

SUMMARY MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19, 2016

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND INVOCATION

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Mayor and all Council Members were present; City Attorney, City Manager and City Clerk were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING

Motion-Hewett-to approve minutes; Second-King; Approved

HOMETOWN TEAM REVIEW – RICHARD DUMAS

Richard Dumas reviewed project. Motion-Goolsby-to give Hometown Team Project \$2,500 now and \$2,500 next year; Second-Stroud; Approved

PUBLIC HEARING FOR SIGN VARIANCE TO ALLOW INTERNALLY ILLUMINATED WALL SIGNS FROM MIKE BENDER ON BEHALF OF GEORGIA-TEXAS ENTERPRISES, INC FOR NEW TACO BELL BUILDING LOCATED AT 152 N. LEE STREET

Motion-Dodd-to approve sign variance; Second-Lawrence; Approved

ACCEPTANCE OF EASEMENT FOR BUNN ROAD PROJECT FORM JOH ROQUEMORE, A. LEE WILLINGHAM II, CELESTE CLOTFELTER AND EXECUTOR OF HARRY WILLINGHAM ESTATE

Motion-Hewett-to approve easements; Second-Lawrence; Approved

2016 MILLAGE RATE

Approved to advertise millage rate at 3 mils; 5-year history will be advertised

2016 ECG BOARD ELECTION NOMINATION

Motion-Goolsby-to nominate the Mayor; Second-Hewett; Accepted by Mayor; Motion-Hewett to close floor for nominations; Second-Stroud; Approved

APPROVAL OF MPHS HOMECOMING PARADE STREET CLOSURES

Motion-Stroud-to approve Homecoming Parade Street Closures; Second-King; Approved
STREESCAPE PHASE III – EAST JOHNSTON STREET – REVIEW OF PROJECT FROM JOHN BOUDREAU, ATKINS

Motion-Dodd-Approve contingent on negotiating price down; Second-Stroud; Approved

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES

Motion-King-Approve Accounts Payable Invoices; Second-Stroud; Approved 5-0, 1 abstention

APPROVAL OF REQUISITIONS GREATER THAN \$5,000

Frontage Road at KOA Campground erosion

Sellers Contracting – initial repairs at landfill

Sellers Contracting – additional repairs at landfill

Motion-Hewett-Approve requisitions greater than \$5,000; Second-Lawrence; Approved

REPORTS

CITY MANGER REPORT

- On behalf of all City Employees, thank you to Mayor & Council for the employee appreciation lunch and service awards
- Sanitary Survey completed last week – went very well
- National Public Safety Night Out – 10/4 from 5 – 7 Leadership Monroe Alumni is requesting close Jackson from Main to Johnston for the event; have Resource Team scheduled for that night so Gilda is trying to change that date; need motion to approve street closure
 - o Motion-Stroud-To approve street closings; Second-Lawrence; Approved
- PD is eligible and will apply for the 50/50 grant for protective vest – only possible due to policy change presented by Chief Harris and approved by Council
- SeeClickFix is up and running on website
- Tommy Vaughn is clearing a portion of the property at the city reservoir; they cannot locate the pins on the property and he has asked that the city pay a portion of the approximately \$3,000 to locate the pins; I have put him in touch with Steve Coleman to see if they can find something in the old paperwork to help them locate the pins

Couple of items to clear up and/or answer from last council meeting

- ECG will do commercial energy audits, the city bears the cost for the audits in our annual subscription with ECG; Johnny Hodges attended training couple years back and he can do the residential energy audits

- Resurfacing of city streets – we have 47.3 miles of city streets; DOT estimate for 1 mile of resurfacing is \$120,000/mile; total cost to resurface all city streets \$5,673,431; LMIG is annual and covers less than 1 mile of resurfacing; need streets for 2017; map created to show streets resurfaced from 2001 to 2016
- Ammo purchase – this purchase covered ammo for practice for pistols and rifles and duty ammo for both; have not had to order ammo since late 2014; PD qualifies all FT & PT employees twice a year for pistol and shotgun – the pistol and rifle courses are 30 round courses and the shotgun is a 15 round course; ordered 5 cases 40 caliber regular & 20 practice rounds and 10 cases rifle ammo
- Beer license for Forsyth Country Club (golf course) – spoke with Mr. Schultz and they do not want a pouring license; they want to sell packaged beer from the club house and the golfer leave the clubhouse and drink the beer on the golf course; county has approved to allow drinking on the back 9 of the golf course; need package license and permission to drink on the front 9 – not in the clubhouse
- Yard Debris pickup – approved to take over the yard debris pickup; BM said would need emergency ordinance to amend current ordinance for us to pick up; AR provided parameters today and copy to council; would not pickup stumps for any debris greater than 5” diameter and 5’ in length or pile greater than 5’ high; no multiple piles

Water Agreement with County

- Called meeting tomorrow at 9:00 am with county to review water service agreement unless council is in agreement with the agreement; if want to meet with county to review all sections of the agreement, do you want to attend their meeting in the morning or request called meeting to have roundtable discussion

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- City Attorney had nothing to report.

MAYOR’S REPORT

- Clean up date at Millage Circle, Hill Street and Solomon Street went good.
- Ribbon Cutting, Wednesday, at 11:00 AM at LaQuinta.
- Received letter from School Superintendent thanking the City and Electric Department for their efforts in getting the transformer fixed quickly.

- Had our 1st Employee Appreciation and feels it went good. Gave out pins and certificate for years of service.
- Would like to get a banner to put over the doors at each department that says, 'We make a difference. We are Team Forsyth.' Or something to that affect. Would like the City Manager to go ahead and get those ordered.

ADDITIONAL COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Goolsby

- o Lights behind Tractor Supply are out.
- o Email received from Mary Akin; would like to do a plaque for 'Back the Blue'.
- o Would like to get an extended list for Commissioner Evans for road that need to be paved.

Councilman Stroud

- o RFQ for Splash Pad. Where do we go now?
- o Do all our Police Officers have Body Cams?
- o Has LMIG been completed? Know of four (4) street that have not been done.

Councilman Dodd

- o Nothing to report.

Councilman King

- o Nothing to report.

Councilman Hewett

- o How are the recruits doing in the Academy?

Councilman Lawrence

- o Commend Mayor and Council for working so diligently on project that were talked about at the Retreat.

ADJOURN

Motion-Hewett; Second-Lawrence; Approved-Adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Submitted by:

Kristal S. Dunn, City Clerk