**Minutes**

**Forsyth City Council Meeting**

**August 5, 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. Aubrey Duncan. 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. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of the minutes from the council meeting held on July 15, 2024**

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the minutes from the council meeting held on July 15, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Hill; the motion carried unanimously.

**Update on Eagle Scout Project for Milledge Circle Park**

Mr. James Pippin, local Eagle Scout, presented his proposed Eagle Scout Project for Milledge Circle Park. He plans to add a metal sign with the park name, permanent sidewalk games, and a free little library.

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the Eagle Scout Project with one hundred percent funding. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of a street closure request on September 7, 2024 for Branded Starr Western Store.**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the street closure request on September 7, 2024 for Branded Starr Western Store. Seconded by Mr. Hill; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of a street closure request on October 5, 2024, 2024 for Branded Starr Western Store.**

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the street closure request on October 5, 2024 for Branded Starr Western Store. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of a street closure request on October 19, 2024 for the Fox City Witches Ride**

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the street closure request on October 19, 2024 for the Fox City Witches Ride. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of a street closure request on September 26, 2024 for the 2024 MPHS Homecoming Parade.**

Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to approve the street closure request on September 26, 2024 for the 2024 MPHS Homecoming Parade. Seconded by Mr. Hill; the motion carried unanimously**.**

**Approval of the 3rd Amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement**

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the 3rd Amendment to the Power Purchase Agreement and to allow the new developer to move forward with the project. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of called meeting on August 19, 2024 at 5:30p.m. for an appeal for minor plat denial.**

Mr. Hewett offered a motion to approve the called meeting on August 19, 2024 at 5:30p.m. for an appeal for minor plat denial. Seconded by Mrs. Allen; the motion carried unanimously.

**City Manager’s Report**

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

-New Customer Service Representative, Vonn Ely to begin with City on August 9th.

-Construction has commenced at Country Club Park with an emphasis on grading and infrastructure at this point.

-A big thank you to Main Street Director Kemie Childs for a wonderful concert series over the past few months. This past Saturday we had a band that was unable to show, she was able to pivot and get a replacement.

-Construction is scheduled to commence on August 19th for Montpelier to include road widening, sidewalk repairs, stormwater infrastructure and street resurfacing.

**City Attorney Report**

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

**Mayor’s Report**

Mayor Wilson reported that the work at Country Club Park is underway. He reminded the citizens that we will be working on all the parks. He stated we heard about the project from our local Boy Scout doing work for Milledge Circle and we held a visioning session at Kynette Park. We are working with engineers on getting the drawings done for that park. We look forward to the park projects and the upgrades. We are listening and always interested in hearing from the community. He stated that the Kemie found out the band that everyone had been waiting for was unable to attend around 12:30p.m. and was able to get a replacement band on stage at 7:30p.m. It was one of the biggest crowds that we have ever had. Mayor Wilson stated that Chick-Fil-A will be open on the August 15th at regular time and will not be giving away the free for a year for the first hundred people.

He stated that they had a great Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia Annual meeting last week.

**Council Board Reports**

Mrs. Allen questioned if any information was ready for Gilda at the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**Additional Business**

No additional business to report.

**Public Comments**

Mr. Walter Goodson, at Union Hill Drive, stated that he is a disabled veteran, and he suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. He stated he has the right to go Veterans Court and was denied that right in City Court. His case was bonded over to the State Court and was told that they did not recognize Veteran’s Court. Mr. Goodson stated that Police officers that worked with the prior chief made an illegal case against him by letting his dog out and calling the police. During court the dogcatcher told them that the dog was in the cage and the judge still found him guilty. He stated that something needs to be done about the court system.

**Executive Session**

Mr. Dodd offered a motion for executive session at 6:35p.m. for personnel matters to include the Mayor, Council and the City Clerk. Seconded by Mr. Wilder; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to end the executive session at 6:49p.m. Seconded by Mr. Hewett; the motion carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Goolsby offered a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35p.m. Seconded by Mr. Hill; the motion carried unanimously with five votes (Hill, Allen, Goolsby, Wilder, and Dodd). Mr. Hewett was not present for the vote.

**Minutes submitted by:**

**Shayla Furlow, Assistant City Clerk**