

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 14, 2012**

Mayor Frank Brunson and Council members, Ginger Dukes, Curt Rye, Jr. and Shell Suber, Jr. were present, as were City Administrator Mark Williams, Assistant City Administrator Jake Broom, Police Chief Gene Sealy, and City Attorney Lee Holloway. Council member Charlie Fetner was absent.

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

City Council Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2012

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

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

- a. Recognition of Cardinal Newman High School Cheerleading Team—2011 SCISA Cheerleading 3A State Championship for the 7th time in a row with 10 total State Championship titles
Mayor Brunson introduced Ellen Jennings, Varsity Cheerleading Coach. Ms. Jennings introduced the cheerleaders present stating this accomplishment is a record for the State of South Carolina, for both public and private schools. (A roster of the cheerleaders is attached.)

b. Citadel, Idalia Parks- Update

Administrator Williams reported that construction continues at both parks. There have been some issues with the colors of the playground equipment. With some effort by Mr. Williams the desired neutral colored equipment will be installed. Mr. Williams also reported that there are waterlines that were installed at the parks during the time the City of Forest Acres owned the water system. Mr. Williams informed City of Columbia that new meters were needed at the park. COC said they were unaware that there were lines present and stated that they did not use the size meters necessary to fit the taps. After some effort by COC the correct sized meters were located and installed. An issue with a tree in conflict with tot lock has been brought to our attention and the solution is shifting around the sight of the tot lock. Mr. Williams said that in three or so weeks the contract may have to be amended to add more time to the projected time line for completion of the parks.

Mayor Brunson asked Mr. Williams to inquire about additional parking to be added to the six or so available parking spaces at Citadel Park.

c. Forest Lake Place Bridge

Administrator Williams reported that Assistant City Administrator Jake Broom has met with Bruce Greenberg and Brett Franz from First Citizens and both have expressed a willingness to create a right of way at Forest Lake Place Bridge if the city wants to pursue that. Mr. Williams asked DOT to inspect the bridge for safety regarding pedestrian use and the conclusion is that it is safe. Mr. Williams said that the estimates he has received to upgrade the bridge range from \$350,000 to \$950,000.

d. Responses to Community Forum Items

1. 3301 Cornwall Road, Druid Hills Neighborhood Association

Mr. Williams reported that a sanitation issue which a resident discussed in the July meeting was subsequently resolved.

2. Utility reconstruction on Willingham Drive

Mr. Williams stated that restoration to the damage caused by a utility company to a resident's property on Willingham drive will need to be put on hold according to the DOT due to additional construction in that area that is coming up.

3. 1331 Sunnyside; speeding complaint and concern about neighbor's vine covered tree
Mr. Williams stated that FAPD has taken steps to oversee the speeding problem. Information was distributed to all Forest Acres residents regarding the damage that vines can cause to trees along with updated Sanitation policies.

4. **New Business:**

- a. Reappointment of Allen Ardis to the Forest Acres Code Board of Appeals (3 year term)
On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, the reappointment was approved unanimously.
- b. Reappointment of Amanda Colgate to the Forest Acres Planning Commission
On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, the reappointment was approved unanimously.
- c. Council approval of private investigator business license for Larry Sypolt d/b/a LASCO
On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Mr. Suber, the business license was approved unanimously.
- d. Discussion of possible renovation of Pinetree Park
Mr. Williams stated that there has been some interest by several of the neighbors of Pinetree Park for the park to be rehabilitated as Citadel and Idalia Parks. Grimball and Cotterill were asked to update their estimate from three years ago for Pinetree Park. The estimate was given at approximately \$103,000. Mr. Williams stated that Pinetree Park would not be a playground; the grading would be to prevent wash off of landscaping and agreed with Mayor Brunson and Ms. Dukes that the use would be more of a green park. Mr. Rye mentioned unused monies from the walking trail could be a possibility.

5. **Old Business:**

- a. Second 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 OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 5660 SACHELFORD ROAD, TMS 14016 BLOCK 07, LOT 22 (ABOU-IBRAHIM)

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, the ordinance was approved unanimously.

6. **City Administrator Report:**

- a. Security cameras at Quinine Hill Park
Mr. Williams reported that the internet connection required to install the cameras has flummoxed Time Warner Cable and they have shunted the engineering decision on the connection to a branch in New York. In the meantime, the camera cabinet has been installed at the park.
- b. Report on sale of surplus equipment
Mr. Williams stated that the perspective buyer backed out of the purchase of the trash loaders and the solution may be to trade the loaders in as opposed to selling them outright.
- c. Alcohol license protest
Mr. Williams attended the meeting last week and said that he was of the opinion that the judge was going to issue the applicant the license. There were about 6 protesters present and spoke accordingly. RCSD spoke stating that attracting 18-35 year olds in a dance club was not a good idea due to there being an age group of less than 21 years. The judge stated she would take that into account.
- d. Rooftop Rhythms (9/20, 10/25) and Sweet Seasons (12/6)

Mr. Williams has spoken with Liane Baly about scheduling another Rooftop Rhythms concert on September 20th and possibly one on October 25th. FAMFEST was rained out this past spring and has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 20th. Sweet Seasons has been scheduled for Thursday, December 6th. Mr. Williams also spoke with Ms. Baly about possibly scheduling an oyster roast this fall. Ms. Dukes said that the oyster roast sounded good. There was no further discussion.

e. Software conversion issues

Mr. Williams reported that the new vendor's software has incorrect tax tables and although the discrepancies have been corrected the problems continue.

f. City Hall curb

Mr. Williams stated he received an estimate for approximately \$1,400 to add curb a curb at the back of city hall to divert rain run-off from the hill.

On a motion by Mr. Rye, the money was approved.

g. Home Builder's Association

Mr. Williams reported that he received a call from Earl McCloud from the HBA regarding the Parade of Home and Mr. McCloud said the date would have to move forward to an abbreviated schedule of December 1-9 or if the city insists a regular schedule of December 1-16 due to the success of the homes selling. This date change would give them more time build more homes for the Parade of Homes. Council agreed to the change of dates.

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

Chief Sealy reported that the AED project is completed and the AED's have been put in the police vehicles. The speeding situation on Sunnyside drive is being monitored. Burglary activities are also being monitored closely. Chief Sealy said that the trend of social media is impacting the fears of residents. FAPD is trying to console some of the fears of the residents. Burglaries and armed robberies are down in Forest Acres; however, vehicular break-ins are up. FAPD is monitoring all of the situations. Chief Sealy stated that he has spoken with Administrator Williams about possibly holding town hall meetings for residents to keep them informed. Ms. Dukes asked about the possibility of adding real time software to FAPD and Chief Sealy said that that is one of the programs that is being researched. The real time additions is a work in progress and is quite costly.

8. **Community Forum:**

No one had any items for discussion.

9. **Council Items:**

Council had no items for discussion.

10. **Adjourn:**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Rye mathe meeting ended at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres

Cardinal Newman Varsity Cheerleaders

Kaylee	Amick	12	Captain
Alex	August	12	
Shireen	Babae	12	
Gina	Bellini	12	
Ann Marie	Cleary	12	
Elizabeth	Davis	12	Captain
Meghan	Gasser	12	Captain
Elizabeth	Hayden	12	
Leeann	Leonhardt	12	Captain
Sara	Scoggins	12	
Taylor	Seal	12	Captain
Slayden	Thomas	12	Captain
Annabel	Dannelly	11	
Ashleigh	McMaster	11	
Katie	Pindar	11	
Kate	Austin	10	
Lisa	Bellini	10	
Mary Evelyn	Hayden	10	
Caitlin	Loeffler	10	
Meghan	Militello	10	
Ieshia	Rhames	10	
London	Southern	10	
Ashley	McMullen	9	
Madisen	Pfeifer	9	
Blakeley	Yandle	9	