

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday May 15, 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, Roger Ellis, Penny Hasson, Sherrie Veltkamp, Larry Smith, Nathan Bower, Mason Fuller, Bobby Sanderson, Chris Robertson, Jann Clark, Glenda Hunt, Daniel Meisen, Cleo Moehl, Amber Cole, and Philip Edwards.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11048 EAST HWY 76

Mayor Eddie Coleman explained that the Senior Friendship Site would like to voluntary annex the property at 11048 East Highway 76. There were no comments or objections from those present.

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 506 – VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION 11048 EAST HWY 76

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis bill number 506 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.

Second reading to be on the next meeting agenda June 19, 2017.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

The Halloween parade has been sponsored by the Beta Sigma Phi sorority for 35 years. The group would like the City to take over the Halloween parade. The parade is held on the last Saturday in October and gives prizes for the costume contest and candy to the kids. The parade starts at the Presbyterian Church at 2:00 p.m. The cost to put on the parade is approximately \$200.00.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved for the City of Forsyth to take over and sponsor the Halloween Parade. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mayor Eddie Coleman presented an appreciation certificate to Fire Chief Nathan Bower and City Clerk Cheyenne Beasley for their years of service with the City. Nathan Bower for ten years of service and Cheyenne Beasley for fifteen years of service.

DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to pay the debt service payment for the water and sewer bonds in the amount of \$106,855.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM DISCUSSION

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that the program has some regulations that the City would have to follow. The City would have to participate in the program for residents to be eligible to purchase flood insurance. Fire Chief Nathan Bower to contact a representative of the program to come to the next board meeting in June.

FEMA DISCUSSION – RECENT FLOODING

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that Fema has not made a declaration for the recent flooding. The board would like to participate if a declaration is made.

FIRE FIGHTER APPROVAL

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

ALDERMEN DEPARTMENTS

Mayor Eddie Coleman explained that each Aldermen is assigned to oversee a department. The assignments are as follows:

Fire Department – Cheryl Altis
Police Department – Jack Baker
Park Department – Brian Anton
Water/Sewer – Clint Hilliard
Administration – Brian Anton

The Mayor also explained that at the last meeting Jack Baker was appointed as the President of the Board. Brian Anton is interested in serving as the President of the Board.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to rescind the motion passed at the last meeting relating to the President of the board and appoint Brian Anton as the President of the Board. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – APRIL 17, 2017

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Jack Baker the minutes of the April 17, 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 April 20, 2017 for \$43,568.82, April 27, 2017 for \$22,017.83, May 4, 2017 for \$37,375.80, May 11, 2017 for \$32,995.13 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 Brian Anton the financial statements as of April 30, 2017 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM APRIL 20, 2017 THRU MAY 11, 2017

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton the transfers from April 20, 2017 thru May 11, 2017 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD UPDATE

Brian Anton explained that softball has moved to the Shoals Bend field due to the flooding at Shadowrock Park. Presented the board with a bid proposal for review on the lights for the ball field at Shoals Bend.

Amber Cole gave the board an update on the memorial garden. She will be visiting with the Master Gardeners, Ability's First, and other groups to help with the project.

SALARY REVIEW

Jack Baker explained that the board has been working on a salary review and looking at the sales tax amounts. Sales tax has increased over the last three years.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to give all full time employees a \$1.00 an hour wage increase to start on Monday May 22, 2017, and the full time employees that have been with the city for 36 months or longer a one- time longevity payment of \$1,000.00 minus taxes withheld. There will be no wage increase at budget time. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MISC BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Chris Robertson explained that he has an area at the city shop for tree limbs and leaves. The tree trimming companies are taking advantage of this area. The gate to this area will be locked and local residents can call City Hall and the public works department will open the gate so they can dump their leaves and limbs. The gate will be locked at nights and on the weekends.

Chris Robertson informed the board that the flood waters are very close to the sewer lift station at Shadowrock Park. He has a pump reserved in case it is needed to bypass the lift station. The pump if needed with cost approximately \$1,500.00.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.