

**Minutes
Forsyth City Council Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2026**

Call to Order

Mayor Goolsby called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation and Roll Call

Mayor Goolsby led the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was led by Mr. Hebert Gantt. Roll call was led by Mrs. Shayla Furlow, the City Clerk. In attendance for the meeting was Mayor Goolsby, Councilmembers Josh Hill, Walter Goodson, Lois Allen, Glynn Holmes, Charles Wilder, and Mike Dodd. Also in attendance at the meeting was the City Manager, Craig Mims, Assistant City Manager, Regina Ivie, and City Attorney, Brian Causey. Six members of the council were in attendance for the meeting; therefore, all unanimous votes will be six votes (Hill, Goodson, Allen, Holmes, Wilder and Dodd).

Approval of the agenda.

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Holmes; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the minutes from the council retreat held on March 11, 2026 and the council meeting held on March 16, 2026.

Mr. Hill offered a motion to approve the council retreat held on March 11, 2026 and the council meeting held on March 16, 2026. Seconded by Mrs. Allen; the motion carried unanimously.

Tabled agenda item: Appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Mr. Dean Nelson, the Community Development Director, stated that this is a housekeeping matter. There was a procedural error in the March 16th appointment of Mr. John Howard to replace Kathy Rowlands expired term. There was an initial motion made by Councilman Hill, and then there was an amendment made by, Councilman Wilder, but there was a second, but no vote on the amendment. The issue could affect things that go before the Planning and Zoning Board, even though it is a recommendation authority, then that could affect any votes that the Council takes on those recommendations. He stated that there are three individuals that are interested, Ms. Sue Patel, Mr. Aubrey Stewart, and Mr. John Howard. All three have shown an interest in shaping the growth of the city.

Mr. Hill offered motion to remove the tabled agenda item: Appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Wilder; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Dodd nominated Ms. Sue Patel.

Mr. Wilder nominated Mr. Howard.

There be no more nominations, Mayor Goolsby closed the floor for nominations.

Mr. Goodson offered a motion to vote on the nominees. Seconded by Mr. Holmes; the motion carried unanimously.

Votes were taken for each nominee. Ms. Sue Patel received one vote (Dodd) and Mr. John Howard received five votes (Hill, Goodson, Allen, Holmes, and Wilder). Mr. John Howard was appointed to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Winifred Berry

Ms. Winifred Berry stated that she was at the meeting on behalf of the Hubbard Alumni Association. She stated that the Hubbard Alumni Association is preparing for their annual banquet that is held the third weekend in April of every year. Ms. Berry requested that the city hang the Hubbard Alumni banners downtown around the square for awareness of the annual banquet.

Mr. Herbert stated that Hubbard started in 1902 at Kynette United Baptist. He stated that the Hubbard Alumni started around forty-one years ago. They will be celebrating by having a banquet at the Conference Center in the evening and they will have a brick ceremony earlier in the day.

Mr. Holmes asked Ms. Kemie Childs, the Main Street Director, to explain the process with the downtown signs.

Ms. Kemie Childs, the Main Street Director, stated that as a part of the banner program for the Main Street accreditation requirements, only signs that promote downtown are allowed to maintain accreditation. She stated that she offered another location to hang the signs.

After a brief discussion Mr. Goodson offered a motion to hang the banners in the presented locations and to find a better way to recognize the Hubbard Alumni. Seconded by Mr. Holmes; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of an alcohol license for 57 Tradewinds Drive, Signature Nails and Spa Forsyth, LLC, Tin Tran.

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the alcohol license for 57 Tradewinds Drive, Signature Nails and Spa Forsyth, LLC, Tin Tran. Seconded by Mr. Hill; the motion carried unanimously.

Convention & Visitors Bureau First Quarter of 2026 Report- Gilda Stanbery.

Ms. Gilda Stanbery reported on the first quarter of 2026 for the Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Adoption of the GA Cities Week Resolution

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to adopt the GA Cities Week Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Hill; the motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of a resolution to recertify Forsyth as a city of ethics under the GMA Certified City of Ethics Program.

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to adopt the resolution to recertify Forsyth as a city of ethics under the GMA Certified City of Ethics Program. Seconded by Mrs. Allen; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia 2025 Year-end settlement.
Mr. Goodson offered a motion to approve the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia 2025 Year-end settlement. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Interim funding for the Water Main Project.
Mr. Mike Batchelor, the Utility Director, stated that the Water Main Project was approved under the ARPA grant funds. He stated that he was requesting interim funding from the Municipal Competitive Trust, and those funds would be recovered from the ARPA grant.

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the interim funding from the Municipal Competitive Trust and to pay it back with interest. Seconded by Mr. Hill; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of a Non-Disclosure Agreement with the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia.
Mr. Hill offered a motion that the City Council does not enter into a non-disclosure agreement with the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia, and that any required staff may do so.

Approval of the RailPros Agreement
Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the RailPros Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Wilder; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of a bid award to Coggins Construction for the Brookwood Storm Water Project.
Mr. Mike Batchelor, the Utilities Director, stated that City staff request Council approval for bid award awarding to Coggins Construction for construction of stormwater manhole. Staff reviewed submitted bids and recommended awarding the project to Coggins Construction based on competitive pricing and crew availability.

Mr. Goodson offered a motion to approve the bid award to Coggins Construction for the Brookwood Storm Water Project. Seconded by Mr. Holmes; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Requisitions Greater than \$6,000

- **BBP Sales, LLC- \$16,620.03**
- **Industrial Chemicals, Inc.- \$17,100.00**
- **Beach Timber Company Blackshear, Inc.- \$10,378.00**

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to approve the requisition greater than \$6000 as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Allen; the motion carried unanimously.

City Manager's Report
Mr. Craig Mims, the City Manager, thanked the citizens and staff for the tremendous grand reopening of Kynette Park.

City Attorney Report

Mr. Brian Causey, the City Attorney, had no business to report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Goolsby stated that Kynette Park turned out fabulous. He stated that he likes to brag about the city having two parks. He thanked the previous and current council and departments for what they have done. Mayor Goolsby announced that the city will be hosting joint meeting with the County on April 21, 2026, at 5:30p.m. at the Conley Building. The meeting will be facilitated by Ms. Laura Mathis of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission.

Council Board Reports

No council board reports.

Additional Business

Mr. Hill stated that he received feedback regarding the "No Turn on Red" signs installed at the traffic lights. He reiterated that the signs were installed by the Georgia Department of Transportation and not the city. The city does not have the authority nor the economy to take down the signs.

Mr. Goodson stated that he noticed city worker at the roundabout working and questioned if the state or city handles that area. up on the hill and knocked down a road sign at the roundabout.

Mr. Craig Mims, the City Manager, stated that it is a Georgia Department of Transportation responsibility, it is a gateway into the city rather than wait the city will take care of the area.

Mr. Goodson stated that he noticed a sign down at the roundabout.

Mr. Wilder stated that he read were the decision that they made at the last meeting, they voted along racial lines. He stated that they voted on Mr. Howard because they were tired of waiting. He stated that he wanted the citizens to know that none of them voted on racial lines. They voted on qualifications and what was best for the city.

Public Comments

Ms. Yvonne Stuart stated that she lives in the county and drives to the city every day. The new green turn signal installed on East Main only holds from five to seven seconds.

Executive Session (if necessary)

No executive session needed.

Adjourn

There being no further business to discuss Mayor Goolsby adjourned the meeting at 7:16p.m.