

**Minutes**  
**Forsyth City Council**  
**July 15, 2019**

**Call to Order**

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

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

Mayor Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Howard gave the invocation. Present for the meeting was Mayor Wilson, Councilmembers John Howard, Chris Hewett, Melvin Lawrence, Mike Dodd, Julius Stroud, and Greg Goolsby. Also present was City Manager, Janice Hall; City Clerk, Regina Ivie; City Attorney, Bobby Melton.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Mayor Wilson stated there was one addition to the agenda. City Clerk, Regina Ivie to introduce a new staff member.

Mr. Goolsby made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Mr. Stroud; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Minutes July 1, 2019 Council Meeting**

Mr. Dodd made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Stroud; the motion carried unanimously.

**Regina Ivie – Introduce New Employee**

Mrs. Ivie stated April Santiago is the City's new Accounts Payable/Payroll Clerk. She began working for the City June 3, 2019. She has 20 years of experience working with Publix. Ms. Santiago is a fast study as she has picked up lots of knowledge already in her new role.

**Approval of Accounts Payables Invoices \$294,776.59**

Mr. Stroud made a motion to approve the invoices. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Requisitions over \$5000**

Mr. Hewett made a motion to approve the requisitions. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**City Manager Report**

- Chief wants to add to the City's uniform policy to allow officers to wear gun belt suspenders with their gun belts but only under their uniform.

Ms. Hall asked if this would be a change that would require council approval and after discussion, council agreed by consensus that this would not require council approval.

- Take Home Vehicle Policy – would like to look at changing the policy for the police officers with at least 1 year experience to “after completion of FTO and with the request from the Police Chief to the City Manager for approval”. We have hired some good officers from other agencies and making them wait for 6 months for a take home vehicle could deter others from coming and possibly cause some to go elsewhere.
- Map with city streets that have been resurfaced with LMIG funds is available for review. Need to determine streets for 2020 LMIG along with those for TSplost.
- Country Club Drive area has requested a meeting to discuss establishing a Neighborhood Watch Program for their neighborhood; meeting will be held Wednesday, July 24 at 7:00 pm in Aldermen Hall. Anyone interested in establishing a Neighborhood Watch for their neighborhood is invited to attend. Would also like to setup several “Walk with Elected Officials” days for different neighborhoods and include the police and fire departments in those walks.
- Verizon has a special running on iPads that expires this week. The iPads that were issued are at least 5 years old and most have stopped working. We can replace with the same iPad 9.7 for \$210/each for 7 \$1470 or upgrade to the iPad Air for \$430/each for 7 \$3010. The sale ends Wednesday so I need to know tonight. The keyboard case for 9.7 approximately \$100/each and for Air approx. \$150/each. These would not have data, so would require Wi-Fi to get emails as with the other iPads that council had.
- Would appreciate feedback on the logo that is on blazers and if you like that logo well enough to use as official city logo.

**Mr. Hewett made a motion to adopt the newly designed branding logo. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.**



- 2018 audit was submitted to the state on time.
- Couple meetings still need to get scheduled – Hofstadter to review water/sewer plant projects; Hewitt to review solar; and auditor to review audit

### **City Attorney Report**

Bobby Melton had no further business to report.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Wilson had no further business to report.

### **Council Comments**

Mr. Stroud requested an update on current City construction projects in progress. He requested a 4 way stop be added off Highway 42 North between the Walmart Shopping Center and Plantation Hills Shopping Center.

Ms. Hall stated that this intersection is on private property and she would contact the property owners to request a 4-way stop be installed.

Ms. Hall provided the following updates to the current City projects:

Hwy 41 Senior Community Project is coming back to the First Step Meeting this week to provide an update. Since the project is not more than 60% complete within 2 years then the zoning compliance expires.

Zaxby's project went before First Step last Thursday. They submitted their plans. The plans were reviewed by Department Heads. It will be going before Planning and Zoning Board at the July Meeting.

Convenience Store is redoing their plans. No new architectural drawings have been received yet. Those plans will need to go back through First Step. Car wash was removed, and have extended the building.

Valero – Will provide an update as soon as I can.

Ms. Hall further stated that the two concrete construction companies are moving forward as planned.

Mr. Hewett asked if a new superintendent has been hired at the Golf Course. Mr. Dodd stated that no one had been hired yet.

### **Public Comment**

No one came forward for public comment.

### **Executive Session**

Mayor Wilson stated the need for executive session was to discuss personnel matters, and property transactions.

Mr. Hewett made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 6:29 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Stroud; the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wilson called the meeting back into open session at 7:00 p.m.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Lawrence made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.