

# MINUTES OF THE FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 8, 2013

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, Financial Director Robert Massa, 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**

Council member Ginger Dukes gave the Invocation and Boy Scout Julian Owens of Troop 10 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

a. City Council Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2012

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

b. Special Council Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2012

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

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

a. Citadel, Idalia Parks- Administrator Williams reported that both Citadel and Idalia parks have been completed. The projects have both received positive reactions from users of both parks. A meeting will be scheduled later this spring with Council and the landscape architect to discuss a plan for Pine Tree Park. The security cameras that were installed in Quinine Hill Park have enabled us to indentify and catch some vandals who were destroying property at the park. The vandals have been informed that they are no longer welcome at the park and if they trespass they will be arrested.

b. Forest Lake Place Bridge- Administrator Williams stated that there is no update on the bridge.

c. Responses to Community Forum Items-There were no items for response.

**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 THE TEMPORARY SECTION OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING THE DATES FOR: PUBLIC NOTICE OF 2013 GENERAL ELECTION, DEADLINE FOR FILING STATEMENTS OF CANDIDACY AND 2013 GENERAL ELECTION.

Attorney Lee Holloway stated that the public notice will run on February 11, 2013, date of filing will be March 14, 2013, and the election will be on May 14, 2013. A special meeting needs to be scheduled before the February city to provide a second reading on the 2013 general election ordinance.

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, 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 2-4 OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR COMPENSATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS.

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, the ordinance passed 3 to 1 with Mr. Suber voting nay.

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.

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

6. **City Administrator Report:**

- a. Use of voting machines-  
Administrator Williams stated that he has spoken with Richland County Voting Commission and in the past have used approximately 12 machines. Further consultation with the county will transpire prior to the election to discuss the use of 15 machines for which we will recompense Richland County.
- b. Council Retreat-  
Administrator Williams asked council to check their calendars for May 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, or 28<sup>th</sup> to possibly schedule a retreat.
- c. Richland County and WTH Mapping Services-  
Administrator Williams asked Assistant Administrator Jake Broom to update Council. Mr. Broom reported that the initial cost for Forest Acres to Richland County was \$7000 for the map CD and 20% of that price for any updates. After several meetings Richland County has agreed to allow Forest Acres to access their maps online. Users will be able to go to our website and access the link to the crime statistics. This process will cost initially \$500 for access to the maps and \$500 per year for maintenance. The software cost is \$4000 to set up and \$2000 per year for maintenance. Total cost would be \$4500 for set up and \$2500 per year for maintenance.

On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the purchase of the crime mapping system.

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

Chief Sealy reported that he is continuing to gather information for Council regarding the organizations that want to have races within Forest Acres but go outside of the area that is currently used. He asked that a certificate of liability insurance obtained by the organization be added to the ordinance and a cost factor be added if the organizations ask for their race to be held outside of the currently mapped out course due to a requirement of off duty police duty.

8. **Community Forum**

Kirk Patterson introduced himself and named three concerns that he has in the city. One concern being dangerous intersections within the neighborhoods, the second concern being the condition of some of the streets in the neighborhoods, and third being the careless lack of cleanliness by many of the dog owners in Quinine Hill Park.

Peyton Wooldrige introduced herself and expressed concern about the erosion at Pinetree Park. The misuse of parking has added to the problem.

Susie Madden introduced herself and stated that she is in support of Mr. Pattersons' concerns.

9. **Council Items**

There were no items for discussion.

10. **Adjourn**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Rye the meeting ended at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen  
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City of Forest Acres