

**Work Session Minutes  
Forsyth City Council  
Aldermen Hall 4:30 p.m.  
August 19, 2019**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present for the meeting was Mayor Wilson, Councilmembers Chris Hewett, Melvin Lawrence, Greg Goolsby, and Mike Dodd. Also present was City Attorney, Bobby Melton; City Manager, Janice Hall, and City Clerk, Regina Ivie.

Mr. Howard arrived at 4:57 p.m. Mr. Stroud arrived at 5:02p.m.

Mayor Wilson stated the reason for the work session meeting was to discuss solar and customer requests for installation of solar on rooftops. Currently we have an ordinance that John Hewitt and Mike Leverett will speak to.

John Hewitt and Mike Leverett came before council to review the existing Distributed Generation Policy and possible changes to that policy. Mr. Hewitt stated that Distributed Generation covers several forms of power one of which is solar power. Mr. Hewitt reviewed the one current solar customer that Forsyth has that more than meets the State requirements for Distributed Generation. That customer has a special rate for their solar. Mr. Hewitt further reviewed that other cities have special rates in place for Distributed Generation and recommended that council adopt a similar rate for Forsyth.

Mayor Wilson stated that he has been approached by several business owners interested in installing solar power on their business. Mayor further stated the role that the Clean Air Coalition has in educating citizens about solar power.

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to engage Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Leverett to develop a Distributed Generation comprehensive rate study and to review the existing City electric rates for possible changes to those rates. Seconded by Mr. Hewett.

Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Leverett provided an estimate after a brief discussion to do the rate study, between \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Mr. Dodd asked when the last rate study was done. Ms. Hall stated that ECG has been working on one for over a year but it is still not finalized. After further discussion amongst council regarding the last and current rate study with ECG. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Lawrence made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Stroud; the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.