during the water main break. Never got below 70 PSI. We reached out to the EPD on Saturday and let them know severity of situation. Thank the citizens for their cooperation during the crisis.
- Mike Bilderback, County Commission Chairman, came forward and stated he thought the meeting was good. Mr. Bilderback asked about the Bunn Road Project. Mr. Pat Wright stated that they operate it on a monthly basis to keep water flowing.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation AD HOC Committee

- Mr. Stroud stated that there was a meeting on Marth 38th at 6:00PM. Talked about passive recreation and the City Park. It was a good meeting and we came up with two (2) plans. 1) Fix what we have first, improve the walking trail on the interior. 2) Join with the County and do a walking trail for a one (1) mile loop. We will work on a visual rendition of what it could look like. Don't do it all at once, just a little at a time.

Train Museum AD HOC Committee

- Mr. Dodd stated that they are looking forward to the train trip to Duluth and Kennesaw. Will schedule meeting with the Council, Historical Society and City Manager. See what everyone is about location. Meet Tuesday, April 12th at 5:00PM with Council, Mr. Bass and Historical Society.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL REPORTS

- Mr. Hewett stated he would like to meet with DOT about traffic situation.
- Mr. King stated that he was impressed how people came together this past weekend.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Maggie Jackson was not present.

ADJOURN

There being no additional business to discuss, Mr. Hewett offered a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence). The meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Submitted by:

Kristal S. Dunn
City Clerk