**Minutes**

**Forsyth City Council Meeting**

**July 15, 2024**

**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. Rufus Whatley. 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, 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. Wilder; the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the minutes from the council meeting held on July 1, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of a street closure request on August 17, 2024 for Branded Starr Western Store**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the street closure request on August 17, 2024 for Branded Starr Western Store. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of proposal for Jenay Court Stormwater issues**

Mr. Mike Batchelor, the Utilities Director, stated that he was tasked to work with the county to come up with a solution for Ms. Gloria Colbert’s stormwater issue. He stated that the cost of $12,000 is for engineering services and it is based off an estimate of $120,000 to complete the project. This information has not been presented to the County Commission to do a joint project.

Mr. Mims requested the council approve the $12,000 for the engineering portion of this project. He stated he and the finance director will look at the options that may be available for funding the project moving forward.

Mr. Wilder offered a motion to approve the proposal for $12,000 for the engineering portion of the Jenay Court Stormwater Project. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion caried unanimously.

**Approval of proposal for Willis Wilder Storm Water Assessment**

Mr. Mike Batchelor, the Utilities Director, stated that the proposal is for ESG Engineering to conduct a comprehensive storm water study and assessment in the areas of Willis Wilder Drive and Blount Street areas. The rate is an hourly rate estimated not to exceed $10,000. He stated this is not budgeted and we have no alternate funding source.

After a brief discussion Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the proposal to conduct the comprehensive study and assessment. Seconded by Mrs. Allen.

Mr. Mims stated that we do not have a funding source at this time. The Municipal Competitive Trust can be used however he does not recommend using it at this time. He asked the council to place a hold on this project to allow time to work through the Jenay Court project and for Dean and Will to further look into funding sources.

Mr. Goolsby withdrew his motion to approve the proposal to conduct the comprehensive study and assessment.

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to table the Approval of proposal for the Willis Wilder Storm Water Assessment until the Jenay Court Project is completed and for them to come back with funding sources. Seconded by Mr. Hill; the motion caried unanimously with five votes in favor (Hill, Hewett, Allen, Goolsby, and Dodd and one abstention (Wilder).

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

* **Law and Order Technology, LLC - $35,367.60**
* **All Season Tree Service - $6,500.00**

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

**City Manager’s Report**

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

-Our Main Street Director, Kemie Childs, is continuing to host the Farmer’s Market each Friday with increased attendance over the past few weeks.

-I would like to give a big thank you to the Main Street Director, Kemie Childs, along with staff members from the Police, Fire and Public Works for doing a great job during the July 4th Celebrations.

**-**We met withthe contractors handling the Montpelier Road Project and worked out a solution to work around the opening of school on August 1, 2024. The project is scheduled to begin on August 19, 2024.

Mrs. Allen questioned the status of the request that was Conventions & Visitors Bureau?

Mr. Mims stated that Will is currently seeking requests for proposals for assessment to bring before the council.

**City Attorney Report**

Mr. Bobby Melton, the City Attorney, had no business to report.

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Wilson reported that we have some good news to celebrate as a community, Oglethorpe Power is building a two-billion-dollar power plant in the county. It would bring twelve thousand jobs in construction and twenty-five thousand jobs full-time. He also stated that Chick-Fil-A will be opening around the first week of August. He gave kudos to Goolsby and the Development Authority for their hard work on these projects.

**Additional Business**

Mr. Wilder suggested the council look into the Community Home Improvement Program (CHIPS).

Mayor Wilson stated that Mr. Mims has formed a committee to research the Community Home Improvement Program.

**Public Comments**

No public comments.

**Executive Session**

No executive session needed.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Hewett offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28p.m. Seconded by Mr. Goolsby; the motion carried unanimously.

**Minutes submitted by:**

**Shayla Furlow, Assistant City Clerk**