

**MEETING MINUTES
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 11, 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 February 19, 2013

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Mr. Powell, 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 there were no updates for Council.

c. Pinetree Park- proposal for improvements; park cleanup
Administrator Williams reported that he was awaiting the written report from Andy Boone, the Arborist who had conducted a study of the trees at Pinetree Park. Mr. Williams recommended to have a study conducted at Citadel and Idalia Parks in the very near future to avoid any serious issues.

d. Responses to Community Items: Spring Lake Road
Administrator Williams relayed to Council that he had sent correspondence to SCDOT, Senator Joel Lourie, and Representative Beth Bernstein. No response had been received as of yet.

4. New Business:

a. Appointment to fill vacancy on Forest Acres Appearance Commission (formerly held by Irene Dumas Tyson)
On a motion by Ms. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the appointment by Henrietta Joye to the Appearance Commission.

b. HTAX authorization for the 2014 Forest Acres festival on May 17, 2014 up to \$30,000.
On a motion by Ms. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously authorized up to \$30,000 in HTAX funds.

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 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.

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 SECTION 16-31 OF SAID CODE, PROVIDING FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF PUBLIC STREETS AND RIGHTS-OF-WAY.**
On a motion by Ms. Dukes and seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.

6. City Administrator Report:

- a. **Farmer's Market Tent**
Administrator Williams stated that the tent was insured and the costs to repair the heavy snow damage will cost the city the \$1,000 deductible.
- b. **Palmetto Construction \$37,052 estimate for 5205 N. Trenholm Road renovations**
Administrator Williams informed Council about the estimate. Councilman Powell asked if the project had been advertised for bid. After discussion between Council and Attorney Holloway, it was decided that an RFP would be advertised to give other companies an opportunity to submit a bid for the renovations. On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Suber, Council approved Palmetto Construction's bit contingent on no other bids coming in lower.
- c. **Forest Drive Corridor Study**
Administrator Williams reported having received seven proposals and review of those proposals will begin in the near future.
- d. **Old Forest Drive road closing lawsuit**
Administrator Williams relayed to Council that the city had been named as one of the parties to a "friendly lawsuit" seeking the closure of Old Forest Drive. Attorney Holloway specified that agreeing to close that section for development of the property is recommended, as it is anticipated that the developer will seek to annex the site into Forest Acres. On a motion by Mr. Powell and seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously agreed to close that portion of Old Forest Drive.

7. Police Chief's Report:

Chief Sealy did not have a report.

8. Community Forum:

Resident John Lightsey from Brentwood Drive expressed his displeasure at being prohibited from removing several pine trees from his property. The staff turned down his request to remove the trees unless and until he obtains permits to build a carport that he said was the reason he wished to remove the trees. He asked if the current tree ordinance could be amended to allow residents the liberty to do as they please on their properties. Mr. Lightsey stated that he did not believe he should have to file an appeal with the Forest Acres Zoning Board of Appeals to be able to remove his trees. Discussion ensued regarding his reasoning for wanting to remove the trees for a future potential concrete pad and a carport. Mr. Lightley had no date or drawn plans regarding when the project might be initiated.

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 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
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City of Forest Acres