

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday July 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Forsyth Municipal building with the following present:

Jack Baker  
Brian Anton  
Clint Hilliard  
Cheryl Altis  
Mayor Eddie Coleman, absent

City Clerk Cheyenne Beasley, Travis Heier, Travis McConnell, Ashley Green, Jason Jensen, Roger Ellis, Chris Robertson, Jonas Arjes, Bill McCullah, and Kora Chrzan.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Chris Robertson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### POLICE RESERVE INTRODUCTION

Jack Baker explained that Police Chief Roger Ellis has requested that this item be tabled and discussed at a later date.

#### JONAS ARJES – UPDATE TANEY COUNTY PARTNERSHIP

Jonas gave an update on the Taney County Partnership. The new projects in the County has increased around 60 percent, and some new programs are being developed to involve the students at the schools.

#### FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NUMBER 499 – CONFLICT OF INTEREST

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard bill number 499 was placed on its first reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Read by title only and approved on a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton bill number 499 was placed on its second reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Read by title only and approved on a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton and adopted as Ordinance number 499 with a roll vote of Cheryl Altis, aye, Brian Anton, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, and Jack Baker, aye.

#### BUDGET DISCUSSION

Discussed the purchase of a new backhoe in the new budget. The backhoe would be used for several departments. Chris Robertson to research the cost of a backhoe and a lease/purchase agreement option.

#### SALARY EMPLOYEE DISCUSSION – BACK ON TIME CARD

The department of Labor has a new rule for salary employees that will be effective December 1, 2016. The level required for salary level is increased to \$47,476.00.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to put the four employees currently on salary basis back to hourly and back on a time card. Effective September 1, 2016. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### EMPLOYEE WAGE ADJUSTMENT – BUILDING INSPECTOR

A wage increase was discussed at the budget workshop for the Fire Chief and the Building inspector. A motion and second was made at the budget workshop to give a wage increase of \$2.00 an hour to Fire Chief Nathan Bower.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to give a \$2.00 an hour wage increase to Building Inspector Larry Smith. To be effective September 1, 2016. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### EMPLOYEE WAGE INCREASE DISCUSSION

A wage increase was discussed for all employees. On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to give the employees a 2.5 percent wage increase to be effective on September 1, 2016. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A departmental wage split was included with the budget documents and reviewed by the board.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to make no changes to the departmental wage split for employees at this time. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### OVERTIME POLICY DISCUSSION

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to leave the overtime policy as is and make no changes to the policy at this time. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### PAY REQUEST HDR ENGINEERING – TREATMENT PLANT

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to pay the pay request from HDR Engineering for \$2,588.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### PAY REQUEST IRVINBILT CONSTRUCTORS INC – TREATMENT PLANT

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to pay the pay request from Irvinbilt Constructors Inc. for \$135,295.25. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### APPROVAL OF GRANT FOR WALKING TRAIL REPAIRS

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to accept the grant from FEMA on the walking trail repairs and authorize Jack Baker to sign the small project documentation form. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### APPROVE RENEWAL FOR FIRE FIGHTER AD&D POLICY – CONNELL INSURANCE

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to pay the renewal to Connell Insurance for the renewal of the fire fighters AD&D policy for \$1,635.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### APPROVE SETTLEMENT OFFER FOR FLOOD DAMAGE ON THE BARN FROM INSURANCE CO – MPR

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to accept the offer from the insurance company - MPR for the amount of \$14,606.83 for the damage to the barn due to flooding. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### MINUTES – JUNE 20, 2016 MEETING AND BUDGET WORKSHOP JULY 5, 2016

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton the minutes of the June 20, 2016 meeting and the minutes of the budget workshop held on July 5, 2016 were approved as written. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton the bills for June 23, 2016 for \$11,537.56, June 30, 2016 for \$3,710.05, July 7, 2016 for \$245,127.61, and July 14, 2016 for \$12,116.82 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2016

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton the financial statements as of June 30, 2016 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM JUNE 23, 2016 THRU JULY 14, 2016

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard the transfers from June 23, 2016 thru July 14, 2016 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

## ANIMAL CONTROL DISCUSSION

Chris Robertson explained that animal control is starting to become very costly for the City. The Taney County Health Department handles the billing for animal control and will adjust the last bill received to reflect the current contract. Roger Ellis to research this issue and check with other cities in the area on how they handle animal control.

## PARK BOARD UPDATE

Brian Anton explained that Darren Stauffer has resigned from the park board, and will have a new appointment at a later date.

The fall softball league will start on September 12, 2016.

Clint Hilliard explained that he met with the LED light company and Loyd's Electric this week on changing the lights at the park and the city hall building to LED. Both companies to give a cost estimate for the change out.

Chris Robertson explained that the windows have been installed in the concession stand building at Shoals Bend Park and a shutter system will be installed to cover and protect the windows.

## MISC BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Police Chief Roger Ellis explained that Officer Charles Spencer has turned in a letter of resignation and his last day will be July 28, 2016. Will be taking application to fill the position.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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Cheyenne Beasley, City Clerk

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Jack Baker, President of the Board