

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 6, 2017**

Mayor Frank Brunson, Mayor Pro-Tem Curt Rye, Council members Ginger Dukes, Beau Powell, and Shell Suber were present, along with City Administrator Mark Williams, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Andy Smith, Police Chief Gene Sealy and City Attorney Lee Holloway.

Mayor Frank Brunson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

- 1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance-** Ms. Ginger Dukes
- 2. Appeal for relief from penalties assessed for delinquent business license (Dr. Jarret Newsome)**

Following a discussion regarding other municipalities' practices regarding imposition of delinquent business license penalties, Council determined that going forward from 2017 that Forest Acres' business license ordinance shall be interpreted so as to impose 5% simple interest per month rather than compounded penalties as had been the city's practice for the preceding years.

This matter had been brought forward for consideration after a CPA who handles his brother's business licensing objected to the compounding of penalties and argued that the city failure to adequately notify the business it was delinquent before assessing the extraordinary penalties. After discussion, on a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously voted to recalculate compounded delinquent penalties paid by any business in 2016 as simple interest penalties, refunding any amount due if requested by any business who paid them.
- 4. Gills Creek Retention Wall Project Contract Change Orders**
 - a. Martin & Sons EAST Wall change orders \$5,804.08 (additional wall repair) + \$2,100 (additional rock)
 - b. Martin & Sons WEST Wall amendment \$50,457.50 (opposite creek bank repair) + \$1,200 (tree removal for wall repair access)
 - c. Chao & Assocs. WEST Wall engineering \$6,000.00 (opposite creek bank repair)
 - d. Indigo Construction additional flood debris removal \$3,000
 - e. Brown's Tree Service cleared access to creek for debris removal \$2,000

On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the additional change orders.
- 5. Security camera installations for FAPD**

Chief Sealy reported to Council an increase in suspected gang crime activity around the Robert Springs Road/Covenant Rd area including a drive-by shooting last week. The chief added that it's been impossible to develop suspects because none of the intended targets will cooperate with the police. The chief cited the need to develop independent intelligence on such activities using security cameras at three strategic locations nearby. Based on proposals by Statewide Security Systems the chief recommended installation of a basic camera package, and ask for a demonstration of a more sophisticated tag reading camera to possibly be added later if that technology proves indispensable.

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the basic camera package for \$8,400.00.
- 6. Policy on Survivor Health and Dental Benefits for employees killed in the line of duty**

Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Andy Smith discussed with council the need for the city to establish policies for administering insurance benefits for spouses and dependents of employees killed in the line of duty. Smith explained short-term policies of PEBA, who provides the city group insurance benefits, but that only addresses a first year of coverage following an employee's death on duty. Smith and Administrator Williams will propose several policy options for city council to consider.
- 7. Executive Session – Acquisition of 23 Forest Lake Place; TMS# 16701-02-36**

NOTE: Items discussed in Executive Session may result in action by City Council upon its return to general session. However, no action taken.

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- 8. Adjourn:**
With no action taken in Executive Session and there being no further business, on a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Rye at 6:35 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
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City of Forest Acres