

**MEETING MINUTES
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 19, 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:

City Council Meeting on January 14, 2013

On a motion by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the minutes.

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

- a. TPAC report, Carol Kososki
No update to report.

b. Citadel Park-parking amendment update

Administrator Williams reported that the parking project continues to be bogged down with permitting issues required by the SCDOT. SCDOT is requiring the City manage any storm water run-off that is generated by the additional parking spaces. Proposed solutions under consideration are a sump and drain field installed in the park's interior or pervious paved parking that will allow stormwater to trickle into the ground. Williams said the DOT will require a storm water solution that accommodates a 25 year rainfall. Mr. Williams said that the process is on-going and he will keep Council informed of any and all progress.

c. Pinetree Park- proposal for improvements; park cleanup

Administrator Williams reported the three estimates submitted for tree removal. Discussion ensued regarding changing the plans for the park and Council asked Mr. Williams to request the tree services who submitted estimates to adjust their estimates to only include the dead or dying trees and the stumps that are currently in Pinetree Park stumps rather than the 28 or so trees previously indentified for removal. Council expressed the desire to take a step back from this project and not do anything more than tree maintenance until further notice.

d. Responses to Community Items: Spring Lake Road

Administrator Williams reported that a request to SCDOT was made three years ago regarding the same issues of the Spring Lake/Pinebrook residents. SCDOT said at that time that there was no need then for any changes to speed limits, etc. Council agreed that the City should ask SCDOT to again look into the issues raised by the residents in the area.

4. New Business:

- a. 2014 Forest Acres Classic HTAX Budget \$42,300

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

- b. 2014 Schedule for Rooftop Rhythms—April 24 and May 22

On a motion by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved \$34,620 for each of the events.

- c. New streetlight request—Magnolia Park Circle at Pinestraw Road

Administrator Williams reported that a request had been made by a resident for a new streetlight at Magnolia Park Circle and Pinestraw Road. FAPD investigated the area during after dark and expressed the opinion that lighting is adequate without installing an additional streetlight. Council did not approve the request.

- 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 SECTION 10-14 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR THE FAILURE TO PAY FOR TAXICAB, LIMOUSINE, OR SIMILAR VEHICLE SERVICES**
On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
- e. **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 SECTION 16-31 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF PUBLIC STREETS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY**
On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Mr. Powell, 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 THE PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 14, BY REVISING SECTION 14-2 ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED; SECTION 14-18 APPLICATION, AND SECTION 14-19 CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION**
On a motion by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.
6. **City Administrator Report:**
 - a. **Plaque dedicated to Charlie Fetner**
Administrator Williams reported that the plaque honoring Charlie Fetner had been installed on the brick wall surrounding the city clock and that his family had been so notified.
 - b. **Draft Stormwater Management Ordinance referred to Planning Commission**
Administrator Williams stated that a draft of the stormwater ordinance will be referred to the Planning Commission as soon as a meeting can be organized.
 - c. **Cell tower at Public Works**
Administrator Williams reported that the company who leased a cell tower site in the Public Works area has begun engineering and the expectation is that the tower may be erected in the next few months.
 - d. **Eight Mile Branch EWP grant**
Administrator Williams reported that after all of the reimbursements were received by the USDA and the project contribution of Bud Mann that the entire project did not cost the city any money. However, Williams said that there may be some upcoming discussions with USDA about obligation to repair storm damage to the repair site.
 - e. **SCDOT selling streets to cities and counties**
Administrator Williams said that there is an initiative by the General Assembly's House Ways and Means Committee to begin offering sale of state roads to cities and counties. There is also a mandate in process for cities and counties to stop charging credit card fees to customers in their transactions. Williams said that if the city has to eat those credit card expenses in may cost as much as \$400-\$500 per month.
 - f. **Andy Smith**
Administrator Williams introduced the city's new Finance Director Andy Smith. Council welcomed him to his new position.
7. **Police Chief's Report:**

Chief Sealy presented a brief summation of 2013 crime statistics and a copy of his report was distributed to Council. The Chief reported that numbers on serious crimes reported to the FBI has mostly declined from 2012 to 2013. Chief Sealy then noted that there would be a 40th anniversary memorial service and dedication to the memory of forest Acres Police Officer Richie Finch who was killed in the line of duty on February 24, 1974. The event is scheduled for Friday, February 21st at 12:00 p.m.

8. **Community Forum:**
A resident of the Citadel Park area asked if no parking signs could be installed on the sides of the road around Citadel Park to better control visitors' impact on the surrounding neighborhood. Administrator Williams said he would look into the matter with SCDOT.
9. **Council Items:**
Council had no items to report.
10. **Adjourn:**
There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Rye the meeting ended at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres