

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday January 23, 2017 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, absent

City Clerk Cheyenne Beasley, Marshall Decker, Nathan Bower, Finance Officer Angela Leist, Rodney Balance, Roger Ellis, Bill McCullah, Joe Gideon, Daniel Meisen, Amber Cole, Keith Guin, Collin Guin, and Ethan Guin.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Daniel Meisen followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

JOE GIDEON – LOT SPLIT APPROVAL – COY BLVD

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to allow the lot split presented by Joe Gideon on Coy Blvd. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CHILDREN’S MEMORIAL GARDEN DISCUSSION

Jack Baker presented the board with a preliminary proposed plan for the children’s memorial garden. Amber Cole is working on project and will have more information at the February meeting.

AUDIT REPORT – MARSHALL DECKER

Marshall Decker with Decker and Degood presented the audit to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen. The City received a clean opinion on the audit.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton the audit was approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

RODNEY BALANCE – TANEYNET

Mr. Balance explained to the board that he would like to offer free internet service to Shadowrock Park. Would need to put an antenna and a radio on the water tower on Skyline Road. Several routers would need to be placed in the park and a switch be placed in the well house in the park. This would be no charge to the City and the City would not be responsible for the equipment. Mr. Balance also explained that he would like to put an antenna on the water tower by Save A Lot to offset the cost of the internet for the park. This would serve the Valley View area on highway 76.

City Attorney Bill McCullah to prepare a license agreement between the City of Forsyth and Taneynet for the next meeting in February.

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 504 – WATER/SEWER RATES

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton bill number 504 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 Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Second and final reading to be on the February agenda.

MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT – POLICE SERVICES

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was agreed to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement For Mutual Aid and Police Service with the Taney County Sheriff's Office, and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – BODY CAMERAS AT SCHOOL

This item was tabled at this time.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – WTH TECHNOLOGY CONTRACT APPROVAL

Police Chief Roger Ellis explained that this is a budgeted item and is for the mobile computers in the patrol cars.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was agreed to approve the support agreement with WTH Technology and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – SRO JOB DESCRIPTION/USE UPDATE NON-USE DURING SCHOOL HOURS

This item was tabled at this time

POLICE DEPARTMENT – LLEBG GRANT AND BID APPROVAL – BODY CAMERAS, GUN RACKS, AND BULLET PROOF VEST

Police Chief Roger Ellis explained that he has received a LLEBG Grant to purchase body cameras, gun racks, and bullet proof vest for the department. The amount of the grant is \$5,121.78. The grant is for four body cameras, four bullet proof vest, and two gun racks.

Received two bids for the body cameras, Safety Vision for \$1,832.80 and Watch Guard for \$3,180.00.

Received three bids for the bullet proof vest, Kelly's Police supply for \$2,800.00 (fitted for individual officer), Galls Uniforms for \$2,451.96 (not fitted for individual officer), and Ed Roehr Safety Products for \$2,780.00 (Not fitted to individual officer).

Received two bids for the gun racks, Galls Uniforms for \$488.98 shipping included, and a bid from Ed Roehr Safety Products for \$404.00 plus shipping TBD.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to accept the LLEBG Grant and agreed to accept the bid from Safety Vision for body cameras in the amount of \$1,832.80 and accept the bid from Kelly's Police Supply for bullet proof vest in the amount of \$2,800.00 due to the vest being fitted to each individual officer, and accept the bid from Galls Uniform for the gun racks for \$488.98 due to the other company not including shipping cost in their bid. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – DECEMBER 19, 2016

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Jack Baker the minutes of the December 19, 2016 meeting were approved as written. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard the bills for December 22, 2016 for \$23,310.97, December 29, 2016 for \$9,873.98, January 5, 2017 for \$67,797.51, January 12, 2017 for \$2,557.46, and January 19, 2017 for \$3,074.90 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard the financial statements as of December 31, 2016 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM DECEMBER 22, 2016 THRU JANUARY 19, 2017

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Jack Baker the transfers from December 22, 2016 thru January 19, 2017 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS PRESS RELEASE PROCESS

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Jack Baker it was agreed that all press releases must be approved by the departments Aldermen or Mayor before release to the public, and each department head must have an agenda item approved by the Mayor or by the departments Aldermen before it can be placed on the agenda. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

RADIO FREQUENCY SHARING AGREEMENT

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that this is a renewal for this agreement. The purpose is to execute an authorization for the departments to operate mobile and portable transmitters under the state's license and radio frequencies.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Jack Baker it was agreed to approve the renewal of the agreement and authorize the Mayor and department heads to sign the agreement. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REINSTATE SALARY POSITIONS

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to reinstate salary positions for the Police Chief and Fire Chief. To be effective the next pay period. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT OFFICER ZACH ADDINGTON RESIGNATION

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to accept Officer Addington's resignation. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD UPDATE

Brian Anton explained that are still working on the ballfield light project for Shoals Bend Park. Will work on getting bids for materials and labor cost.

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.