

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 8, 2012**

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, Police Chief Gene Sealy, Finance Director Bob Massa, 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

Ms. Dukes gave the Invocation. She introduced Boy Scouts Troop 10 who led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Scouts attending from Eastminister Presbyterian's Troop 10 were John McCabe, Michael Graf, Landon Louthian, Dargan Watson, Will Elliott, Patrick Searcy, Harrison Davis, Cole Teas, Hal Fant, Rob Echols, and Charlie King.

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. City Council Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2012

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

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

- a. Citadel, Idalia Parks- Review of bids

Administrator Williams stated that bids were due on April 24, 2012 and the base bid for Citadel Park was \$248,690 and \$98,459.00 for Idalia Park. He recommended that council select the bid options include replacing vinyl fencing with aluminum fencing due to durability over time with a value of \$10,265.00 at Citadel Park and \$11,120.00 at Idalia Park. Playground equipment options remain undecided. Administrator Williams provided Council with three different vendors' options on equipment. The cost range was \$13,950.00 to \$17,300 for both parks. With the consent of Council, Williams stated he wanted to ask the neighbors of the parks for their opinions concerning the playground equipment. Williams also mentioned that stainless steel water fountains were in the bids to replace the current fountains due to costly repairs. Williams asked if Council would vote on the base bid submitted by Tyler Construction so that contracts could be executed and work to begin and decide on the playground equipment at a later date.

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the bid by Tyler Construction and will decide on the playground equipment at a later date limiting the options to the offerings of three vendors.

- b. Responses to Community Forum Items-
Administrator Williams stated there no Community Forum Items to report.

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 ADDING A SECTION OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF 6714 EASTBROOK DRIVE, TMS 16812, BLOCK 15, LOT 10.

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Mr. Suber, the ordinance was approved unanimously.

- b. First Reading, AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, PROVIDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF FOREST ACRES, BE AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCOUNTING FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF HOSPITALITY TAX FUNDS.

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Mr. Suber, the ordinance was approved unanimously.

- c. 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 A SECTION PROVIDING FOR THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FOREST ACRES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013.

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Mr. Suber, the ordinance was approved unanimously.

- d. Proclamation Honoring First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); 2062 N. Beltline Blvd. Mayor Brunson stated that recently First Christian Church celebrated their 50th birthday in their current sanctuary in Forest Acres and recognized the congregation as good neighbors proclaiming May 8, 2012 as First Christian Church Day in the City of Forest Acres.

5. **Old Business:**

Administrator Williams stated there was no old business to discuss.

6. **City Administrator Report:**

- a. Problems at Quinine Hill Park

Administrator Williams reported on problems occurring at the park because visitors are allowing their dogs to run off leashes in violation of city ordinances and the city is also experiencing vandalism. It has been brought to our attention mainly from the Shandon area that word has circulated that Quinine Hill Park is a top notch dog park- which use was never intended. Dogs are being let off of leashes and defecating in the park and their owners are not utilizing the materials placed in the park for them to clean up after the pet. Administrator Williams is considering security cameras so that the ordinances are not violated.

- b. City Hall Renovations and Repairs

Administrator Williams reported that the repairs are complete and the cost was approximately \$52,000.

- c. Sale of Forest Acres surplus trucks from Sanitation Department

Administrator Williams reported that one of the trucks has sold for \$59,500.00 netting a profit to the City of Forest Acres of \$55,260.00 which is about \$40,000.00 more than a local dealer was offering.

- d. Contractors bonds

This item will be carried over to the May 2012 meeting.

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

Chief Sealy reported that as a result of the recent arrest of a male the FAPD has solved five home and vehicle burglaries. Unfortunately burglaries continue but the police department remains vigilant against the problem.

Chief Sealy reported that the drop off program for old prescription medications where people are able to drop off their expired and unused prescriptions was successful.

8. **Community Forum:**

Resident Mr. Bailey brought to Administrator Williams and Council's attention overgrown brush that is covering a Forest Acres sign and a stop sign.

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Resident Willie Brantley of 6801 Valley Brook Road stated a special pickup was requested from Sanitation and there was no response regarding their request. Administrator Williams stated he would look into the issue and the problem would be resolved.

Resident of 3621 Valley Road asked Council if there were any beautification plans for the Forest Drive and Beltline Boulevard. Mayor Brunson stated that at this time there were no plans at this time.

9. **Council Items:**

Ms. Dukes mentioned that AC Flora's baseball and women's golf teams have had championship seasons.

10. **Adjourn:**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Rye, seconded by Mayor Brunson, the meeting ended at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres