

MINUTES

FORSYTH CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 02, 2018

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, INVOCATION

In accordance with Section 2.18 of the City Charter, Kristal Dunn, City Clerk called the organizational meeting to order at 6:00PM. Mayor Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember King gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Present for the meeting were Councilmembers Mike Dodd, Julius Stroud, Greg Goolsby, Dexter King, Chris Hewett and Melvin Lawrence. Also present were Mayor Eric Wilson, City Manager, Janice Hall; and City Clerk, Kristal Dunn. City Attorney Bobby Melton was absent from the meeting.

SWEARING IN

Mrs. Dunn stated that there were three Oaths of Office to be administered and asked that Councilmember Dodd, Stroud and Hewett, please stand for the Oath of Office. After the oaths were administered Mrs. Dunn turned the meeting over to Mayor Wilson to preside.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Councilmember Dodd nominated Councilmember Stroud as Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilmember Hewett offered a motion to approve the nomination of Councilmember Stroud as Mayor Pro-Tem. Seconded by Councilmember Lawrence, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

ADOPTION OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

Councilmember Stroud offered a motion to adopt the most recent version of Roberts Rules of Order as Council's meeting procedure. Seconded by Councilmember Hewett, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

BOARD APPOINTMENTS FOR EXPIRED AND VACANT POSITIONS

Mayor Wilson stated that the Council had decided to talk about this at the retreat. Councilmember Hewett offered a motion to table this until the retreat. Seconded by Councilmember Stroud. Councilmember Stroud asked if it could be voted on at the retreat. Mrs. Hall stated yes. The motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King Hewett and Lawrence.)

2018 APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONALS

Mrs. Hall presented the list of current department heads and professionals, recommending to keep the same ones for 2018. Mrs. Hall stated that for #12, that the name will be changing and they will submit a letter of agreement with the new name. Councilmember Goolsby offered a motion to approve the presented list. Seconded by Councilmember Hewett, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

SET QUALIFYING FEES

Mrs. Hall stated qualifying fees are 3% of the annual salary of the office. Mayor's office – 3% of the annual salary of \$12,500 = \$375 and Council Office – 3% of the annual salary of \$10,045 - \$301.35. Councilmember Hewett offered a motion to set the qualifying fees as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Stroud, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

APPOINTMENT OF VOTING DELEGATE FOR GMA MAYOR'S DAY

Mrs. Hall stated the Council needs to appoint a voting delegate for GMA Mayor's Day. Councilmember Stroud offered a motion to approve the appointment of Councilmember Lawrence as the voting delegate for GMA Mayor's Day. Seconded by Councilmember Hewett, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL OF A LANGUAGE CHANGE TO THE PROBATION SUPERVISION SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CSRA PROBATION SERVICES, INC.

Mrs. Hall stated that this was to state that the period of the agreement would start on November 12, 2017 and end on November 12, 2018. Councilmember Goolsby offered a motion to approve the language change to the contract with CSRA Probation services. Seconded by Councilmember Stroud, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE INVOICES

Mrs. Hall stated that there were no Accounts Payable Invoices to approve at this time.

APPROVAL OF REQUISITIONS GREATER THAN \$5,000

Mrs. Hall asked that if any Invoices did need to be paid, that the Council give permission to go ahead and pay before the next meeting. Councilmember King offered a motion that if any invoice needed to be paid before the next meeting, that they can be paid. Seconded by

Councilmember Hewett, the motion carried unanimously, (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.)

REPORTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

- Mrs. Hall reminded everyone that the retreat would begin Sunday morning at 9:00 AM and that there would be a Youth Meeting Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 PM at Mayor's Day.
- Mrs. Hall stated that the leak in the road in front of Otis Ingram's office should be fixed this week, depending on the temperatures.
- Mrs. Hall stated that she was looking forward to another good year with Mayor and Council.
- Councilmember Stroud asked if there was anybody remotely interested in the Youth Council. Mrs. Hall stated that there would be an application process. Mayor Wilson stated that maybe we could get a advisor at the school involved. Mrs. Hall stated that there is a group that is willing to come and talk with students or Council.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

- Mr. Melton was not present for the meeting.

MAYORS REPORT

- Mayor Wilson wished everyone a Happy New Year, and that we had a good ball drop. It was cold, but at least it was not raining.
- Mayor Wilson stated that he was working on the Mayor's Fitness Challenge. Does not cost anything and goes by the FITT – 10 week program and involves the community. Would like to talk about it at the retreat.
- Councilmember Stroud asked about the crowd/attendance at the ball drop. Mayor Wilson stated it was a little better than last year and that the crown came out about 11:30. There was a photo booth in the old City Hall. It takes time to build a tradition.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS/BUSINESS

- Councilmember Stroud stated that he had received a complaint about the sidewalk on Hwy 41, near Lawson Bittick's house. It is in really bad shape.
- Councilmember Dodd stated that he enjoyed serving in 2017 and is looking forward to 2018.

- Councilmember Hewett asked about the Powerhouse Road repair not being paved. Mover at Elder Manor and a street light out at Oak Ridge and Pine View. Councilmember Stroud asked if it was possible to use SeeClickFix, that Mayor had problems, and now SeeClickFix was one of their main apps.
- Councilmember Lawrence wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Janice & Kristal for the gifts. Councilmember Lawrence stated that he had two grandchildren going to the Boys & Girls Club and that they love it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Dodd offered a motion to go into Executive Session for Land Acquisition, Disposal or Lease. Seconded by Councilmember Hewett, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.) The meeting moved into Executive Session at 6:37PM. The meeting was returned out of Executive Session at 6:58PM.

ADJOURN

There being no additional business to discuss, Councilmember Stroud offered a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember King, the motion carried unanimously (voting in the affirmative were Dodd, Stroud, Goolsby, King, Hewett and Lawrence.) The meeting adjourned at 6:59PM.

Submitted by:

Kristal S. Dunn

City Clerk