

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday December 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Forsyth Municipal Building with the following present:

Mayor Eddie Coleman
Jack Baker
Brian Anton
Clint Hilliard
Cheryl Altis

City Clerk Cheyenne Beasley, Finance Officer Angela Leist, Jann Clark, Robert Niezgoda, Kaleb Sutton, David Holvick, Sherrie Simpson, Chris Robertson, Bill McCullah, Roger Ellis, Nathan Bower, Sara Bower, Amber Cole, Heather Koen, Nicole Welter, Nic Welter, Ashley Welter, Clarissa Welter, Kenny Lovell, Ashley Rayle, and Loc Ngo.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by David Holvick followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Eddie Coleman called on Ms. Amber Cole to address the board about a children's memorial. Ms. Cole explained that she would like to suggestions on a location for the memorial. The memorial garden would be for children that have passed away. Would like to plant an oak tree in memory of her son and have brick or stones for the garden. The memorial would be paid for by donations. The board to research possible locations to have the memorial. To be on the next agenda on January 23, 2016.

ANIMAL CONTROL – HEALTH DEPARTMENT – ROBERT NIEZGODA

Robert Niezgoda explained to the board that a new contract with a fee increase for animal control was delivered to City Hall on December 2, 2016. The animal control department lost \$30,000.00 in 2015. Animal control is a problem and needs all of the jurisdictions to work together to come up with an affordable solution. Mr. Niezgoda explained that a meeting will be held in February with the County commissioners to discuss the animal control issue. The current contract stands due to the new contract not being received by the City of Forsyth within three months prior to the end of the term as stated in the contract. The current contract is in effect until December 31, 2017.

FIRE FIGHTER APPROVAL

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to accept Kaleb Sutton as a fire fighter for the fire department. Motion carried with all member present voting aye.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FIRE AGENCIES

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that this agreement is a formal request process for all fire agencies with Taney County when equipment is needed from the county for a fire.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Jack Baker it was agreed to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Taney County and the fire agencies and give Fire Chief Nathan Bower approval to sign the agreement. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ANNUAL STORM READY CITY RENEWAL

Fire Chief Nathan Bower gave the board and update on Storm Ready City program. The City of Forsyth is a storm ready city and there are criteria you have meet to be a storm ready city. The program helps communities respond to hazardous weather and gives guidelines on how to improve their hazardous weather operations.

MINUTES - NOVEMBER 21, 2016

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard the minutes of the November 21, 2016 meeting were approved as written. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard the bills for November 23, 2016 for \$64,112.82, December 1, 2016 for \$3,171.39, December 8, 2016 for \$29,774.79, and December 15, 2016 for \$27,287.34 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2016

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

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM NOVEMBER 23, 2016 THRU DECEMBER 15, 2016

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker the transfers from November 23, 2016 thru December 15, 2016 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BALL FIELD LIGHTING DISCUSSION

Brian Anton explained that working on the bid process for the ball field lights at Shoals Bend Park. Will be contacting an engineering firm for advice on how to proceed with the project.

PARK BOARD UPDATE

Brain Anton explained that the park board discussed the lighting project. Jack Harrison has met with the county and if possible the may help with the tennis courts.

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Jack Baker the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. with all members present voting aye.