

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday April 17, 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, Angela Leist, Bill McCullah, Roger Ellis, Robert Sanderson, Ashley Welter, Rodney Dempsey, Jack Harrison, Jeff Merrell, Rodney Ballance, Travis Heier, Spencer Hilliard, Tenneil Webb, David Holvick, Chris Robertson, Larry Smith, John Basham, Brian Woltersdoct, Daniel Meisen, Cheyenne Bailey, Jann Clark, and Cliff Sain.

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

ACCEPT ELECTION RESULTS

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis the election result from the Taney County Clerk's office were accepted. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SWEAR IN MAYOR AND BOARD MEMBERS

The City Clerk swore in Eddie Coleman for Mayor, Jack Baker for Alderman Ward I, and Clint Hilliard Alderman Ward II.

APPOINT PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to appoint Jack Baker as the President of the Board. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

RODNEY BALLANCE – TANEYNET UPDATE ON WIFI FOR SHADOWROCK PARK

Rodney Balance with Taneynet gave the board an update on the wifi for the park. He is in the process of getting the work done and will follow legal guidelines needed to get the work done.

FORSYTH SENIOR FRIENDSHIP SITE – PROPERTY ANNEXATION

The board received a petition from the Senior Friendship Site to annex property on Highway 76. The meeting in May will have a public hearing on the issue and an ordinance for the annexation.

ROBERT SANDERSON – POLICE DEPARTMENT CONCERNS

Mr. Sanderson explained that he has concern about the drug problem in Forsyth and the high turnover in the police department.

JEFF MERRELL – CHILD PROTECTION PROGRAM UPDATE

Jeff Merrell gave the board an update on the child protection program. They have been working on a draft of a child protection manual, training for law enforcement, and signage for the program. Would like to partner with the city on a website for the program and the city to host a bank account for the task force if possible.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

This item will be on the next agenda in May.

LIFT STATION CONTRACTS

Chris Robertson explained that this is a county sewer sales tax project. The lift station at the park will be moved out of flood level and the lift station at Swan Valley will be upgraded.

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to accept the contract for the lift station project. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BLOCK OF TIME PURCHASE – CELIPSO CONSULTING – MIKE CRANDALL

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to purchase 20 hours of time for \$1,600 from Celipso Consulting for computer support. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ALDERMAN DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Eddie Coleman explained that this will be discussed at the next meeting in May.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON MARCH 31, 2017 – APPROVE ARENA SIGN

A phone vote was taken on March 31, 2017 to approve the sign for the arena presented by the Riding Club. The votes were Jack Baker, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, Cheryl Altis, aye, and Brian Anton, aye.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on March 31, 2017 to approve the sign for the arena. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON APRIL 5, 2017 – HIRE OFFICER ADDINGTON

A phone vote was taken on April 5, 2017 to hire Zachary Addington as a police officer. The votes were Jack Baker, aye, Brian Anton, aye, Cheryl Altis, aye, and Clint Hilliard, aye.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on April 5, 2017 to hire Zachary Addington as a police officer. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION – OFFICER SWANSON

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to accept the resignation of Officer Swanson and Officer Pugh. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PROCLAMATION – GIVE TANEY

City Clerk read a proclamation proclaiming May 9, 2017 as Give Taney – Give Ozarks Day.

MINUTES – MARCH 20, 2017

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard the minutes of the March 20, 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 Clint Hilliard the bills for March 23, 2017 for \$14,358.95, March 30, 2017 for 44,651.06, April 6, 2017 for \$32,250.06 and April 13, 2017 for \$28,788.86 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF MARCH 31, 2017

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Jack Baker the financial statements as of March 31, 2017 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM MARCH 23, 2017 THRU APRIL 13, 2017

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton the transfers from March 23, 2017 thru April 13, 2017 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ANIMAL CONTROL PROPOSAL DISCUSSION

The board was asked about allowing chickens in town. The board stressed that they will not consider a change to the ordinance on this issue.

Taney County Animal Control has presented a proposal for the animal control problem. Angela Leist has been attending meetings held by the Health Department and animal control on solutions to the problem. Would like to report back to them the thoughts and ideas the city has for animal control. Board felt should be a county issue.

FUNDING OPTIONS FOR SHOALS BEND BALLFIELD LIGHTS

Finance Officer Angela Leist presented the board with four funding options for the lights at the Shoals Bend ballfield.

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to use options number one and use the capital improvement sales tax fund to pay for the lighting. Estimated cost for the lights to be installed is \$150,000 - \$160,000. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

COUNTY PARK BOARD FUNDING FOR SHOALS BEND PARK PROJECT

Clint Hilliard explained that the County Commissioners have agreed to pay \$8,500 for a multi – purpose court and full basketball court at Shoals Bend Park. This will cover grading, base and asphalt. Jack Harrison will build a tennis hitting board and he will provide the labor. The City will provide the block and concrete for the tennis hitting board.

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Jack Baker it was agreed to allow the county to do the projects stated above at Shoals Bend Park. Motion carried with the following votes taken Jack Baker, aye, Cheryl Altis, aye, Brian Anton, aye, and Clint Hilliard, abstain.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton it was agreed to go into closed session at 7:05 p.m. under authority section 610.021.03 Personnel with a roll vote of Jack Baker, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, Brian Anton, aye, and Cheryl Altis, aye.

CLOSED SESSION

Discussed personnel no decisions made.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was agreed to return to open session at 7:50 p.m. with a roll vote of Jack Baker, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, Cheryl Altis, aye, and Brian Anton, aye.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.