

# **MINUTES OF THE FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING November 12, 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, Police Chief Gene Sealy and City Attorney Lee Holloway. Finance Director Andy Smith was absent.

Mayor Pro-tem Curt Rye 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.

**Public Hearing: 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 (To correct a zoning map error)**

Attorney Holloway called the public hearing to order at 5:18 p.m.

Attorney Holloway stated that the public hearing was to entertain questions, comments or concerns ordinance to correct a zoning map error. The property is on Robert Springs Road and was never rezoned for its proper use. The property is used by the City of Forest Acres for the Public Works department. The zoning currently is C-3 (general commercial purposes) and should be P-1 (Public & Semi-Public District). Councilman Powell asked if the city were to ever sell the property in question would the zoning remain P-1. Attorney Holloway stated that it would remain P-1. Resident Robert Philip complimented the city for maintaining the property. With no additional questions or comments from the public or Council Attorney Holloway called the public hearing closed at 5:22 p.m.

## **2. Approval of Minutes:**

City Council Meeting on October 22, 2014

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

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

a. TPAC report, Carol Kososki  
No report.

b. Citadel Park

Administrator Williams stated that a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2014 with AOS Specialty Contracting and SCDOT.

c. Pinetree Park

Administrator Williams stated he was still waiting to hear back from residents on the proposed redevelopment plan. Councilman Suber said redevelopment would be deemed less necessary if City personnel would refrain from raking accumulating pine straw, which he believes contributes to erosion due to run off on the sloping site. Mr. Williams said he needed a majority of Council to establish such a policy as he anticipated this approach would not sit well with neighbors. After discussion Council agreed to defer raking straw and only pick up pine cones for a month to see how it looks.

d. Quinine Hill Park

Administrator Williams reported that SCE&G was near completion of their power pole and he and Assistant City Administrator Jake Broom had met with SCE&G and their landscape architect to discuss the new landscape design to mask the new power pole.

e. Responses to Community Forum Items

Administrator Williams reported that the complaint by the resident at Magnolia Park about her neighbor draining his pool into her back yard continues to be investigated by Code Enforcement. Any results from the matter will be reported to Council.

4. **New Business:**

- a. Approval of bid/contractor for installation of holiday lights/Christmas trees  
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Powell, Council unanimously agreed to approve the installation bid to JAJ Electric in the amount of \$12,130.00.
- b. HTAX restaurant promotion on Chik-Fil-A Basketball Classic program ad in the amount of \$600.  
On a motion by Ms. Dukes seconded by Mr. Suber, Council unanimously approved the promotional advertisement.

5. **Old Business:**

- a. 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 (To correct a zoning map error affecting the City's property that constitutes the Public Works facility.)  
On a motion by Mr. Rye seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved the ordinance.

6. **City Administrator Report:**

- a. Christmas Holiday schedule/bonuses  
Administrator Williams asked Council if they would award Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> as a holiday for employees and a holiday bonus of \$250.00 for each employee. On a motion by Mr. Powell seconded by Ms. Dukes, Council unanimously approved both holiday requests for employees.
- b. Security Cameras at intersections  
Administrator Williams reported that he had met with Cary Shealy of Statewide Security Systems to discuss possibly putting in security cameras at the major intersections in Forest Acres. Mr. Shealy offered to run interference for the city to install the cameras. SCDOT previously stated that we were not allowed to put cameras on their existing traffic light poles. Administrator Williams asked Council to further explore the cost and installation with the assistance of Cary Shealy. Council agreed to the request.
- c. Recycling truck  
Administrator Williams reported that an engine needs to be replaced in one of the recycling trucks and that WW Williams quoted a replacement engine for \$15,000, versus Carolina International which was closer to \$20,000.

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

Chief Sealy reported AC Flora's Booster Club has a 5K on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and Kathwood Baptist Church also has a festival on the same date. Beth Shalom's festival is also on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

8. **Community Forum:**

No community items were reported.

9. **Council Items:**

Council member Suber asked for a resident what the public notice sign was regarding at Gold's Gym. Administrator Williams stated it was for a sign variance that was approved.

10. **Adjourn:**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Rye the meeting ended at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maria Queen  
Administrative Assistant  
City of Forest Acres