**Minutes**

**Forsyth City Council Meeting**

**February 3, 2025**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation and Roll Call**

Mayor Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was led by Mr. Nathan Jackson. In attendance for the meeting was Mayor Eric Wilson, Councilmembers Josh Hill, Chris Hewett, Lois Allen, Greg Goolsby, Charles Wilder, and Mike Dodd. Also in attendance was the City Manager, Craig Mims; the Assistant City Manager, Regina Ivie; and the City Attorney, Brian Causey. Six members of the council were in attendance for the meeting; therefore, all unanimous votes will be six votes (Hill, Hewett, Allen, Goolsby, Wilder and Dodd).

**Approval of the agenda**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the minutes from the council meeting held on January 6, 2025 and public hearings held on January 23 and 30, 2025.**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the minutes from the council meeting held on January 6, 2025 and public hearings held on January 23 and 30, 2025 as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Allen; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of street closure request on March 1, 2025 for the Forsythia 5k race**

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve of the street closure request on March 1, 2025 for the Forsythia 5k race. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of street closure request on March 7-9, 2025 for the Forsythia Festival**

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve of the street closure request on March 7-9, 2025 for the Forsythia Festival. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**House Bill 581**

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to stay opted in House Bill 581. Seconded by Mr. Hill; the motion carried unanimously.

**Tabled agenda item from January 6, 2025 council meeting**

* **Planning and Zoning Commission Board Appointment**

Mr. Hill recommended the appointment of Noah Harbuck to the Planning and Zoning Commission Board. Seconded by Mr. Hewett.

Mrs. Allen offered a motion to table the Planning and Zoning Commission Board Appointment until the February 17, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Wilder.

After a brief discussion Mayor Wilson called for a vote on the motion to table the Planning and Zoning Commission Board Appointment. The vote resulted with four votes in favor (Allen, Goolsby, Wilder, and Mayor Wilson) and three votes in opposition (Hill, Hewett, and Dodd).

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to start the process of changing the design and review requirements for the Planning and Zoning Commission Board. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Walter Goodson**

Mr. Goodson stated he suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. He went to Forsyth City Court and asked his case be bonded over to State Court and was transferred back to Forsyth City Court. He asked that his case be turned over to Veterans Court. He stated that the judge was not aware of the Veterans Court. He questioned if anyone could look into why Veterans Court is not offered in the City of Forsyth.

**Approval of Requisitions Greater than $6,000**

* **Reed & Shows Meter Repair & Supply Co. – 13,500.00**

Mr. Dodd offered to approve the requisitions greater than $6000 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**City Manager’s Report**

Mr. Craig Mims, the City Manager reported:

A big thank you to all city departments for their performance during the most recent winter weather storm. In addition to the city staff, he also commended the Georgia Department of Transportation, Monroe County, and GSP for providing the city with assistance.

**City Attorney Report**

Mr. Brian Causey, the City Attorney, reported that he has been working

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Wilson thanked all the departments for working during the winter storm and all that they do daily for the city. He reminded every of the Forsythia Festival on March 8-9, 2025.

**Council Board Reports**

Mrs. Allen stated that she attended the Convention & Visitors Bureau meeting, and it was very productive; they discussed things that they wanted to accomplish in 2025. She thanked the City Manager for working during the storm.

Mr. Hewett stated that the Hospital Authority will be meeting on February 26, 2025 at 5:30p.m.

Mr. Hill stated that Malik Herring Clean Up Day will be held on February 22, 2025. The 2025 Events calendar has been posted and encouraged everyone to look at all the events. He stated that the next Main Street/Downtown Development Authority meeting will be held on February 10, 2025 at 5:00p.m.

Mr. Dodd stated that the Golf Board met last Thursday, they are looking to hire a manager and to replace the greens.

Mr. Wilder thanked the City Manager for working and overseeing the city during the winter storm. He requested the City Attorney to review all the committee boards to ensure they are in compliance.

Mr. Goolsby stated that the Development Authority meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

**Additional Business**

Mr. Hill mentioned Montpelier Road.

Mr. Mike Batchelor, the Utilities Director, provided an update on Montpelier Road

Mayor Wilson stated that the Country Club reopening will be attentively bin mid-April.

**Public Comments**

Mr. Walter Goodson had concerns about curbing on Lovers Lane and asked someone to take a look at it.

**Executive Session (Real Estate)**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to go into executive session for real estate at 6:51p.m. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to end the executive session at 7:18p.m. Seconded by Mr. Wilder; the motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Wilder offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19p.m. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.