

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING OF MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council of September 3, 2013 was called to order by Mayor David Lockhart at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present were: Mayor David Lockhart, Councilmembers Tommy Smith, Latresa Akins and Linda Lord.

Also present were City Manager Frank Brandon, Director of Finance Mike Blandenburg, Director of Support Services Christine Terrell, Director of Planning and Zoning Al Wiggins, Management Analyst Angela Redding, Chief Eddie Buckholts, Chief Dwayne Hobbs, Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Elaine Corley, Deputy Director of Public Works Rusty Still, Major Jamie Reynolds 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 September 3, 2013, seconded by Mr. Smith. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Comment Period: Robert Mack – spoke concerning the lawsuit filed by Karen-Brandee Williams. He stated we're no longer attorneys for the City after May 6<sup>th</sup> so the lawsuit settled on June 28<sup>th</sup> was not done by his firm. He stated this lawsuit was given to an outside law firm since day one. He stated he spoke to the law firm handling this lawsuit and was told about a meeting held between representatives from Travelers Insurance, John Parker, Chief Hobbs and Christine Terrell.

Mike Gippert – stated he wanted to explain the Development Authority. He stated the City cannot own property that is not intended for city use. He stated when the Development Authority was set up, Mr. Parker was appointed Executive Director to handle the day to day managing of the operations of the authority. He stated every piece of property owned by the City or the Authority has been approved by Mayor and Council. He also stated the properties were purchased with general fund monies but was paid back by SPLOST funding when it became available.

Mattie Hartsfield – asked what the qualifications were to run for office.

Sue Keith – asked about the maintenance of Main Street and grass being overgrown, the status of the dog park and asked what was going on with the old C & S Bank building on Main Street.

Darnell Moorer - stated he believed the City appears to be overrun and operated by outside interest groups and other groups he believed are trying to run the City.

Ordinance -  
Edward Byrne  
Memorial Justice  
Grant:

Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Forest Park authorizing the Mayor to execute an Agreement with the Department of Justice for an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, 2013-DJ-BX-0414 Award year 2013 in the amount of thirteen thousand two hundred and sixty nine dollars (\$13,269) to be added into the budget of the Police Department; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

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

Ordinance -  
Millage Rate:

Request was made to consider an Ordinance by the City Council of the City of Forest Park to establish the Final Ad Valorem Tax Millage Rate for the City of Forest Park, Georgia to provide for severability; and for other purposes.

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

Appointment-  
Planning &  
Zoning Brd:

Appointment to Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Glenn Mathis – Ms. Lord stated Mr. Mathis had moved out of the City and would like to nominate a replacement.

Ms. Lord made a motion to appoint Ray Goodman to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board to fill the unexpired term of Glenn Mathis, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Resolution -  
Surplus Property:

Request was made to consider a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Forest Park declaring certain City Property, listed on Exhibit A, to be surplus property and to provide for its proper disposal either by Auction or other methods pursuant to the City's Ordinances; and for other purposes.

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

Ethics Board: Mayor Lockhart explained there were two vacant positions on the Ethics Board, Ward 2 and Ward 4.

The original appointee for Ward 4 declined the appointment, therefore, Ms. Akins made a motion to appoint Ms. Lois Wright to serve on the Ethics Board, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Mr. Smith made a motion to appoint Ms. Denise Worley to serve on the Ethics Board from Ward 2, seconded by Ms. Akins. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

Parking Agreement: Request was made to consider a Parking License Agreement between the City of Forest Park and Phat Farm Trucking.

Mr. Brandon stated the City was approached by Phat Farm Trucking to lease city owned property on JG Glover Court. This agreement is for an 8 acre section of the property and will be for one year allowing the City to collect \$1,100 per month.

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

Legal Matters: Mr. Fincher asked for an Executive Session.

Ms. Akins made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter, seconded by Ms. Lord. Voting for the motion was unanimous.

The Governing Body entered into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

