

**MINUTES OF THE  
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**May 15, 2019**

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

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

**1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Ginger Dukes led the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Hearing:**

**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  
ADDING A SECTION PROVIDING FOR THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES FOR  
THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020**

Attorney Holloway called the public hearing to order at 5:15 p.m. noting that it had been duly advertised in The State Newspaper. He stated that the public hearing was to entertain questions, comments or concerns regarding the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year Budget. Mr. Holloway asked Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director Smith to communicate his presentation of the budget to Council and the audience. Mr. Smith reported that FY 2019-2020 is the eleventh consecutive year that the millage rate remains at forty-seven mills. He illustrated that the city's increase in expenditures over time along with accompanying revenue changes. Following the presentation there were no questions from City Council or the public in attendance. Attorney Holloway closed the public hearing on the 2019-2020 FY Budget at 5:34 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

City Council meeting held April 9, 2019

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the minutes.

**3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects**

a. TPAC report – Jack Oliver

No report given.

b. Responses to Community Forum item: Property at Two Notch and Pinestraw

Building Official Keith Lindler updated Council that the property owner has been given an order of abatement with a final compliance date of June 3, 2019.

**4. New Business:**

a. Peace Officers Memorial Day Proclamation

Mayor Brunson presented to Police Chief Gene Sealy a Proclamation for May 15<sup>th</sup> to be Peace Officers' Memorial Day.

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 21.4.2 (ZONING MAP) OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY ZONING MAP FOR 3440 PINE BELT ROAD (TMS 14106-01-09).

On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously agreed to defer the reading due to the rezoning request being changed from C-3 to C-2.

- c. First Reading: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING THAT THAT CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF FOREST ACRES, BE AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 4644 SYLVAN DRIVE, TMS 14115, BLOCK 03, LOT 06.  
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the annexation.
- d. 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 ADDING A SECTION PROVIDING FOR THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020.  
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the first reading of the 2019-2020 budget.

**5. Old Business:**

- a. Discussion of potential members for the Beautification Foundation  
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously appointed resident Stephen Oliver to the Beautification Foundation.

**6. City Administrator's Report:**

- a. 2019 Election  
Mr. Smith reported that Mayor Brunson was re-elected, and Thomas Andrews and John Barnes were elected to Council. Mayor Brunson and both Council members-elect will be sworn in at the July 9, 2019 City Council meeting.
- b. Forest Acres Festival  
Mr. Smith reminded everyone that the festival will be on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 4 pm.

**7. Finance Director's 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 revenues and expenditures are consistent with the same period in prior years. He further noted that he anticipates another year of modest increased net assets and there are no anticipated large expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**8. Police Chief's Report:**

Chief Sealy reported that the construction by the City of Columbia have been completed on Bethel Church Road.

FAPD will be increasing patrol on Florawood Drive due to resident complaints that students from AC Flora High School are parking on the road.

Jam'n on Forest, Miracles in Motion race, and the Run Forest Run race were all successful and without any mishaps.

An issue with parents parking on Hillstar Court near Satchelford Elementary and walking their children to school is continuously being monitored.

SC DOT placed 20 mph speed limit signs on the curve at Meadowood and Pine Hill. A stealth stat study was conducted on Meadowood for 5 consecutive days. Out of 7799 vehicles the average speed was 28.27 mph.

Chief Sealy and Sgt. Tumlin spoke with residents on Briarwood regarding speeding complaints. The speed trailer was placed for approximately a week. The area will continue to be monitored.

Patrol at Jamestown Apartments was increased due to trespassing complaints made by management.

The South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy has changed their training class schedules so that new officers train in-house and online for the first four weeks and then testing will commence at the academy. The new structure is for all new police officers.

**9. Community Forum:**

Resident Mark Van Popering voiced his concerns regarding a brick wall that was built in front of his home on Montclair Drive. The wall directs storm water to collect in his yard rather than to Eight Mile Creek. His concerns are that his property will flood with any heavy rainfall. Building Official Keith Linder stated that Code Enforcement will investigate the situation and report back to the resident and Council.

**10. Council Item(s):**

No items to report.

**11. Executive Session:**

a. Receipt of legal advice relating to claims and potential claims by and against the City and other matters covered by Attorney-Client Privilege.

b. Discussion of contract negotiations related to a lease agreement for a communication tower.

c. Receipt of legal advice relating to SCDOT Bridge Inspection report concerning Forest Lake Place Bridge

On a motion made by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council agreed come out of Executive Session and reconvene General Session.

**NOTE: Items discussed in Executive Session may result in action by City Council upon its return to General Session.**

On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously authorized the City Administrator to move forward with emergency repairs to the Forest Lake Place bridge, as discussed in executive session.

On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously authorized the City Administrator and the City Attorney to enter into contract negotiations with American Tower Corporation on the renewal of an existing ground lease as discussed in executive session.

**12. Adjourn**

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen  
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City of Forest Acres