

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
June 23, 2015**

Mayor Frank Brunson and Council members, Ginger Dukes, 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. Council member Curt Rye, Jr. was absent.

Mayor Frank Brunson called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

1. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance- Ms. Ginger Dukes
2. **FRANCHISE ADOPTION PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE** (“FRANCHISE ORDINANCE” OR “AGREEMENT”) TO GRANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT, POWER AND AUTHORITY TO ERECT AND TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE ON, ALONG, ACROSS, IN, OVER, ABOVE UPON AND UNDER THE STREETS, ALLEYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY: (1) ELECTRIC LINES, POLES, WIRES, GUYS, PUSH BRACES, TRANSFORMERS AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES; (2) GAS MAINS, PIPES AND SERVICES AND OTHER APPURTENANT FACILITIES; AND (3) COMMUNICATION LINES AND FACILITIES FOR ANY PURPOSE AND ANY USE BY THE COMPANY OR ANY DESIGNEE, TOGETHER WITH ANY NECESSARY RIGHT OF ACCESS THERETO, FOR SUCH PERIOD AS THE SAME IS NEEDED BY THE COMPANY TO RENDER SERVICE TO ITS CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, SOUTH CAROLINA FROM THOSE FACILITIES; TO SET THE AMOUNT OF FRANCHISE FEE TO BE PAID BY SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY TO THE CITY; IF SO REQUIRED, TO LEVY FRANCHISE FEES ON THIRD PARTIES SELLING ELECTRICITY OR GAS USING SCE&G'S ELECTRIC OR GAS SYSTEMS; TO ALLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND AND UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICTS FOR ELECTRIC NON-STANDARD SERVICE; BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF FOREST ACRES IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED

Attorney Holloway stated that the public hearing was to entertain questions, comments or concerns regarding adoption of a new Franchise Agreement. The adoption would include raising the franchise fee from three to five percent and be in force for a period of twenty years. The increase would be a two percent increase on resident electric bills. With nothing further Attorney Holloway closed the public hearing on the franchise adoption at 5:47 p.m.

3. First Reading, ORDINANCE (“FRANCHISE ORDINANCE” OR “AGREEMENT”) TO GRANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT, POWER AND AUTHORITY TO ERECT AND TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN, AND OPERATE ON, ALONG, ACROSS, IN, OVER, ABOVE UPON AND UNDER THE STREETS, ALLEYS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES OF THE CITY: (1) ELECTRIC LINES, POLES, WIRES, GUYS, PUSH BRACES, TRANSFORMERS AND APPURTENANT FACILITIES; (2) GAS MAINS, PIPES AND SERVICES AND OTHER APPURTENANT FACILITIES; AND (3) COMMUNICATION LINES AND FACILITIES FOR ANY PURPOSE AND ANY USE BY THE COMPANY OR ANY DESIGNEE, TOGETHER WITH ANY NECESSARY RIGHT OF ACCESS THERETO, FOR SUCH PERIOD AS THE SAME IS NEEDED BY THE COMPANY TO RENDER SERVICE TO ITS CUSTOMERS IN THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, SOUTH CAROLINA FROM THOSE FACILITIES; TO SET THE AMOUNT OF FRANCHISE FEE TO BE PAID BY SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC & GAS COMPANY TO THE CITY; IF SO REQUIRED, TO LEVY FRANCHISE FEES ON THIRD PARTIES SELLING ELECTRICITY OR GAS USING SCE&G'S ELECTRIC OR GAS SYSTEMS; TO ALLOW FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FUND AND UNDERGROUND UTILITY DISTRICTS FOR ELECTRIC NON-STANDARD SERVICE; BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF FOREST ACRES IN CITY COUNCIL ASSEMBLED

On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the ordinance. Council member Curt Rye was absent.

4. **Adjourn**
On a motion by Mr. Suber at 5:25 p.m. seconded by Mr. Powell, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres