

MINUTES OF THE FOREST ACRES CITY COUNCIL MEETING September 11, 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, Financial Director Robert Massa, Police Chief Gene Sealy, 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

Mayor Brunson recognized the 11th anniversary and asked for a moment of silence in honor of the tragedy.

Ms. Dukes gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2012

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

3. Mayor's Issues & City Projects:

a. Recognition of AC Flora High School Golf Team—Team did not show up at the meeting.

b. Political Candidate Moryah Jackson

Ms. Jackson introduced herself and her candidacy for Richland School District One Board At-Large.

c. Citadel, Idalia Parks—Update

Administrator Williams reported that Tyler Construction has the parks in the final stage of redevelopment. There is a substantial completion date of September 21, 2012. The planting of trees and landscaping may be postponed to cooler weather to improve their survivability. Mayor Brunson inquired on the location of removal of the duck play structures. Mr. Williams stated he would find out and report back the status.

Change orders for Citadel and Idalia Parks for handicapped accessibility HTAX \$5200

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

d. Forest Lake Place Bridge—Update; RFQ for engineers

Administrator Williams stated that the continued discussion of the bridge may be at the point for engineering input. No further discussion.

e. Responses to Community Items

There were no items that required a response.

4. New Business:

a. Appointment of John Kososki to the Forest Acres Planning Commission (2 year term)

On a motion by Mr. Suber and seconded by Ms. Dukes, the appointment was approved unanimously.

b. Discussion of possible renovation of Pinetree Park

Administrator Williams stated the parks renovation would be a green park/project. Approximately \$100,000 would update the landscaping and irrigation. Mayor Brunson asked if a meeting could be scheduled at the park for discussion. Mr. Williams stated he would schedule a meeting with the architect at the park for Council to attend.

c. Continued marketing of FA events on Access Leisure website (\$3,000)

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

- d. Request for streetlight in vicinity of Eastshore and bridge/spillway near Lakeshore
Administrator Williams reported a request for a light at this location. Chief Sealy affirmed that the area is extremely dark and he recommends a light be installed. Mr. Williams stated that the install would be more complicated due to where the light pole would have to be located. A pole would have to be out of our jurisdiction and on the right of way of a resident's property.

- e. Rooftop Rhythms September 27th; HTAX funds in the amount of \$32,120.19

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

- f. 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 SECTION 19-11 OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING FOR IMPROPER OPERATION OF VEHICLE.

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

5. **Old Business:**

There was no old business for discussion.

6. **City Administrator Report:**

- a. Security cameras at Quinine Hill Park
Administrator Williams reported that Time Warner Cable has installed the data link in one of the picnic shelters on Valley Road; however, the router was not left to activate the circuit. The cameras are recording to a memory cards. At least one camera will go live shortly and have accessibility via the internet.
- b. Cancellation of software conversion
Administrator Williams reported that the contract has been cancelled and the company was gracious about the problems that were being encountered and our decision for not changing.

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

Chief Sealy reported that the town hall meeting with Forest Acres residents regarding the crime in the area and safety measures is in the process of being scheduled and will be held at City Hall.

Chief Sealy stated the he and Sergeant Laurie Tumlin went to Newberry County to view the online crime mapping program they have that is free for the public. The cost of the online crime mapping program is approximately \$8000.00. The Newberry Sheriff's department uses the same software as Forest Acres Police Department and with the crime mapping program Chief Sealy stated he and Sgt. Tumlin were impressed.

8. **Community Forum:**

No one had any items for discussion.

9. **Council Items:**

Council had no items for discussion.

10. **Executive Session:**

Consideration of real estate purchase contract—5209 Trenholm Road

11. **Adjourn:**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Rye the meeting ended at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Queen
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City of Forest Acres