

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 9, 2017**

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/Finance 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. Ginger Dukes
Ms. Dukes gave the invocation led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
City Council Meeting held April 11, 2017
On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Mr. Rye, Council unanimously approved the minutes.
- 3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects**
 - a. TPAC
No report given.
 - b. Responses to Community Forum Items
Administrator Williams reported that the reoccurring trash pile at the corner of Valleybrook and Satchelford that he continually contacts Richland County about has again been picked up by them.
- 4. New Business:**
 - a. Steve Adams & Brian Dalton, Columbia Museum of Art—Upcoming “Re-tooled” June 1, 2017 Exhibit
Mr. Adams thanked the city its sponsorship of the “Re-tooled” exhibit at the Columbia Museum of Art.
 - 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 the adding a section providing for the budget for the City of Forest Acres for the fiscal year 2017-2018.
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the budget of \$6,997,595.00
 - c. Semi-annual investments report
Andy Smith, Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director reported the city’s investment report to Council.
On a motion by Mr. Suber seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously accepted the information.
- 5. Old Business:**
 - a. Survivor Health and Dental Benefits for employees killed in the line of duty (deferred)
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council deferred the item to the City Council retreat on May 11, 2017.
- 6. City Administrator Report**
No items to report.
- 7. Finance Director Report**
Assistant City Administrator/Finance Director stated that the city’s budget is performing as expected for this period in the fiscal year that that revenues and expenditures are consistent with the same period in prior years.

8. Police Chief's Report

Chief Sealy reported there is an upcoming Emergency Management Meeting with Richland County regarding the August 2017 solar eclipse and preparations being made for the influx of tourists as Columbia will be on the direct track for best observation of the solar phenomenon.

FAPD officers Curtis Singleton and Alex Adkins were presented on May 4, 2017 by the Forest Acres Optimist Club with Law Enforcement of the Year awards for life-saving efforts on a city resident.

Many members of the FAPA and family of former police officer Greg Alia attended the sentencing hearing for Alia's killer, Jarvis Hall, who pleaded guilty and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

9. Community Forum

Resident Kathy Davis thanked Chief Sealy and the FAPD for increasing patrols in her neighborhood after calls for assistance with problems in her neighborhood.

Resident Ralph Bailey reported a problem with his garbage not being picked up as scheduled. Mr. Williams stated he would look into the issue with Public Works and report back.

Residents William and Nancy Brantley remarked that the corner of Valleybrook and Satchelford is constantly used as a trash dumping area. Administrator Williams said he would ask Richland County if they might install a security camera to try to catch and prosecute the individuals who engage in illegal dumping at this location.

10. Council Items

Council member Dukes reported that the AC Flora's men's baseball, golf, and tennis teams are all competing in 2017 Lower State and State Championships respectively.

11. Adjourn:

On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes at 6:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres