

**MINUTES OF THE
FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2012**

Mayor Frank Brunson and Council members, Ginger Dukes, Curt Rye, Jr. and Shell Suber, Jr. were present. Also attending were Assistant City Administrator Jake Broom, Police Chief Gene Sealy, Finance Director Bob Massa, and City Attorney Lee Holloway. Council member Charlie Fetner and City Administrator Mark Williams were absent.

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.

Public Hearing- On the request to rezone 1620 Gamewell Dr. (TMS 14013-02-01) and 1700 Gamewell Dr. (TMS 14014-06-20) from Residential (R-1) to Institutional (P-2) as is adjacent area of Cardinal Newman High School)

2. Attorney Holloway called the Public Hearing to Order at 5:16 p.m.

Attorney Holloway stated that the purpose of the hearing was to entertain comments for the request to rezone 1620 Gamewell Dr. (TMS 14013-02-01) and 1700 Gamewell Dr. (TMS 14014-06-20) from Residential (R-1) to Institutional (P-2) as is adjacent area of Cardinal Newman High School) and that the notice of the public hearing had been published in The State Newspaper on September 21, 2012. Mr. Holloway stated that the properties, if the rezoning was approved would be zoned Institutional (P-2) which could be established as a public or semi-public area for health, educational and governmental institutions. Mr. Holloway introduced Assistant Administrator Jake Broom to inform the public on the exact locations of the two properties in conjunction with Cardinal Newman High School. Upon asking for comments from the audience, Jacqueline Kasproski, Principal of Cardinal Newman and Associate Director of Secondary Education for the Diocese of Charleston stated that the school has desired acquisition of the two properties for parking of buses, storage of school materials and club activity meetings. Since the purchase both properties have been landscaped to improve the appearance in the neighborhood. One nearby resident spoke in favor of the rezoning request. Howard Cook of Gamewell Drive stated that as a homeowner in the surrounding neighborhood that he is in opposition of the rezoning with the school property being up for sale. Mr. Cook's concerns are in relation to the type of business that could come into ownership. He also states he is speaking for several of the other neighbors who were unable to attend the public hearing. Two more neighbors from Gamewell Drive also spoke in opposition of the rezoning. Ms. Kasproski spoke in rebuttal of the opposition and stated that the only an RFP was circulated for informational purposes and not for actual sale of the school.

There were no further questions or comments. Attorney Holloway closed the public hearing at 5:42 p.m..

3. Approval of Minutes:

City Council Meeting on September 11, 2012:

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

4. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

a. Citadel, Idalia Parks

Assistant City Administrator Broom stated that the parks are 99% completed and there was a meeting recently with the contractors to go over the punch list. The next couple of weeks should be sufficient time for the parks to be completed.

- b. Forest Lake Place Bridge
Assistant City Administrator Broom stated there were no updates or recent movement on the bridge and asked if this item should be taken off of the agenda. Mayor Brunson and Mr. Rye stated that to keep the topic on the agenda until all of the grant money possibilities are exhausted.
- c. Responses to Community Forum Items
There were no community forum items for discussion.
- d. Pinetree Park
Mayor Brunson stated that a coordinated meeting will be set up for discussion on the renovation of this park.

5. **New Business:**

- a. Noree Boyd-Wicks—FAMFEST October 20th.
Ms. Boyd-Wicks stated that rescheduled FAMFEST will be held on October 20th from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. on the rooftop at Richland Mall and all of the arrangements have been confirmed.
- b. Two vacancies on the Forest Acres Appearance Commission (Mary Pat Baldauf & Holly Shuffler)
Mayor Brunson stated that replacement appointments will be considered at the next meeting.
- c. Vacancy in the unexpired term of Harry Parker on the Planning Commission (term expires July, 2013)
Mayor Brunson stated that replacement appointments will be considered at the next meeting.
- d. 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 6454 BRIDGEWOOD ROAD, TMS 16802, BLOCK 5, LOT 11.

On a motion by Mr. Suber and seconded by Mr. Rye, the ordinance was approved unanimously.
- e. 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 REVISING CHAPTER 9, SECTIONS 9-1 THROUGH 9-20 OF SAID CODE PROVIDING FOR LICENSES FOR BUSINESSES IN ORDER TO REPLACE THE CHAPTER IN ITS ENTIRETY.

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, the ordinance was approved unanimously.
- f. Oyster roast at Rooftop Rhythms, October 25th

Assistant Administrator Broom presented the three bids sent in by caterers for the potential Oyster Roast and after consideration council decided that the lowest bidder, Southern Way be awarded the catering of the roast. Pre-sale of \$10.00 per bucket tickets and \$12.00 per bucket tickets on the day of the event was also decided by council.

On a motion by Mr. Rye and seconded by Ms. Dukes, the ordinance was approved unanimously.
- g. First Reading, An Ordinance Amending the Business License Provisions for Insurance Companies

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

6. 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 REVISING SECTION 19-11 OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR IMPROPER OPERATION OF VEHICLES

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

- b. Request for streetlight in vicinity of Eastshore and bridge/spillway near Lakeshore
Assistant Administrator Broom stated that the due to Richland County resident stating they did not want the wiring put on their property the request from the Forest Acres resident cannot be granted. Council agreed.

7. City Administrator Report:

- a. Security cameras at Quinine Hill Park
Assistant Administrator Broom stated the cameras are operational and are recording, however, that the internet connection is still in process.
- b. SCE&G tree removal policy
Assistant Administrator Broom stated we have had calls that SCE&G has a contractor that is removing hazardous limbs/trees and are leaving the debris for the homeowner to have removed. SCE&G has stated that the work is being done without cost to the homeowner therefore the debris removal is the responsibility of the homeowner. Mr. Broom affirmed that our ordinance only allows a \$25.00 fine for the contractor not removing the remains. Discussion ensued and the topic was deferred for further inquiry of Forest Acres ordinance and discussion with SCE&G.

8. Police Chief's Report:

Chief Sealy asked that his report be deferred to the November meeting due to the Community Town Hall that was scheduled to begin directly after the council meeting.

9. Community Forum:

Beatrice King introduced herself as a candidate for Richland One School Board. Included in the district are two of Forest Acres schools.

A Forest Acres resident mentioned that tree removal on properties that are in Richland County yet back up to Forest Acres properties have also contributed to removal dilemmas.

A Forest Acres resident mentioned that the property behind Kroger is overgrown and is in need of lighting. Mr. Rye stated he that the property is owned by SCE&G and he would have someone look at the area.

10. Council Items:

Council had no items to discuss.

11. Executive Session

Contract to purchase real estate—5209 North Trenholm Road

12. Adjourn:

There being no further business, on a motion Mayor Brunson, the meeting ended at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Queen
Administrative Assistant
City of Forest Acres