

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 18, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:05PM, and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Minister of Music, Glenn Gregg of First Baptist Church of Forsyth gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were Mayor Wilson, Councilmembers Mike Dodd, 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 Julius Stroud was absent from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 20, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the minutes from the July 5th Council Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

INTRODUCTION OF MICHAEL NORRIS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Mrs. Hall introduced Michael Norris, who started as the new Economic Development Director today. Mr. Norris came forward and stated that he was glad to be here and looked forward to working with the Mayor and Council.

CDBG PROJECT REVIEW – AUTHORIZE CITY ENGINEER TO AWARD REMAINDER OF PROJECT

Mr. Carl Hofstadter came forward and stated that the Contractor Tripp Griffin had not been on site for 30 days and it did not look like he was coming back. Mr. Hofstadter stated that his recommendation was to move forward with the bonding company. Mr. Hofstadter stated that he thinks the bonding company wants us to take over the project and that they will have bonding company in loop on everything they do. Mr. Melton stated that he recommended following Mr. Hofstadter's recommendation with apparent default. Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to recognize that Griffin Utility Construction is in default on construction and allow Carl Hofstadter to move forward and complete the project. Seconded by Mr. Hewett, the motion carried with four (4) votes with one (1) abstention, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, King and Hewett and one abstention was Lawrence.) Mr. Hofstadter stated there was \$90,000 Grant money and he need authorization to bid out new water lines on Ensign Road. Mrs. Hall stated that this was considered a separate project and needed to be bid out. Mr. Hewett offered a motion to allow Mr. Hofstadter to bid out the new water lines. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried with four (4) votes and one (1) abstention, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, King and Hewett and one abstention was Lawrence.)

AUTHORIZE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST TO REGIONAL COMMISSION FOR 2017 CDBG GRANT AND EIP FUNDING FOR WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

Mrs. Hall stated that the City was eligible for 2017 Grants and this was for authorization for the Regional Commission to work on the 2017 CDBG and EIP Funding for Russell Parkway. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to all

the Regional Commission to work on the 2017 CDBT and EIP Funding. Seconded by Mr. Hewett, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

PUBLIC HEARING – ALCOHOL POURING LICENSE (BEER AND WINE ONLY) APPLICATION FOR HENRY LEE HAMLIN III FOR 477 DAMES FERRY ROAD

Mr. Melton reviewed the application and stated that the legal advertisement for an Alcohol Pouring License for Beer and Wine only had been published in the Monroe County Reporter on July 6th and July 13th. Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing. Hearing no discussion, the Public Hearing was closed. Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the application. Seconded by Mr. King. Mrs. Hall stated that Mr. Hamlin wanted the beer pouring for Growlers and the wine pouring for wine tasting. Mr. Melton stated that Growlers were usually associated with Brew Pubs and that our ordinance does not allow for this. Mrs. Hall restated that Growlers were not permitted under the ordinance. The motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN REGARDING RETIREMENT FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mr. Melton stated that the legal advertisement to adopt amendments to the City defined Retirement Plan regarding retirement for Elected Officials had been published in the Monroe County Reporter on July 6th and July 13th, because the Ordinance is a State Law. Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing. Mr. James Green came forward and asked what happened if the Elected Official was elected many times. Mayor Wilson stated that this will allow them to draw their retirement while serving, but if they chose to draw their retirement while serving, they will stop accruing. Mr. Green asked how it was funded. Mrs. Hall stated that it was funded by GMEBS and that this change does not change the cost to the City. Mr. Green asked if you adopt this will the years served be retro. Mayor Wilson stated that once that start drawing it will stop accruing. Hearing no further discussion, the Public Hearing was closed. Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the adoption of the amendments to the City defined Benefit Retirement Plan. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

PUBLIC HEARING TO SET REGULAR MEETING FOR CITY COUNCIL

Mr. Melton stated that the legal advertisement to set the regular meeting for City Council on the 1st and 3rd Monday at 6:00PM been published in the Monroe County Reporter on July 6th and July 13th. Mayor Wilson opened the public hearing. Mayor Wilson stated the Ordinance will change. Hearing no discussion, the public hearing was closed. Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve having the regular meeting set for City Council to the 1st and 3rd Monday at 6:00PM. Seconded by Mr. King. Mr. Dodd expressed his concern with have the meetings on Monday and that he will vote against it. Mr. Lawrence stated that he knows Mr. Dodd has a conflict with the Monday meeting, but he this it is good. Mr. Dodd stated that the Charter was set this way and we can't adapt our meeting for every entity. Mayor Wilson stated that he has enjoyed having the meeting on Mondays and thinks it fosters a better City/County relationship. Mayor Wilson stated that Lawrencehe understands the objections raised by the Council. Mr. Dodd stated that it was established in the Charter that the organizational meeting was the 1st Tuesday in January. Mrs. Hall stated that the Organizational meeting is still set for the 1st Tuesday in January. The motion carried four

(4) for and one (1) against, (voting in the affirmative were Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence, voting against was Dodd.)

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT TO CREATE A BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION IN MONROE COUNTY

Mrs. Hall stated that this has been talked about in the past. Mrs. Hall stated that the County wrote the Resolution in January. Mrs. Hall stated that the Council need to approve a Resolution in support or to create our own. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the Resolution of support to create a Board of Elections and Registration in Monroe County. Seconded by Mr. Hewett. Mr. Dodd agrees that the City is not in the Resolution that the County wrote. Mr. Melton stated that in Georgia Code 21-2-45 it give authorization to create joint county/municipal board of elections and gives authorization for county to conduct elections. Mr. Dodd rescinded his motion, says he spoke prematurely. Mr. Goolsby said we need to amend the Resolution to allow the City to at least have one appointee. Mr. Dodd says we need a joint City/County Resolution with a five (5) member board, including the City, County, Culloden and both parties.

REVIEW/AMEND/APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MONROE COUNTY FOR WATERLINES ON SMITH ROAD/ORCHARD DRIVE, SUTTON/STRICKLAND LOOP ROADS, AND BUNN/GOSE ROADS

Mrs. Hall stated that she had talked with Mr. Hofstadter and Pat Wright and got a list of their concerns. Mr. Dodd stated that we couldn't accept the agreement. Mr. Hall stated that the amendment that Mr. Melton wrote was a lot cleaner. Mr. Goolsby stated to recommend changes and send it back to the County. Mr. Dodd asked if it still needed to be a separate contract. Mrs. Hall stated that it still needs to be an admen dam to the Water Services contract. Mayor Wilson suggested that maybe we need a joint meeting about the water contract. After much discussion Mr. Hewett offered a motion to table the approval of the agreement. Seconded by Mr. King, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES - \$210,014.22

Mrs. Hall read the Accounts Payable totals for each Department. Mr. King offered a motion to approve the Accounts Payable Invoices in the amount of \$210,014.22. Seconded by Mr. Hewett. Mr. Hewett asked what was bought by the Police Department. Mrs. Hall stated that she had an invoice for \$600/Red Dog, due to new employees and an invoice for \$500/Phone. The motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL OF REQUISITIONS GREATER THAN \$5,000

A. Calibration Controls Automation – repair flocculator - \$7315

Mrs. Hall read the requisition. Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the requisition. Seconded by Mr. King, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Mrs. Hall asked for City Clerk Kristal Dunn to come forward and talk about the Luau that the 2016 Leadership Monroe Class is putting on to raise money for the All Inclusive All Abilities Playground. Mrs. Dunn came forward and stated that the Leadership class was hosting a Luau to raise money for the playground and invited Mayor and Council to come and support this good cause.
- Mrs. Hall stated that she had created an organizational chart to show the Economic Development Director Position. Mrs. Hall asked if we needed to formally add as a Department Head and add direct reports. Mr. Melton stated that the Council needed to adopt a Resolution to establish the Economic Development Director position. Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to adopt a resolution to establish the Economic Development Director position. Seconded by Mr. Hewett, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)
- The community event hosted by John Walton will be help August 13th.
- Mrs. Hall wanted to remind everyone about the water restrictions
 - o Odd addresses – Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday
 - o Even addresses – Monday, Wednesday and Saturday
 - o No watering between 10:00 – 4:00

Mr. Goolsby asked how we were getting it out to the Citizens. Mrs. Hall stated we would put reminders in the Utility Bills and put it on the website. Mr. Hewett about the daily demand. Mrs. Hall stated that it was up.

Mrs. Hall discussed the consolidation with County Dispatch. She stated that it would cost the County approximately \$18,075 per dispatcher. It will save the City approximately \$24,000. It will eliminate one button transfer, because they will all be in the same room. Mr. Goolsby asked if we needed a motion. Mrs. Hall stated that Chief Harris was not in favor of the move. Mrs. Hall stated that we were down to the amen hour on this and if will cost more money if we put it in at the City and have to move it at a later date. Mr. Dodd stated that Fire is already dispatched by County 911. Mr. King asked if there is no problem, what are we fixing. Mr. Hewett stated that we would be saving money if it is all in one place. Mrs. Hall stated that someone would be up front Monday thru Friday, 8:00 – 5:00, on weekends and Holidays there would be a phone available that would connect straight to Dispatch. Mayor Wilson asked what would happen to the employees. Mr. Hall stated that the County will add three slots. Because this is a new system, there will be training and testing on this system. If they can't catch on they will not be a dispatcher. This will be whether we consolidate or not. Chief David Herndon stated that they needed to know by Wednesday morning where to put the console. Chief Herndon stated that this is the Radio System that we have been working on for 5 years. Mr. Goolsby stated that the savings make since and sound safer, he is not for the consolidation but this makes since. Mr. King asked how the City employees felt. Mr. Lawrence stated we have to make this decision, and the employees did not want to work alongside employees making more than them. Mr. Dodd offered a motion to combine 911 Dispatch with the County. Seconded by Mr. Hewett, the motion carried four

(4) to one (1), (voting in the affirmative were, Dodd, Goolsby, Hewett and Lawrence, voting against was King.)

- Mr. Hall stated that she had 3 different RFPs for the Recreation Committee, but with the Joint Recreation Committee there would be a joint RFP of the Master Recreation Plan.
- Mrs. Hall stated that the Chief Police Committee would be meeting Thursday at 6:30. Mayor Wilson asked how many would be interviewed. Mrs. Hall stated 8.
- Mrs. Hall stated that we were working on a rewrite of the Alcohol Ordinance to streamline the closing. Currently it is 9:00 til 10:00, Monday thru Saturday, the rewrite will be till 11:30, daily.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Melton stated that he had nothing to report. Mr. Hewett asked how you measure from liquor store to a church, he know it is 300 ft. Mr. Melton stated front to front.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Wilson stated that he had received a card from Tiffany Andrews and read the card.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

- Mr. Stroud the chairman is out sick. Mr. Hewett stated that Mrs. Hall had covered the update.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

- Mr. Dodd stated that he had nothing to report, but would like to have a short Executive Session.
- Mr. Goolsby stated he had nothing to report.
- Mr. King stated that he had nothing to report.
- Mr. Hewett stated that he had nothing to report.
- Mr. Lawrence sated that Mr. Randall took him around and he thinks that the Street Department is doing a good job. Mr. Lawrence stated that we need to look at the Advanced Disposal contract. Mr. Lawrence stated that the benches at Kynette Park under the canopy fell off their bases.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. James Green – Mr. Green came forward and stated that he was here to talk about project he has been working on with the City for 3 years. He gave the City an easement and had not received any money. He stated that the City can't leave him hanging. Mr. Goolsby started that Mr. King and Mr. Hewett probably did not know about the project because they are new to Council. Mr. Hall stated that the easement was not approved and nothing has been signed. Mr. Green stated that he had sent a proposal in and it had been three (3) months and he owns lots 215 and 209. Mr. Melton stated that it looks like it goes across George Willis property. Mr. Green asked when he can expect it to be signed. Mr. Melton stated that he will get it dictated and give him a call to sign it. It will be put on the August 1st Agenda for Council to approve. Mr. Green asked about the 276 easement. This one the engineers are looking at to see if we crossed property. The fence is on the back and side is caving in and need

easement. Mr. Hewett asked if this was done before Mr. Green bought the property. Mrs. Hall stated yes. Mr. Green stated that he didn't want the City to wait two (2) years.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to go into Executive Session concerning Litigation. Seconded by Mr. King, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.) The meeting adjourned at 7:55 for Executive Session. Council came back from Executive Session at 8:10.

ADJOURN

There being no additional business to discuss, Mr. Dodd offered a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.) The meeting adjourned at 8:11PM.

Submitted by:

Kristal S. Dunn
City Clerk