

MINUTES OF THE FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING August 12, 2014

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

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

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Dukes gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. City Council Meeting on July 16, 2014; Special City Council Meeting on June 18, 2014
On a motion by Mr. Suber and seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved both sets of minutes.

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

- a. TPAC report, Carol Kososki
Administrator Williams reported on behalf of Ms. Kososki that MB Kahn Construction, ICA Engineering, and W.O. Blackstone are sharing management duties in administration of the TPAC funding.
- b. Citadel Park
Administrator Williams reported that one company attended the pre-bid meeting and submitted a bid in the amount of \$78,000. The project had a range of \$60-\$80K.
On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously agreed to reject the single bid and re-advertise the parking project at Citadel Park.
- c. Pinetree Park
No update to report.
- d. Responses to Community Forum Items
No items to report.

4. New Business:

- a. Reappointment of John Kososki to a two-year term on the Planning Commission
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the reappointment.
- b. Appointment to fill vacancy of the Forest Acres Planning Commission
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the appointment of Attorney William C. Dillard, Jr. to the Planning Commission.
- c. Replacement of roll cart/recycling bin policies for rental properties/owner occupied properties
Administrator Williams reported that Public Works Director Joey Paschal has had a reoccurring problem with rental property owners contacting him for a new roll cart after roll carts repeatedly disappear with the change in tenants. The cost of each roll cart is \$65.00. Administrator Williams asked council to consider replacing the roll carts at zero cost no more than one time within a two year period. A charge of \$65.00 will be imposed to the property owner if the roll cart needs to be replaced more than once within a rolling two year period.

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

- d. Discussion of smoker surcharge policy re: PEBA group health insurance
Administrator Williams stated that a retiree who smokes has said that if a retiree is subject to an assessment because he smokes then it is an additional benefit to which he should be entitled as a retiree and it's a cost of his retiree health insurance that the City of Forest Acres is obligated to pay. Mr. Williams said he had discussed the matter of the \$40 per month surcharge with a labor attorney

and she recommended the city pay the surcharge for a limited time giving the employees/retirees time to enroll into a smoking cessation program. The thinking was that this would allow employees to adjust after the switch from an insurer who did not impose such an assessment to one that did. Finance Director Andy Smith confirmed that written notice was sent to all employees and retirees in advance notifying them of the new insurance and policy changes such as the \$40.00 per month smoker's surcharge. Discussion ensued with Council being supportive of the policy to require employees and retirees to pay the insurance surcharge or avoid it by stopping smoking.

Council agreed to notify the retiree in writing that he has thirty days to begin paying the smoker's surcharge to date or his insurance coverage would be suspended.

- e. Request for streetlight at 2125 Woodmere Drive
Administrator Williams reported that a resident at 2125 Woodmere Drive is requesting a street light be installed by SCE&G. Chief Sealy stated that the police department investigated the area and the recommendation was no. A streetlight exists in close proximity to the 2125 Woodmere Drive address.

5. **Old Business:**

No business to report.

6. **City Administrator Report:**

- a. Removal of streetlight between 4600/4604 Lander
Administrator Williams reported on a request to remove a streetlight at 4600-4604 Lander. The request was from the resident at 4616 Lander who has a power pole in his front yard that feeds the light in question, who wants the pole removed. Discussion ensued. Council agreed to consider removal of the streetlight but asked the administrator to solicit opinions from affected neighbors.

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

Chief Sealy reported the Detective Russ Shumard was selected to attend Law Enforcement Commander school, which is considered an honor.

8. **Community Forum:**

No community items to report.

9. **Council Items:**

No council items to report.

10. **Executive Session-Contract with Cyberwoven**

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously agreed to go into Executive Session to discuss the contract with Cyberwoven.

11. **Adjourn:**

With no action taken in Executive Session and there being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Rye 5:45 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Dukes, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres