**Minutes**

**Forsyth City Council**

**June 3, 2024**

**Call to Order**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation by Rod Callahan and Roll Call**

Mayor Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance. The invocation was led by Mr. Rod Callahan. 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 and Assistant City Manager, Regina Ivie. Not in attendance for the meeting was the 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. Hewett offered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Goolsby, the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the minutes from the council meeting held on May 20, 2024.**

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the minutes from the council meeting held on May 20, 2024 as presented. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of street closure request on June 29, 2024 by John Walton**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the street closure request on June 29, 2024 by John Walton. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion caried unanimously.

**Approval of BKS insurance brokers**

Mr. Wilder offered a motion to approve BKS insurance brokers. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion caried unanimously.

**Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the 2026-2031 SPLOST**

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for the 2026-2031 SPLOST. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia’s Telecommunications year end settlement.**

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia’s Telecommunications year end settlement to be deposited into the Flexible Operating Account-Intermediate Extended Maturity Portfolio. Seconded by Mr. Goolsby; the motion carried unanimously.

**Walter Goodson**

Mr. Walter Goodson was not present.

**Approval of a 4-Way Stop at the intersections of E. Johnston Street at N. Harris Street and E. Johnston Street at N. Kimbell Street.**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve a 4-way stop at the intersection of E. Johnston Street at N. Harris Street and E. Johnston Street at N. Kimbell Street. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously with five votes (Hewett, Allen, Goolsby, Wilder and Dodd) and one opposition (Hill).

**Approval of Surplus Vehicles**

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the surplus vehicles. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of called meeting on June 17, 2024 at the City Annex to discuss the Convention & Visitors Bureau**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the called meeting on June 17, 2024 at the City Annex to discuss the Convention & Visitors Bureau. Seconded by Mrs. Allen; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of an event permit and standard location release for TLC’s 7 Little Johnston’s show.**

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the event permit and standard location release for TLC’s 7 Little Johnston’s show. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**2024 Financial Review**

Mrs. Regina Ivie, the Assistant City Manager, provided a review of the 2024 year to date financials. She provided the revenues for general funds, expenses by departments, combined utilities, and bank balances as of May 31, 2024.

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

* **Davis Plumbing Company - $24,687.00**
* **Davis Plumbing Company - $23,702.00**

Mr. Dodd 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:

-The preliminary plan is complete for presentation at the Kynette Park public input meeting on June 13th at 6:00p.m.

-The Electric Department has completed the installation of a transformer and pad at the new Chick-fil-a location.

-A groundbreaking ceremony for Country Club Park has been set for June 14th, at 10a.m.

**City Attorney Report**

Mr. Bobby Melton, the City Attorney, was not present.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Wilson reported that he was one of the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia’s board members that attended Plant Vogtle. He stated he attended the state and federal celebration for Vogtle units three and four. Mayor Wilson stated that MEAG is one the co-owners of Plant Vogtle. Plant Vogtle is the largest generator of clean energy. The City of Forsyth is a member of the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia and we will receive energy from the new units.

**Council Board Reports**

Mr. Hewett stated that the Board of Health will be meeting on June 10, 2024 and the Hospital Board will be meeting on June 27, 2024.

Mrs. Allen stated that the Kynette Park Input meeting will be June 13, 2024. Flyers have been posted and given out to the community.

Mr. Dodd stated that the Golf Board met on Thursday, May 30, 2024. He advised a committee was formed to do a study of the cost to replace the grass on the golf course.

**Additional Business**

Mr. Wilder questioned if helmets are required by law on Slingshots. He stated that several citizens complained about officers enforcing the use of helmets while driving slingshots.

Mr. Wilder stated that he received several complaints from citizens that are being denied approval to sell shaved ice because they are not getting ice from an Icehouse and questioned if Mr. Mims could research why the Health Department requires makers the ice from an Icehouse.

**Public Comments**

Mrs. Linda Hampton, at 419 MLK Jr. Drive, questioned if funds for the cemetery improvements are in the SPLOST.

Mr. Walter Goodson questioned the plan for the right of way on Lover’s Lane in front of the townhouses. He stated that he was going to build a garage on the property at Powell Street and questioned if the city had a deed for the property.

**Executive Session**

No executive session needed.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Hewett offered a motion to adjourn at 6:40p.m. Seconded by Mr. Wilder, the motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes submitted by:**

**Shayla Furlow, Assistant City Clerk**