

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday March 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Forsyth Municipal Building with the following present:

Mayor Eddie Coleman
Jack Baker
Clint Hilliard
Cheryl Altis
Brian Anton

City Clerk Cheyenne Beasley, Bill McCullah, Angela Leist, Chris Robertson, Nathan Bower, Jayme Bodi, Roger Ellis, Larry Smith, Kaleb Sutton, Robert Wemtz, Don Helms, and Daniel Meisen.

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

TANEY COUNTY FAIR BOARD

Don Helms with the Taney County Fair Board explained that the Fair Board would like to sell alcohol at the fair this year. The fair board would need approval from the City due to the fair is held on city property.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to deny the request by the fair board to sell alcohol at the 2017 Taney County Fair. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SENIOR FRIENDSHIP SITE – ANNEXATION PETITION

The Mayor explained that this item will be postponed until the April meeting.

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NUMBER 505 – SPECIAL PERMISSION TO OPERATE VETERINARY CLINIC

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard bill number 505 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 with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Cheryl Altis bill number 505 was placed on its second and final reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Read by title only and approved on a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis and adopted as Ordinance number 505 with a roll vote of Cheryl Altis, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, Brian Anton, aye, and Jack Baker, aye.

BIDS FOR POWER WASHING WATER TOWER

Chris Robertson explained that received one bid for power washing of the water tower by the school. The bid was received from Hogan Painting and Sandblasting for \$6,500.00.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to accept the bid from Hogan Painting and Sandblasting in the amount of \$6,500.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BIDS FOR BOAT RAMP WORK – SHADOWROCK PARK

Chris Robertson explained that received two bids for the boat ramp work. BNR Excavating and Landscape for \$11,035.00 and C & R Concrete for \$11,572.80.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to accept the bid from BNR Excavating for \$11,035.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BIDS FOR ROAD WORK – SHADOWROCK PARK

Chris Robertson explained that received one bid for the road work in the park. The road by bathroom/playground and road by the rock bathroom/ballfield. The bid received was from Advanced Paving Inc. for \$28,328.00.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to accept the bid from Advanced Paving Inc. for \$28,328.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MODOT – APPROVAL OF REQUEST FOR CONCURRENCE – ROUND ABOUT PROJECT

Chris Robertson explained that may have to move a water line, but this will not be a problem.

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to sign the request for concurrence from MODOT for the round about project. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REVIEW SPEED LIMIT – ROGER

Police Chief Roger Ellis gave the board a report on traffic stops and vehicle accidents. There has been some concern about the speed limit in town and the possibility of lowering the speed limit to 30 miles per hour.

Chief Ellis feels that inattentive driving and the amount of traffic is a problem. Also, the turn lane at McDonalds is a problem area. He is working with MODOT to improve the turn lane.

DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BOND

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton the capital improvements bond payment in the amount of \$81,765.00 was approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FIRE FIGHTER APPLICATION APPROVAL

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to accept Robert Wemetz as a fire fighter for the Forsyth Fire Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FIRE STATION # 2 RESIDENCY APPLICATION APPROVAL

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that he has received two residency applications for fire station #2. Applications have been submitted by Jayme Bodi and Kaleb Sutton.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Cheryl Altis the applications were approved and both will be allowed to live at fire station # 2. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY CONTRACT APPROVAL

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that this is the yearly contract for the storm sirens. The cost is the same as last year.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to accept the contract with Blue Valley Safety in the amount of \$2,808.00 Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ISO'S PUBLIC PROTECTION CLASSIFICATION PROGRAM UPDATE

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that the City of Forsyth has a class 4 rating. ISO is only based on structural fires. Chief Bower and his department will continue to move forward on maintaining and improving the rating.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON FEBRUARY 28, 2017 – HIRE POLICE OFFICER

A phone vote was taken on February 28, 2017 to hire police officer Jorge Azuara with the following votes taken. Cheryl Altis, aye, Jack Baker, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, and Brian Anton, aye.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on February 28, 2017 to hire Jorge Azuara for the police officer position. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON MARCH 7, 2017 – HIRE METER READER

A phone vote was taken on March 7, 2017 to hire David Williams for the water meter reader position, with the following votes taken. Jack Baker, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, Brian Anton, aye, and Cheryl Altis, aye.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on March 7, 2017 to hire David Williams for the water meter reader. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

HIRE PARK ATTENDANT

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to hire William Budde and Karen Budde for the campground attendants for July thru October. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The current park attendant will be at the park April thru the June.

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 13, 2017

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Jack Baker the minutes of the February 13, 2017 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 Jack Baker the bills for February 16, 2017 for \$11,407.87, February 23, 2017 for \$14,184.76, March 2, 2017 for \$6,369.17, March 9, 2017 for \$45,705.24, and March 16, 2017 for \$93,857.07 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2017

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard the financial statements as of February 28, 2017 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM FEBRUARY 16, 2017 THRU MARCH 16, 2017

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton the transfers from February 16, 2017 thru March 16, 2017 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD UPDATE

Brian Anton explained that have two estimates on the ball field lights for Shoals Bend ball field. Have several options to pay for the lights. Will prepare information for the board to review.

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.