**Minutes**

**Forsyth City Council Meeting**

**January 16, 2024**

**Call to Order**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation by Joe Thompson, and Roll Call.**

Mayor Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Joe Thompson gave the invocation. In attendance at the meeting was Mayor Eric Wilson, Councilmembers Josh Hill, Chris Hewett, Lois Allen, Greg Goolsby, Charles Wilder and Mike Dodd. Also in attendance at the meeting was the City Manager, Craig Mims, the Assistant City Manager, Regina Ivie, and the City Attorney Bobby Melton. Six members of council were in attendance for the meeting, all unanimous votes will be six votes (Hill, Hewett, Allen, Goolsby, Wilder, and Dodd).

**Executive Session**

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to enter into executive session for personnel matters to include Chief Blue and Sheriff Freeman and for land requisitions to include Cody Ellis at 6:02p.m. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:19p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the agenda.**

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

**Approval of the minutes from the council meeting held on January 2, 2024.**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the minutes from January 2, 2024, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of an** **intergovernmental agreement with Monroe County to house, board, and incarcerate prisoners, arrestees, and detainees of the City.**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Monroe County to house, board, and incarcerate prisoners, arrestees, and detainees of the city, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval to begin design and bidding process with** **Hofstadter & Associates for the Railroad Avenue Water Line.**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the beginning of the design and bidding process with Hofstadter & Associates for the Railroad Avenue Water Line. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Boundary decision of city property; Sharp St to Powell Street right of way.**

Mr. Cody Ellis, Community Development Director, advised that he coordinated with the Reference Point Land Surveyor and took all deeds, plats, and surveys on record to determine the boundary. Mr. Ellis reviewed the history of the property. He advised as it currently stands the options for the council are to leave it as an unmaintained road, make it a maintained road, or split it off and sell the property to adjoining property owners.

**Approval of Requisitions Greater than $6,000**

* **Core & Main, LP $70,636.00**
* **Gresco Utility Supplies, Inc $6,211.00**

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

**City Manager’s Report**

Mr. Mims, the City Manager extended a big thank you to the electric and public works employees for their response to the storms. He reported that:

- The sewer jet truck is out of service for maintenance, and we expect a diagnosis of issues within the next week.

-The administrative team has completed and submitted the hotel/motel tax report to the Department of Community Affairs.

**City Attorney Report**

Mr. Bobby Melton, the City Attorney, had no business to report.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Wilson advised that we will be having some extreme freezing weather. He reminded everyone of freezing pipes and to bring pets inside due to cold weather.

**Additional Business**

Mrs. Allen advised that CVB will have a lunch meeting on Thursday, January 18, 2024.

Mr. Hewett advised the Hospital Authority will be meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024. He also advised that they are interviewing for a CEO.

Mr. Wilder advised that 140 Jenay Court has some major issues with water lines and water drainage.

Mr. Melton advised that the prior Housing Authority Board meeting was postponed, and they will be meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2024.

Mr. Mims advised that the Project Manager position has been filled.

Mr. Hill advised that he attended the Downtown Development Authority meeting, and it was a pleasure.

Mrs. Allen advised that the MLK celebration was a great success.

**Public Comments**

Ms. Gloria Colbert, at 140 Jenay Court, stated she has a water problem. She advised that the waterline runs from the next street over and they are located on someone else’s property along with her meter. Ms. Colbert also advised that as you exit the subdivision the is no stop sign. She advised she has issues with storm water running from the back of the neighbors into the flat of her yard.

Mr. James Green, at 73 Blount Street, advised that he has issues with the water and drainage at 209 MLK Drive, he also stated that he has an issue with a large tree that is hanging over the property. Mr. Green stated that the city has issues with blighted properties, and nothing has been done by code enforcement.

**Adjourn**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49PM. Seconded by Mr. Hill; the motion carried unanimously with five votes (Hill, Hewett, Allen, Wilder, and Dodd) and one abstention (Goolsby).

**Minutes submitted by:**

**Shayla Furlow, Executive Administrative Assistant**