

## **MINUTES**

### **FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**JULY 05, 2016**

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

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:05PM, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Deacon Walker of St. James Baptist 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 and City Clerk, Kristal Dunn. Councilmember Dexter King came in at 6:20 PM.

Mayor Wilson asked that there be an amendment made to the Agenda, by deleting Agenda item #1 due to still having technical difficulties with recording the minutes from the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. King offered a motion to make an amendment to the Agenda by deleting item #1. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING**

Mr. Stroud offered a motion to approve the minutes from the June 20<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

#### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS – EDDIE HARRIS**

Interim Police Chief Eddie Harris came forward and recognized members of the Forsyth Police Department for their quick response of disseminating pertinent information to quickly apprehend the suspects in an armed robbery call on June 6<sup>th</sup>, that resulted in the capture of the robbers. Interim Police Chief Harris recognized Officer Jefcoats, Officer Kendricks, PST Barbara Shannon and PST Crystal Dotson.

#### **CVB QUARTERLY REPORT – GILDA STANBERY**

Mr. Ken Bowman came forward and gave the CVB Quarterly report. Mr. Bowman stated that they had received \$52,403.58 revenue Year to Date. Mr. Bowman stated that the CVB had hosted the Tourism Product Resource Team visit and should have a report mid to late August with their suggestions. Mr. Bowman stated that the CVB web site was still in development, but should be complete the end of this month or the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. Mr. Bowman stated that they were working on several things, securing the 501c6 status; revising and expanding the visitors guide; planning the next meeting with Hoteliers for August and many other projects.

#### **JOHN WALKER REQUEST TO HOLD EVENT AT KYNETTE PARK**

Mrs. Hall stated that this was for approval for John Walker to hold an event at Kynette Park in August. Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the request by John Walker to hold an event at Kynette Park. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

## **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES - \$545,910.55**

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 \$545,910.55. Seconded by Mr. Stroud, the motion carried five (5) for and one (1) abstention, (voting in the affirmative were Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence; 1(one) abstention, Dodd)

## **APPROVAL OF REQUISITIONS GREATER THAN \$5,000**

### **A. McMaster-Carr Supply Co – chain hoist - \$3,343.76**

Mrs. Hall stated that this Requisition was approved in with the Accounts Payable Invoices.

### **B. John R. Walker – final payment raw water repair - \$31,879.44**

Mrs. Hall stated that this was for the final payment for the raw water repair. Mr. Stroud offered a motion to approve the requisition for John R. Walker. Seconded by Mr. King, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

### **C. Odie Bore, Inc. – 200' bore - \$5,200**

Mrs. Hall stated that this was for Odie Bore, Inc. for a 200' bore. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the requisition for Odie Bore, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Hewett, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

## **REPORTS:**

### **CITY MANAGER REPORT**

- The raw water line repair is complete.
- The Chief search committee made up of Antonio Proctor, Mike Hickman, Dexter King and Chris Hewett will be setting up dates to meet.
- The Water contract with the County has received a review back from Bobby Melton, we are waiting on a review from Pat Wright.
- RFP for the overall redesign, skate park and splash pad has been submitted.
- Several Public Hearings coming up –
  - o 7/18 – Retirement plan document change for Elected Officials.
  - o 7/18 – Alcohol pouring for Hamlin Farms.
  - o 7/18 – Meeting day/time change for Council Meeting.
  - o 8/1 – BOE request for Monument sign and new LED display.
  - o 8/1 – Setback variance for existing building.
- Will be asking for an extension on the Millage Rate, will be coming back before you in mid-August.
- Found a tractor with mower for a good price at GMA but Steve Butler wants on that extends more, in the process of getting quotes.
- Looking for a bucket truck – budgeted to begin payments in 2016 – cost is \$165,000 - \$30,000 year – this truck is to replace a truck that is approximately 26 years old and has had several issues lately and the clutch is going out on it.

Mr. Hewett asked when we would here from the RFP or when would start. Mr. Stroud stated that it would probably be next spring for the splash pad and would probably only take 2 months (4-6 weeks) for the skate park. Mrs. Hall stated that the pump track was a puzzle that we put together. Mr. Stroud stated that in his opinion, we should get the splash pad and skate park done and build around them. Mrs. Hall stated that we were looking at approximately \$300,000. Mr. Dodd asked what the time tram was for the design. Mrs. Hall stated approximately 30 days. Mayor Wilson stated that he was ready to get moving on it.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mr. Melton stated that the variance for Webber was also a zoning and he had nothing else to report.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Wilson stated that the GMA Conference was good, with good classes and good ideas. Mayor Wilson stated that Mr. Lawrence was the flag bearer for the City.

#### **AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

- Mr. Stroud asked if the gate at Kynette Park had been installed; Mrs. Hall stated yes it had.

##### **TRAIN MUSEUM**

- Mr. Dodd stated that Denise Collins' and Don Daniels' personal train depot was great. Mr. Dodd stated that the DDA will be working with the committee on the Tran Museum. Mr. Goolsby stated that the DDA was excited to be working on the Museum. Mr. Goolsby stated that the DDA will be working on the whole concept and would have a meeting in August to work on the RFP. Mayor Wilson stated that the Train Museum Ad Hoc committee was dissolved, since the DDA would take over working on the Museum.

##### **ADDITIONAL COUNCIL REPORT**

- Mr. Lawrence stated that he enjoyed GMA and being the voting delegate. Mr. Lawrence stated that he had been approached about Package Store hours on Friday and Saturday being pushed to 11:00PM. Mr. Melton stated that it would be a change in the Ordinance and would need to be advertised. Mr. Stroud offered a motion to advertise the Ordinance change to push back the closing time of Liquor Stores to 11:00PM on Friday and Saturday. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)
- Mr. Hewett stated that there were a lot of street lights out in the City. Mrs. Hall stated that this is an ongoing problem, because the Electric Department has no way of knowing they are out and that the Police Department was tagging lights that were out and that we may have to go back to this. Mr. Stroud asked if See ClickFix was up and Mrs. Hall stated no, not yet. Mr. Hewett asked if we had heard from the DOT about speed limits and traffic lights. Mrs. Hall stated that she would get back in touch with DOT.
- Mr. King stated that he enjoyed the classes at his first GMA Conference.
- Mr. Goolsby stated that he enjoyed the class at GMA and that it was good that they were 3 hours.
- Mr. Stroud asked if Board member sheets could be published. Mr. Stroud stated that he would like to see younger demographics on the boards. Mr. Stroud asked about sidewalks. Mrs. Hall stated that

they were finished in front of the Farmer's Market on Jackson Street and were now working on an issue at Betsy Lynn Apartments.

- Mr. Dodd stated that he enjoyed GMA and attended a class on Policy Implementation. Mr. Dodd stated that per the Instructor at GMA the single most important policy was the Budget

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- There were no public comments.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Hall stated that there was no new information for an Executive Session.

**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 7:50PM.

Submitted by:

Kristal S. Dunn

City Clerk