

MINUTES OF THE FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING October 10, 2017

Mayor Frank Brunson, 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 Pro-Tem Curt Rye was absent

Mayor Frank Brunson called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Ginger Dukes led the invocation and introduced Holt Davis, Boy Scout Troop 4 (St. Martin's in the Field) who led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. City Council Meeting held September 12, 2017
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the minutes.

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

- a. TPAC Report – Jack Oliver
Jack Oliver reported that the TPAC budget has been overspent and will continue to monitor at the monthly meeting.
- b. Responses to Community Forum Items – tree debris on Plainfield Road
A resident from Plainfield Road stated tree debris had remained next to his home for weeks. Code Enforcement officer Roy McBee spoke with the resident who had clear cut all of the trees in his front yard and was doing some remodeling in his home and had piled the construction debris in front of his property. Mr. McBee cited him for clear cutting the trees without the required permit and told him he needed to remove the construction debris. After a week he was sent a certified letter stating he would be fined if the debris was not removed. As of October 6, 2017, the debris remains on the property. Mr. McBee will follow through with the appropriate measures.

4. New Business:

- a. Proposed revision of donation of leave policy
Mr. Williams asked Council to increase the threshold of eighty-four hours up to two hundred and fifty-two hours (six weeks) for employees who are affected by any chronic illness and do not have sufficient sick and/or vacation leave available.
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the revision.
- b. First Reading; AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF FOREST ACRES, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21.273 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REPORT TO COUNCIL; AND FURTHER AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21.275 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE NOTICE TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNER(S) AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.

5. Old Business:

No old business to report.

6. City Administrator Report:

- a. New toddler playground equipment for Citadel park
Mr. Williams reported there has been several requests by residents for toddler sized play equipment to be installed at Citadel Park. Council asked Mr. Williams to look into additional equipment for consideration.
- b. HTAX authorization to fund additional seasonal patrols by FAPD
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved up to \$8000 for the upcoming holiday season.

7. Finance Director Report

Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Smith stated that the city's budget is performing as expected for this period in the fiscal year that that revenues and expenditures are consistent with the same period in prior years.

8. Police Chief's Report:

Mr. Williams reported on behalf of Chief Sealy that applications to use existing utility poles for security cameras have been submitted to SCE&G.

9. Community Forum:

Resident Rita Shipman voiced a complaint that her neighbors Stan and Jeannie Edmunds have an outdoor hydronic heater and the smoke is affecting her health and the air in general. She went on to ask Council if there was an ordinance prohibiting this type of outdoor hydronic heater and if not asked what the process would be to have an ordinance put in place. Stan and Jeannie Edmunds stated they had the heater installed six years ago only after they contacted the city to ask if the heaters are allowed. They only burn firewood and have a thirty-foot-tall stack on the unit and have discussed the heater with their other neighbors and have no complaints. Discussion ensued, and Mayor Brunson stated the matter would be explored.

Resident Kathy Davis asked if the city would consider having a video camera installed at the area at Satchel Ford and Valleybrook roads where trash is continuously dumped by random people. Mr. Williams said that area is in the county and it would help if both the city and surrounding residents would reach out to Richland County council regarding the matter.

10. Council Items:

No items to report.

11. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Ms. Dukes at 6:15 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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