

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF APRIL 2, 2012

- Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of April 2, 2012 was called to order by Mayor Corine Deyton at 7:00 p.m.
- Invocation: The invocation was given by Pastor Holloway followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- Roll Call: Present were: Mayor Corine Deyton, Mayor Pro-tem Sparkle Adams and Councilwomen Linda Lord, Maudie McCord and Latresa Akins.
- Also present were City Manager John Parker, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Public Works Mike Gippert, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Deputy Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Sharon Smith, Chief Dwayne Hobbs, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins and City Attorneys Robert Mack and Joe Harris.
- Approval of Minutes: Ms. Adams made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of March 19<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.
- Comment Period: Mr. Carl Evans spoke and thanked Councilwoman Adams for her positive impact with the Teen Council and also stated his garbage had not been picked up twice this year and asked the City to look into this with Waste Management.
- Mr. Gray – stated he felt he should not have to get a permit to have a leak in his roof fixed.
- Mr. Simon Bloom - Mr. Bloom spoke on behalf of the Crazy Horse Saloon and Pink Pony. He stated as a result of these businesses being closed, there are 14 different pieces of litigation that are pending. He asked the council to continue to consider the previous request to find common ground to resolve these matters. He stated there have been some amendments to the Ordinance in regard to alcohol licenses which set forth the requirements for an applicant making application for a liquor license. He stated these two applicants satisfied all of the base requirements to have a liquor license established but last meeting a new Ordinance was passed adding another basis to deny that license, which was if you didn't have a business license

you couldn't get a liquor license. It was not part of the ordinance at the time the applicants applied. He stated the denial previously was due to the business licenses being revoked in 2011 and they had been non-renewed. Since these two actions are now subject to litigation and being reviewed by the Superior Court, he asked the Council to consider abstaining or staying any decision on these liquor licenses until there has been a complete resolution of the business license disputes.

Mike Gippert – Mr. Gippert gave an update on the City traffic signals. He stated they are operated and maintained by Clayton County Transportation and Development. After receiving so many complaints, particularly at Ash St., Phillips Dr., Lake Drive and Hale Road, the County was contacted and they have made adjustments to those signals. Complaints received on Old Dixie at Pineridge Dr. and Cash Memorial Dr. have also been addressed by the State.

Chief Eddie Buckholts stated we have received notice that the City is now an ISO 2 rating, effective August 1, 2012. He stated out of 42,000 fire departments in the United States, there are only 593 with a 2 rating and only 21 in the State of Georgia.

Mr. Parker stated he had received inquiries concerning the Taj Majal Apartments. He stated the City has condemned those properties and was getting ready to do hazardous material evaluation and the FDIC has informed him they have a buyer for this property. They indicated the buyer wanted to turn it into a facility for senior citizens.

On-Premises  
Alcohol Licenses:

Tabled from the March 19<sup>th</sup> agenda were – On-Premises Consumption Alcohol License for Liquor, beer and wine from:

- Red Eyed, Inc. Crazy Horse Saloon, 3920 Jonesboro Road, exceptions noted
- Mia Luna, Inc., Pink Pony South, 4730 South Frontage Road, exceptions noted

Mr. Harris explained these are the two license applications Mr. Bloom just spoke of. He stated Mr. Bloom wanted the City Council to delay acting on these until the business license issues are resolved and asked for an Executive Session to discuss this.

Ms. Adams made a motion to enter into Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Ms. McCord made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mayor Deyton asked for a motion on the on-premises consumption alcohol licenses for Red Eyed, Inc. and Mia Luna, Inc., tabled from the March 19<sup>th</sup> agenda.

There was no action, so the items remain on the table.

Ordinance -  
Appropriation of  
Funds:

Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council for the City of Forest Park, Georgia, to appropriate additional funds in the total amount of \$73,925.00 to fund an Operations Officer Position, previously created; to repeal all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

Resolution -  
Georgia Cities  
Week:

Request was made to consider a Resolution of the City of Forest Park recognizing Georgia Cities Week, April 22-28, 2012 and encouraging all citizens to support the celebration and corresponding activities.

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

Adjournment:

Ms. Lord made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Adams. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.