

Minutes
Forsyth City Council Meeting
April 15, 2024

Call to Order

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

Mayor Wilson offered a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Charles Wilder, Sr. a former councilmember and father of councilman Charles Wilder, Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation by Michael Jones, and Roll Call.

Mayor Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was led by Mr. Mihael Jones. 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, Assistant City Manager, Regina Ivie, and City Attorney, Bobby Melton. 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. Goolsby offered a motion to amend the agenda to add the Convention and Visitors Bureau discussion between items four and five on the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hewett offered to approve the agenda with the amendment to add the Convention and Visitors Bureau discussion between items four and five on the agenda. Seconded by Mrs. Allen; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the minutes from the council meeting held on April 1, 2024.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the minutes from the council meeting held on March 18, 2024 as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

Convention and Visitors Bureau discussion

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the Convention and Visitors Bureau to use the additional space for their operations located at 20 N Jackson Street. Seconded by Mr. Wilder; the motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of a Proclamation for the 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week.

Mayor Wilson presented a Proclamation for the 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week to Mrs. Regina Ivie, the Assistant City Manager/ City Clerk and to Mrs. Shayla Furlow, the Assistant City Clerk.

Approval of request by Chief Blue for a Side-by-Side All- Terrain Ordinance.

Chief Blue, of the Forsyth Police Department, presented requirements for Side-by-Side All- Terrains and requested permission to move forward with adopting an ordinance for use on city streets.

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the request from Chief Blue to move forward with the Side-by-Side All-Terrian Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Requisitions Greater than \$6,000

- **Davis Plumbing Company Inc.- \$17,354.00**

Mr. Hill offered a motion to approve the requisitions greater than \$6000.00 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Craig Mims, the City Manager, reported that:

- Electric Cities of Georgia awarded our electric department with the Jeff Cook Award for Safety and Excellence-Platinum Level. Congrats to our team for operating a safe and efficient electric system.
- Mauldin and Jenkins, the auditors will start the field work for 2023 audit on April 29th.
- The State Health Department inspection was conducted on our Splash Pad last week. We are scheduled to open the Splash Pad Memorial Day weekend.

City Attorney Report

Mr. Bobby Melton, the City Attorney, reported that:

- He has a notice for alcohol beverage license that is being advertised for the May 6, 2024 council meeting for 94 E. Adams Street tax parcel F035 027A Her Majesty, LLC.
- He received an email from the attorney for the Georgia Department of Transportation regarding the Tift College and Lee Street railroad project 00171777, has been rewarded.
- Mr. Melton provided the council with a memorandum for the Monroe County Library.

Mayor Wilson stated that Electric Cities of Georgia closed on the property in the Indian Springs Industrial Park and will be locating a training facility in the City of Forsyth.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Wilson had no business to report.

Additional Business

Mr. Wilder advised that he received a call from a citizen regarding drainage problems and thanked the council for extending condolences.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to rename the Russellville Water Plant to the Clarence F. Doster Water Plant contingent upon requirements. Seconded by Mr. Wilder; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Goolsby requested that Mr. Wilder be appointed to the Revitalization Committee and that meetings restart. Mayor Wilson appointed Mr. Wilder to the committee and charged the meetings to start again.

Mr. Hill commended the Downtown Development Authority for the wonderful things that they do for the City of Forsyth.

Ms. Kemie Childs, the Mainstreet Coordinator, reminded the council of the Panel being held on April 23, 2024 from 11:30-12:30 for high school students during Georgia Cities Week.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Executive Session

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters at 6:28p.m. Seconded by Mr. Wilder; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to end the executive session at 6:33p.m. Seconded by Mr. Wilder; the motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Dodd offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34p.m. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes submitted by:
Shayla Furlow, Assistant City Clerk**