

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2016**

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

Mayor Frank 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 held December 8, 2015
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the minutes.

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

- a. Addition of the agenda
Administrator Williams asked council to add an item to the agenda regarding FAPD participating in Richland County's Gang Task Force as the agreement had just been presented and a decision had to be made immediately.
On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved this addition of this item to the agenda acknowledging it is a matter of exigency pursuant to the SC FOIA.
- b. TPAC report, Carol Kososki
No report.
- c. Citadel Park
No report.
- d. Pinetree Park-Design delay
Following a brief discussion regarding the park Council asked Administrator Williams to schedule a work session with Grimball-Cotterill regarding the current design.
- e. Quinine Hill Park
No report.
- f. Responses to Community Forum Items
Administrator Williams said there were no items from the previous month that required a report.

4. New Business:

- a. Presentation of FY 2015 Audit by Bill Hancock, CPA
Mr. Hancock stated that the audit resulted in no significant findings and that a clean and unmodified opinion of the city's financial statements has been issued.
- 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 21.152.2, GENERAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS, ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR AN EXPIRATION OF TREE PERMITS; AND, BE FURTHER AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 21.152.3 LAND DISTURBANCE ACTIVITY, ZONING ORDINANCE OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR AN EXPIRATION OF LAND DISTURBANCE PERMITS.
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously agreed to withdraw the first reading and submit the subject to the Forest Acres Planning Commission action prior to any action by city council.
- c. First Reading, An ordinance to Annex 5206 Pinestraw Road (Nick and Sylvia Johnson); TMS# 14131-09-09 into the City of Forest Acres
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Suber, 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 REVISING SECTION 8-11 OF THE GARBAGE AND TRASH ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR THE OUT-OF-CITY RUBBISH; AND REVISING SECTION 8-18 OF THE GARBAGE AND TRASH ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT FOR VIOLATIONS.

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

- e. Legislative consulting services offered by Joan Brady/Steve Fooshe
Administrator Williams stated that former state representative Joan Brady contacted him informing him she has joined a lobbying firm with Steve Fooshe and together they are working on behalf of a number of municipalities in an attempt to gain funding through the state and generally look out for the municipalities' interests in the General Assembly. Discussion ensued and Council asked Mr. Williams to schedule a meeting with Joan Brady and Steve Fooshe prior to council making any decision to engage them for their services.
- f. Street light request at 3454 Northshore
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the request.
- g. Authorization to purchase budgeted police vehicle
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously authorized the purchase.
- h. Gang Task Force
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved Chief Sealy's request to participate as resources allow in the Sheriff's Gang Task Force.

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 21.4.2 (ZONING MAP) OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY ZONING MAP FOR 1701 DALLOZ ROAD TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-3).

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

- b. 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 TO BE NUMBERED 5-6(g) OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR WAIVER OF BUILDING PERMIT FEES IN THE EVENT OF A NATIONAL DISASTER.

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

6. **City Administrator Report:**

- a. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
Administrator Williams reported that the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is an offshoot of the October 2015 flood disaster and is a set aside of funding by FEMA to purchase flood prone properties to remove them from the floodplain and the risk of repeated flooding. Williams said he has identified a handful of such properties, but they grant requires there is a 25% local match. The deadline for applications would be October 2016. Mr. Williams asked Council to consider the grant program.
- b. Capital Equipment Lease-Purchase
Postponed to a later meeting.

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

Chief Sealy reported that a 5k race occurred in the city and went well. The Belfour command center has been removed and dispatch is back in their office with temporary furniture. The USC swim team paid tribute to fallen Officer Greg Alia at their recent swim meet.

8. **Community Forum:**
No items to report.
9. **Council Items:**
No items to report.
10. **Executive Session:** Legal advice from City Attorney regarding potential liability claim for use of 3700 Landmark Drive for post-flood emergency water distribution.

Discussion of agreement for Shopping Center Road.

11. **Adjourn:**
With no action taken in Executive Session and there being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes at 6:20 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres