

Minutes
Forsyth City Council Meeting
April 1, 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. Joe Thompson. 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, and 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

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

Approval of the minutes from the council meeting held on March 18, 2024.

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the minutes from the council meeting held on March 18, 2024 as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Allen; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Georgia Cities Week resolution.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the Georgia Cities Week resolution. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of the Government Finance Officers Association Award by Mayor Wilson.

Mayor Wilson presented the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for the excellence of financial reporting for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022 to Mrs. Regina Ivie, the Assistant City Manager and to the City of Forsyth.

Presentation by Amwaste of Georgia, LLC.

Ms. Mandy Renova, the Government Contracts Manager with Amwaste, provided a brief overview of Amwaste and the services that they will be providing.

Approval of 3rd Amendment to contract with Georgia Waste Systems, LLC.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the 3rd Amendment to contract with Georgia Waste Systems, LLC. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of new garbage and recycling rates.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the new garbage and recycling rates as presented. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval to award bid for the Community Development Block Grant 2022.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the bid award for the Community Development Block Grant 2022 to John R. Walker, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Wilder; the motion carried unanimously with four votes (Hill, Hewett, Goolsby, and Wilder) and two abstentions (Allen and Dodd).

Approval of the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia's 2023 Year-end settlement.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to deposit funds into the flexible operating account, intermediate extended maturity portfolio. Seconded by Mr. Hill; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of request to use the City Hall council chambers for Monroe County Reporter debate.

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the use of the City Hall council chambers for the Monroe County Reporter debate. Seconded by Mr. Hill; the motion failed with two votes (Hill and Goolsby) and four opposing votes (Allen, Hewett, Wilder, and Dodd).

Approval of street closure request on April 27, 2024 for The Pickled Okra.

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the street closure request on April 27, 2024 for The Pickled Okra. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Requisitions Greater than \$6,000

- **Ten- 8 Fire & Safety- \$9,562.58**
- **Custom Truck & Body Works, Inc.- \$205,543.00**
- **Sunbelt Solomon Services, LLC- \$23,600.00**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the requisitions greater than \$6000.00 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

City Manager's Report

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

-We have submitted the annual wage and salary report to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

-Fiscal Year 2023 was officially closed Friday, March 29, 2024.

-Police Cadets Jackson, Manning, Solomon, and Wallace have graduated from the police academy and have been assigned to patrol to complete field training.

City Attorney Report

Mr. Melton, the City Attorney, advised that he submitted a letter to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for the Community Development Block Grant for the conflict of interest.

He stated he had forwarded the deed for the sale of the land that was authorized by the city, and he has received the check for \$5000 that will be presented to the clerk.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Wilson had no business to report.

Council Board Reports

Mr. Hewett stated that the Hospital has a new CEO.

Additional Business

Mr. Wilder stated that with new jobs opening and the city growing we need to look into affordable housing.

Public Comments

Ms. Linda Hampton, at 419 MLK Jr. Drive, thanked the council regarding the denial of usage of the City Hall council chambers for the Monroe County Reporter debate.

Executive Session

No executive session needed.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Hewett offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49p.m. Seconded by Mr. Goolsby; the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Submitted by:
Shayla Furlow, Assistant City Clerk