

Minutes
Forsyth City Council Meeting
January 19, 2021

Call to Order

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation and Roll Call

Mayor Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation. In attendance for the meeting in person was Mayor Eric Wilson; Councilmembers Mike Dodd, Chris Hewett, and Greg Goolsby. In attendance via zoom was Councilmember John Howard. Also in attendance in person was City Attorney, Bobby Melton; City Manager, Janice Hall; and City Clerk, Regina Ivie. Councilmembers Julius Stroud and Melvin Lawrence were not in attendance for the meeting.

Councilmembers John Howard, Greg Goolsby, Mike Dodd, and Chris Hewett were in attendance for the meeting. Therefore, all unanimous votes will be four votes (Dodd, Hewett, Goolsby, and Howard).

Approval of the Agenda

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes from the January 4, 2021 Council Meeting

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Change Order #4 - Pellicano Construction for New City Hall Building

Ms. Hall reviewed the change order with the following modifications requested; additional signs from DOT \$1,125.00, Seat wall reduced by 12.5 feet a credit of \$1,780.00, additional doors and hardware \$2,793.30 at the payment suite area, council desk modifications with an extension of the wall and elimination of steps at \$4,614.00, removed two elevation mockups for a credit of \$1,000.00, flooring changes in the restroom area at \$1,968.00, wall changes \$810.56, electrical changes for conduit at \$4,491.00, and a vault door credit of \$1,120.00 for a total change order cost of \$13,092.04.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve change order #4 from Pellicano Construction. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Golf Board

Ms. Hall stated the agreement is effective January 1, 2021 for the golf course superintendent. All costs associated with the employee will be billed to the golf club quarterly, no expense to the City. This entitles the employee to all City benefits, leave accruals and retirement. The golf course superintendent will work under the Golf Board's policies and bylaws.

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the Golf Board. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

City Manager's Report

Ms. Hall provided the following report:

- Reappointment letters sent to all the board members reappointed; reminder that Kathy Rowland requested to come off the Housing Authority; need to appoint someone before her term expires May 2021.

- LMIG application submitted and accepted by GDOT; should receive funds soon but will wait until building is complete before resurfacing the roads.
- Held public input meeting on January 12 for water & wastewater projects; no one attended, and no comments submitted; Hofstadter will provide that information to USDA.
- City engineers are reviewing a storm drain issue on Adams Street; stair issue on Johnston; storm water issue at John Howards residence; and waterline installation on Railroad Avenue; hope to have a proposal on all soon.
- Continue COVID-19 protocols for all employees; admin in police department are rotating days in the office and teleworking; may have additional staff start this soon just to reduce interactions between employees. Buildings remain closed to the public except City Hall for payments; no in-person meetings unless necessary and those are not held in offices. We continue to sanitize vehicles weekly and immediately upon someone in the vehicle testing positive.
- Chamber of Commerce is moving to their temporary location by end of January and I have offered Aldermen Hall for their use for their monthly meetings.
- Citizen called Friday stating that they had contacted all elected officials regarding late charges and that these should be waived. I am doing some research to see what we could possibly do differently for senior citizens that do not qualify for the senior citizen discount that the City provides.
- Need to know who will attend retreat in person and who will attend virtually so I can plan for food, drinks, and room arrangement.

Upcoming Public Hearings:

- George Emami variance request for 2 dwellings on Cedar Street for tiny homes for Feb 1
- Old Mill Market, Emily Katherine Rowland, beer & wine package license for Feb 1
- QuikTrip has received alcohol application packet and should have that back soon to begin advertising process.
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City Attorney Report

Mr. Melton mentioned two applications currently being advertised in the Monroe Reporter; a zoning variance application of George Emami/The Brokery for tax parcel F35 029 and an alcohol beverage license application for Emily Katherine Rowland of Old Mill Market Company, LLC; both will come before Council at the February 1, 2021 meeting.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Wilson stressed the importance for the annual retreat; helps City Manager and staff for planning for the year. He further reviewed the COVID concerns in the community; continue to do the right thing, wear masks, social distance, and continue to stay safe.

Additional Business

No additional business was brought forward.

Public Comments

No one came forward for public comments.

Executive Session

No executive session was held.

Adjourn

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to adjourn the council meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.