**Minutes**

**Forsyth City Council Meeting**

**October 21, 2024**

**Call to Order**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, and Roll Call**

Mayor Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was led by Ms. Carol Cook. In attendance for the meeting was Mayor Eric Wilson, Councilmembers Josh Hill, Chris Hewett, Lois Allen, Greg Goolsby, Charles Wilder, and Mike Dodd. Also in attendance was the City Manager, Craig Mims, Assistant City Manager, Regina Ivie. The City Attorney, Bobby Melton, was not in attendance. Six members of the council were in attendance for the meeting; therefore, all unanimous votes will be six votes (Hill, Hewett, Allen Goolsby, Wilder, and Dodd).

**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 October 7, 2024.**

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the minutes from the council meeting held on October 7, 2024 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Hill; the motion carried unanimously.

**Convention & Visitors Bureau Authority’s quarterly report by Gilda Stanbery**

Ms. Gilda Stanbery, the Convention and Visitors Bureau Director, reviewed the economic impact. She stated that numbers in terms of revenue are down by four hundred thousand. She stated that they concentrated efforts on developing assets and relationships with stakeholders like, The Georgia Public Safety Training Center. They provide swag that would speak to those groups. She stated that training swag, an eye glass cleaner and CPR mask, are inspired by the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and thanked the Mayor for visiting during the swat competition. Ms. Stanbery stated that the Arts Grant was granted, they are looking forward to working with the arts community and Kemie. They are working with the Historical Society on the Caboose. Ms. Stanbery reviewed other events that the Convention & Visitors Bureau will be participating in and shared a story about the lady from Florida that Mrs. Lois found on the town square.

**Approval of a street closure request on October 31, 2024 for the Downtown Trick or Treat Event**

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the street closure on October 31, 2024 for the Downtown Trick or Treat Event. Seconded by Mr. Dodd, the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of employee Christmas bonuses**

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

**Approval of the Year End Settlement from Electric Cities of Georgia**

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the Year End Settlement from Electric Cities of Georgia as recommended. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the 2024 Budget Adjustments**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the 2024 Budget Adjustments as presented. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

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

* **Davis Plumbing Company - $15,888.00**
* **Davis Plumbing Company - $47,476.00**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the requisitions greater than $6000 as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Allen; the motion carried unanimously

**City Manager’s Report**

Mr. Craig Mims, the City Manager, reported that:

* City of Forsyth Fun Day is scheduled for November 2 from 10:00a.m - 3:00p.m at Johnston Street and Jakson Street.
* I would like to thank the Executive Admin. Assistant Paula Holmes, Assistant City Clerk Shayla Furlow and Assistant City Manager Regina Ivie for working the Municipal Electrical Authority of Georgia last week as they hosted their Board meeting and Dinner here in Forsyth
* Congratulations to Chief Blue as he was recently appointed by Governor Kemp to serve on the Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Advisory Board.

**City Attorney Report**

Mr. Bobby Melton, the City Attorney, was not present.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Wilson congratulated Chief Blue, the Police Chief, on recently being appointed by the Governor to serve on the Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Advisory Board and on his excellent service. He also thanked staff for hosting a great Municipal Electrical Authority of Georgia Board Event.

**Additional Business**

Mr. Wilder stated that he received some concerns about vehicles speeding excessively on Sharp Street and Jones Street. He stated he had already spoken with the Police Chief regarding the issue and asked that the streets be monitored for speed, he just wanted the council to be aware of the issue.

Mrs. Allen advised that she had concerns about the Brookwood area and mentioned getting speed bumps after the road is paved.

Mr. Hill thanked the city for agreeing to take part in the community forum regarding discolored water on Tuesday October 22, 2024 in the cafeteria at the Fox Den located at 185 Thorton Road at 6:00p.m. for areas in Manor at Montpelier and Pecan Circle.

Mr. Hewett stated that the Hospital Board will be meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 5: 30p.m

**Public Comments**

No public comments.

**Executive Session (if necessary)**

No executive session needed.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Hewett offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously

**Minutes submitted by:**

**Shayla Furlow, Assistant City Clerk**