**Minutes**

**Forsyth City Council Meeting**

**December 16, 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 Mr. Dave Martin. 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, the Assistant City Manager, Regina Ivie and the City Attorney, Bobby Melton. 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.**

Mayor Wilson stated that the agenda needed to be amended to delete item number seven, the approval of City Hall closure request for the upcoming holiday.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the amended agenda with the deletion of item number seven, the approval of the City Hall closure request for the upcoming holidays. Seconded by Mrs. Allen; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the minutes from the council meeting held on December 2, 2024 and called meeting held on December 4, 2024**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the minutes from the council meeting held on December 2, 2024 and the called meeting held on December 4, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Planning and Zoning Commission nominations.**

Mr. Dean Nelson, the Community Development Director, stated that the planning and zoning commission has two members that have terms ending December 2024. He stated that Ms. Kiesha Rawls expressed that she longer wanted to serve on the planning and zoning commission and Mr. James Freeman wanted to be reappointed.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to reappoint Mr. James Freeman to serve a five-year term on the Planning and Zoning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Verizon Site Access Agreement**

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the Verizon Site Access Agreement as presented. Seconded Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

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

* **Transportation Supply, LLC- $16,534.00**
* **Davis Plumbing Company- $50,000.00**
* **Davis Plumbing Company- $12,622.00**

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

**City Manager’s Report**

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

-The Country Club Park project is approximately 75% complete.

-Our engineers and landscape architect are finalizing the scope of work for the restoration of Kynette Park. We expect the bidding process to start in January of 2025.

- The Fire Department was awarded a grant in the amount of 16,534.00 by the ACG Foundation to be used for the purchase of a Mobile Traffic Digital Reader Board.

**City Attorney Report**

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

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Wilson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and reminded everyone of the upcoming New Year’s Eve Block Party Event.

**Additional Business**

Mr. Hill stated that the band at the New Years’s Eve event starts at 8:00p.m. and will play until the ball drop and they will have a food truck onsite. He thanked businesses and private citizens that donated to Shop with a City Hero.

Mayor Wilson stated that Councilman Hewett serves on the Hospital Authority and congratulated him on now being the chairman.

Mrs. Allen stated that Santa was coming to the Telling Our Story Black History Museum at the W.M. Hubbard Complex on December 8, 15, and the 22nd, 2024 from 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. She also stated that on December 23, 2024 they will have movie and story day starting at 5:30p.m.

Mr. Hewett stated that the Hospital Board will not meet again until January 2025.

**Public Comments**

No public comments.

**Executive Session (Personnel Matters and Real Estate)**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters and real estate at 6:14p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to end the executive session at 6:23p.m. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wilson called the council meeting back into regular session after executive session.

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to deed the property address of 20 N. Jackson Street, the old City Hall Annex, to the Downtown Development Authority to do as they see fit. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wilder offered a motion to confirm two people to new positions, Mrs. Shayla Furlow to City Clerk and Mr. Shay Smith to Public Works Director beginning January 1, 2025.

Mr. Hill offered a motion to appoint Mr. Brian Causey as the City Attorney beginning January 1, 2025 after the first organizational meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Hewett offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:26p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Allen; the motion carried unanimously

**Minutes submitted by:**

**Shayla Furlow, Assistant City Clerk**