

**MINUTES OF THE  
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 2013**

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 Robert Massa, 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**

Mr. Rye gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

Special City Council Meeting on November 5, 2013 and City Council Meeting on November 12, 2013.

On a motion by Ms. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved both sets of minutes with one noted amendment on the November 12, 2013 minutes.

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

a. TPAC report, Carol Kososki

Ms. Kososki reported the TPAC Advisory Committee's annual report meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2013.

b. Citadel Park-parking amendment update

Administrator Williams reported Grimball and Cotterill had submitted a redesign of the parking updates at Citadel Park due to SCDOT not approving the original design due to their concerns about management of stormwater runoff. The original project cost having been estimated at \$50,000 will range higher to \$65,000 and \$70,000 because of addressing DOT's issues. On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council approved funds up to \$70,000 for the parking redesign.

c. Pinetree Park- proposal for improvements

Administrator Williams reported that the fence line on Winthrop has been submitted by Grimball and Cotterill at \$25.00 per linear foot and the length of the fence would be 250'. Discussion ensued about where the fence line would begin and end and Council asked Williams to bring a plan during the January 2014 meeting.

d. Responses to Community Items: Basketball goals on street

Administrator Williams reported that he had spoken with SCDOT and there is apparently no state statute or regulation against basketball goals being on the edge of a street. SCDOT said that it is up to the local police jurisdiction to monitor and Chief Sealy said that Richland County does have an ordinance to address loitering in their streets which obstructs free passage of pedestrians or vehicles. He recommended that Forest Acres' loitering ordinance be amended to include obstruction of traffic flow on city streets.

**4. New Business:**

a. 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 9-21, CLASSIFICATION AND RATES, APPENDIX A, RATE SCHEDULE OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUSINESS LICENSES CLASSIFICATION IN ORDER TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS FOR LESSORS OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS NAICS 531110.

On a motion by Ms. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.

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 19-15 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR CORNER CUTTING.

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.

- c. 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 15-7 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR RESISTING OR INTERFERING WITH POLICE.  
On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
  - 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 REVISING SECTION 10-8 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR DISORDERLY PERSON.  
On a motion by Ms. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
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 REVISING SECTION 9-21, CLASSIFICATION AND RATES, APPENDIX A, RATE SCHEDULE OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE BUSINESS LICENSES CLASSIFICATION IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE RATES.  
On a motion by Mr. Powell and seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
6. **City Administrator Report:**
  - a. Sweet Seasons  
Administrator Williams recounted that the city's annual Sweet Seasons event had been held on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and despite the weather conditions was extremely successful and well attended.
  - b. Eight Mile Branch EWP  
Administrator Williams conveyed that the creek bank restoration project in the Olde Park subdivision has held up well during recent rainfall. The property owners who benefitted from the restoration appear to be pleased with the outcome.
  - c. 11 Bayview Drive  
Administrator Williams reported that the City is looking for the owner on record as she has just reached age of majority. The current status is that the owner of records brother has disappeared and taken the doors and windows with him. Mr. Williams said that until the city is able to demolish the structure the city should board up the doors and windows for safeties sake. On a motion by Mr. Suber and seconded by Mr. Powell, Council approved monies of up to \$550 to board up 11 Bayview Drive.
7. **Police Chief's Report:**

Chief Sealy reported that the traffic survey on Springlake Road conducted with the city's Stealth Stat device resulted in a discovery that only 4% of 1,930 vehicles were speeding during a 35 hour monitoring period. The average speed was 31.4 MPH.
8. **Community Forum:**

Residents Dan and Joanna Addison from 225 Springlake Road asked Council to exercise it's influence with SCDOT regarding lowering the posted speed limits on Springlake and Pinebrook Roads, installation of at least one three-way stop sign on Springlake, and encourage the installation of speed humps on Springlake. The curve of Springlake Road at two intersections represents blind areas which are dangerous. Several other residents concurred. Council asked Administrator Williams and Chief Sealy to follow up with SCDOT to look at these issues again which were brought to SCDOT's attention three years ago.
9. **Council Items:**

Council had no items to report.

10. **Adjourn:**

There being no further business, on a motion by Ms. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Powell, the meeting ended at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen  
Administrative Assistant  
City of Forest Acres