

**MINUTES**

**FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**APRIL 18, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION**

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and led the pledge of allegiance. Councilmember Melvin Lawrence 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.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 29, 2016 JOINT MEETING**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the minutes from the March 29<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 7, 2016 SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING**

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the minutes from the April 7<sup>th</sup> Special Called Council Meeting. Seconded by Mr. King, the motion carried 4 – 0, with 1 abstention, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence, Stroud abstained, due to being absent from the meeting.)

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 4, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the minutes from the April 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

**SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICER**

Interim Police Chief Eddie Harris came before Mayor and Council to ask that Mayor Wilson swear in a new Police Officer. Mayor Wilson swore in Wesley Jones as a new Police Officer for the Forsyth Police Department.

**PROCLAMATION FOR AUTISM AWARENESS**

Mayor Wilson read the proclamation declaring April 30, 2016 as Autism Awareness Day in the City of Forsyth. Katie Magee from Anchor of Hope was present to receive the proclamation.

**PUBLIC HEARING – BEER AND WINE ALCOHOL PACKAGE LICENSE REQUEST FROM HENRY LEE HAMLIN, III – 477 DAMES FERRY ROAD**

Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing for the Alcohol License for Beer and Wine Alcohol package for 477 Dames Ferry Road, Owner Henry Lee Hamlin, III. Mr. Melton reviewed the application and stated the legal advertisement had been published in the Monroe County Reporter on April 6<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Hall stated that everything came back on the fingerprint report. After no further discussion, the Public Hearing was closed. Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the application. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

**REQUEST FROM MONROE COUNTY NEEDS CLUB, INC. (MARTI BROWN) TO CLOSE SIDEWALK AND PARKING SPACES IN FRONT OF 44 & 46 EAST JOHNSTON STREET ON MAY 28, 2016 FOR FUNDRAISER**

Mrs. Martin Brown came forward and stated that 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 38<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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