

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF JULY 1, 2013

- Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of July 1, 2013 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:00 p.m.
- Roll Call: Present were: Mayor David Lockhart, Councilmembers Linda Lord, Maudie McCord, Tommy Smith and Latresa Akins.
- Also present were Director of Recreation Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Deputy Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Sharon Smith, Colonel Tommy Orr, Deputy Director of Public Works Rusty Still, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Chief Dwayne Hobbs, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell and City Attorney Steve Fincher.
- Approval of Minutes: Ms. Akins made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of June 17, 2013, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
- Comment Period: Kimberly James – stated there have been no closed door meetings with the Mayor and Council and she appreciated that and we are now aware of what is going on. She also asked about the properties the city owns and information they could receive. Mayor Lockhart stated he has received the list of properties the City owns which was transferred to the Development Authority. She also asked about the two positions available. Mayor Lockhart stated these positions would be posted to the public and asked Ms. Terrell to explain how citizens can find out about the job openings.
- Luke Gaywell – since the City does not have a City Manager or Public Works Director, he reported a decaying animal on the 700 block of North Avenue, and stated it is overgrown as well. He asked how to report issues now. Mayor Lockhart stated we will have an interim City Manager and Acting Public Works Director.
- Recess: Ms. Lord made a motion to recess for a Public Hearing and open a Public Hearing to receive comments for the Local Law Enforcement Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Public Hearing: Mayor Lockhart opened the Public Hearing to receive comments for the Local Law Enforcement Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant and asked if anyone would like to speak.

Major Reynolds explained these funds will be used for ballistic type helmets for the first responders in active shooter type incidents. These can be quickly taken out to allow the officers a little extra protection.

Mr. Carl Evans stated he believed the Officers deserve the best and we need to do everything we can to offer them the support and protection they need.

Mr. Smith made a motion to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Ms. McCord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ordinance - Mauldin & Jenkins: Request was made to consider an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to sign a contract with Mauldin and Jenkins, LLC, a certified Public Accounting Firm, to perform the City's Annual Independent Audit for all Accounts, Funds and Financial transactions; and for other purposes.

Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Resolution - License Agreement: Request was made to consider a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Forest Park authorizing the Mayor to execute a License Agreement with the Middle Georgia Wolfpack Football Team for the use of Kiwanis Stadium to conduct a football game at a rate of two hundred dollars (\$200) per game for the stadium and seventy-five (\$75) per game for use of Concession Stand; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Resolution - Forest Park Youth Football: Request was made to consider a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Forest Park authorizing the Mayor to execute a License Agreement with Forest Park Youth Football for the use of Kiwanis Stadium, Lopez Field, Baker Field, Burke Field, Stanford Field and Johnson Field from July 22, 2013 through November 22, 2013 to conduct Football and Cheerleading Practices and games in their Youth football Program. Game dates are: August 10, 17, 24, September 7, 14, 21, 28, October 5, 12, 19 and November 2, 9, 2013; to provide for severability; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Ms. McCord made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Resolution -
Resignation of
City Manager:

Request was made to consider a Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Forest Park, Georgia authorizing, INTER ALIA, the execution of an agreement accepting the resignation of the City Manager.

Ms. Lord made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Selection of
Interim City
Manager:

Request was made to consider an Interim City Manager. Mayor Lockhart stated it would be wise to choose someone that is familiar to the employees, familiar with our governmental structure, a familiar face and can help a sense of stability and for all of those reasons, he recommends Chief Dwayne Hobbs. Mayor Lockhart also asked for a 5% increase in his pay while performing both duties.

Ms. Lord made a motion to accept Chief Hobbs as the Interim City Manager with a 5% increase while serving in this capacity, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Consideration of
Election
Superintendent:

Request was made to consider an Election Superintendent for the November Election. Mayor Lockhart stated there are some in the community who are unsure whether the Election Superintendent appears to be unbiased. Mayor Lockhart stated do we even have time to appoint someone else if the Council is so inclined, and would the Council be so inclined. He said we should avoid the appearance of impropriety even when there is no impropriety. Mr. Smith recommended staying like it is and Ms. Lord agreed. Ms. Akins stated we should table it until we get more information.

Ms. Lord made a motion to accept Darnell Moorner as Election Superintendent for the November General Election, seconded by Mr. Smith.

Mayor Lockhart pointed out that he is the Election Superintendent and he remains the Election Superintendent, unless and until we remove him, so no action is necessary.

Ms. Akins made a motion to table this until we get more information. Ms. McCord seconded the motion with the stipulation something is done by the next Council meeting.

Ms. Akins suggested a Special Called Meeting to consider this.

Voting for the motion were Mr. Smith, Ms. McCord and Ms. Akins. Ms. Lord voted against the motion. The motion carried.

Adjournment: Ms. Akins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.