

**Minutes
Forsyth City Council
Monday, April 20, 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. Richard Jelly. 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. Hill offered a motion to approve the agenda with the amendment to add the Golf Course as item number seven on the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Holmes; the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the minutes from the council meeting held on April 6, 2026.

Mr. Wilder offered a motion to approve the minutes from the council meeting held on April 6, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Dodd; the motion carried unanimously.

Swearing in of Mr. John Howard to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Mayor Goolsby administered the oath to Mr. John Howard.

Approval of a Professional Service Agreement with ESG.

Mr. Mike Batchelor, the Utilities Director, stated that city staff is requesting approval of an agreement for professional services with ESG Engineering for the design and implementation of targeted downtown intersection improvements. The scope of work includes engineering, design, and construction administration for the installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Jackson Street and Adams Street, including associated sidewalk and pedestrian accessibility enhancements, as well as traffic pattern modifications at Kimball Street and Harris Street with additional four-way stop controls. The total estimated project cost is \$300,000, with engineering design and construction administration fees totaling \$28,200. This project is proposed to be funded through TSPLOST. He stated that once they are done with the engineering will come back before council with the bidding.

Mr. Wilder offered a motion to approve the Professional Service Agreement with ESG. Seconded by Mr. Goodson, the motion carried unanimously.

Golf Course

Mr. Dean Darden, the president of the golf club, stated that they have 1961 clubhouse, it's two story with a basement. He stated that it used to be when it rained for twenty to thirty minutes the water would come in by the back door and flood the parking lot. They would

put out sandbags and that would stop it. He stated that now the water is seeping down in the ground, when it rains, and coming through the wall, and flooding the basement. The flooding is not bad, but it gets wet. They stairs and carpet redone and they will probably have to redo it again because it will rot. They have an issue that needs to be addressed by the city. Mr. Darden stated that he doesn't think they have black mold issues, but it could turn into one. He suggested that the city considers building a clubhouse outside the lake for multipurpose and the golf club would only need a bottom section. He stated that the clubhouse is at the beginning and end. The golf course can be managed better if the clubhouse is in the center. He stated that on the past Friday, Saturday, and Sunday they had one hundred and twenty golfers.

Mr. Holmes questioned whether the course is pay to play or if they had memberships

Mr. Dean Darden stated that some do have memberships. Most of the golfers come on Saturday and Sunday and around 95% of them are nonmembers. It is \$44 for eighteen rounds.

Mr. Goodson questioned if he was trying to get an instant fix with the repair of the leak in clubhouse basement repair.

Mr. Dean Darden stated that he would like to have an instant fix for the leak in the basement, but in the next five to six years he would like for the city to try and build a new clubhouse.

Mr. Goodson questioned if the outside of the wall was concrete.

Mr. Darden stated that He didn't know it was built in 1961. He had some city guys come out and look at the building. It is leaking at the bottom of the wall.

Mr. Goodson questioned if he thinks that he should have someone check that out and get back the council.

Mr. Darden questioned if the city would have someone come out.

Mr. Mike Batchelor, the Utilities Director, stated that they don't specialize in that, they will need to get a general contractor.

Mr. Wilder stated that the current contract the city loaned money for upgrades to the greens and tree cutting. Currently even though they act as the club, there is no direct reporting of funding to the city. There is no financial sheet to back what they say. It is easier to say something than to produce a report.

Mr. Holmes questioned what was the daily number or average of golfers that play.

Mr. Dean Darden stated that during the week. Monday thru Thursday would be around 50 to 65 per day. Those are primarily members of the club and on Friday, Saturday, and

Sunday those are primarily nonmembers. He stated that they are working on the budget and working to get the council some information. Mr. Darden stated that the golf course can make some money, but it all goes back into taking care of the course.

Mr. Hill stated that we have several pressing issues here in the city that still need to be taken care of. He stated that he agreed with Mr. Wilder that they must get some financial reporting like every other department. They are elected to ensure the city is in good financial shape. It's hard to think about spending money and not knowing the financial status of the course. He questioned what the process would be to put out a bid to have someone come and look at the wall. Is that something that the city would handle or would they handle that.

Mr. Craig Mims, the City Manager, stated that it is something that the golf club would typically do, but if the city is planning to take on the project financially, he suggests they bring it in-house and have city staff make a request for proposal (RFP).

Mr. Dean Darden stated that he had another issue that the city may be able to help with. He stated that hole number 12 at par 3 is a beautiful hole that sits on side of Todd Creek and overlooks the greens. The goal is to shoot over the water to the green. The bridge that goes over Todd Creek is rotted and they can't use it. They made temporary tee boxes that are level with the green and they destroy the look of the course. He questioned if the city could possibly look into getting a grant to have the bridge redone.

After a brief discussion Mr. Criag Mims, the City Manager, suggested at the pleasure of council that he take the two projects and assign them to the project manager to look at them get numbers and bring them back to them. He also suggested to council that they start requiring the golf club to report quarterly with their numbers and to also put together a budget that coincides with the city's budget.

City Manager's Report

Mr. Craig Mims, the City Manager, stated that the Main Street Market will commence on Friday, May 1, 2026 and the concert series kicks off on Saturday, May 2, 2026.

City Attorney Report

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

Mayor's Report

Mayor Goolsby reminded everyone of the joint city/county meeting being held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 5:00p.m. at the Historical Society Conley Building.

Additional Business

Mrs. Allen thanked all who attended the Hubbard Alumni Association banquet and the workforce building where they revealed the newly named building in honor of Mr. Larry Evans.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Executive Session (if necessary)

Mayor Goolsby stated that executive session is needed for personnel and to include the city clerk and the city attorney.

Mr. Dodd offered a motion to go into executive for personnel matters to include the city clerk and city attorney at 6:32p.m. Seconded by Mr. Holmes; the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hill offered a motion to end executive session at 6:40p.m. Seconded by Mr. Wilder; the motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Mayor Goolsby adjourned the meeting at 6:41p.m.