

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday June 19, 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, Nathan Bower, Austin Gavin, Lori Blatter, Karen McHugh, Bill McCullah, Glenda Hunt, Philip Edwards, Rodney Dempsey, Billy Murphy, Chris Robertson, Cliff Sain, Daniel Meisen, and Bobby Sanderson.

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

HIRE POLICE OFFICER

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to hire Austin Gavin as a police officer to start on June 30, 2017. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SAM BOYD – NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES

Nothing on this issue at this time.

FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM DISCUSSION

Karen McHugh with SEMA explained to the board about how the flood insurance program works. City would have to pass an ordinance and a resolution and any development would be regulated and have standards to follow. The board agreed to not become a member of the flood insurance program at this time.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF BILL NUMBER 506 – VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF 11048 HWY 76

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard bill number 506 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 Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard and adopted as Ordinance number 506 with a roll vote of Jack Baker, aye, Cheryl Altis, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, and Brian Anton, aye.

Attorney Bill McCullah explained that the next step in the annexation will be to enter a declaratory judgement with the Taney County Circuit Court. This will take about 6 months to one year to complete. The cost will be approximately \$1,000.00.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved that the cost of the annexation will be paid by the Senior Friendship Site that petitioned the City to annex the property. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS SIDEWALKS

There have been some concerns about the sidewalks downtown. Chris Robertson to look at putting a handicap ramp by Forsyth Auto to make this area more wheel chair accessible.

DISCUSS PEDDLERS LICENSE AND BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE

The Mayor explained that he has some concerns about the food truck coming into town.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to have Attorney Bill McCullah draft an ordinance requiring food truck to have written permission from the owner of the property they want to set up on, area setting up on should be a paved surface, and copy of health department certificate must be on file at City Hall. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BALL FIELD LIGHT BIDS – SHOALS BEND PARK

Received two bids for the ball field lighting for Shoals Bend Park. Bill's Electric Inc. for \$145,088.00 and Techline Sports lighting for \$154,000.00.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to accept the bid from Bill's Electric for \$145,088.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FEMA DECLARATION

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that that a declaration has been made by the President and the Governor for possible funding from the recent flooding. A meeting will be held on Wednesday that Nathan and Angela will be attending to find out more about the funding.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was agreed to move forward and have Nathan Bower apply for the funding that may be available to the City from FEMA for the flood damage. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CELL TOWER DISCUSSION

Chris Robertson explained that have had complaints about the Taney Net internet service. The City has not received a copy of insurance or certification to be on the towers. Chris Robertson to visit with Taney Net about the complaints the City has received. If have future complaints the City will cancel the agreements with the Taney Net.

PARK CLEAN UP

Chris Robertson explained that after the water is out of the park the public works will do the major clean up, and then will have volunteers come to the park and paint and do minor clean up.

INTER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH TANEY COUNTY – LIFT STATION PROJECT

This project is for upgrades to the lift station at Shadowrock Park and the lift station at Swan Valley Subdivision.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was agreed to accept the agreement and have the Mayor sign the Inter Governmental Funding Agreement with Taney County for the lift station upgrades. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT RESOLUTION 6-19-2017 – MINIMUM FUND BALANCE

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton it was agreed to accept Resolution # 6-19-2017 minimum fund balance. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

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

DISCUSS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE POLICY

Angela explained that the Taney County Partnership would like the City to consider adopting this policy. The policy would offer programs for developers.

DISCUSS NEW POLICE VEHICLE

Jack Baker explained that a new police car is needed to replace the Chevy Impala that is in need of costly repairs. A bid has been received from Tri-Lakes Ford for a 2017 Explorer for \$32,846.00. This includes warranty, installation of lights and equipment, decals, and cost to remove equipment from the Chevy. Need to approve the purchase due to this is state bid and the deadline for state bid is June 30, 2017. Will not have to pay for the Explorer until next budget.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to purchase the Ford Explorer from Tri-Lakes Ford for the amount of \$26,513.00 to include all items listed above for a total amount of \$32,846.00. To be paid for out of the next years budget. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to sell the Chevy Impala by sealed bids. To open bids at the August board meeting. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MIDWEST PUBLIC RISK INSURANCE RENEWAL

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to pay the insurance renewal from Midwest Public Risk for the amount of \$71,843.58 for work comp insurance and property and liability insurance. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – MAY 15, 2017

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Jack Baker the minutes of the May 15, 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 Brian Anton the bills for May 18, 2017 for \$110,428.59 May 25, 2017 for \$17,380.46, June 8, 2017 for \$62,370.75 and June 15, 2017 for \$6,037.35 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF MAY 31, 2017

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

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM MAY 18, 2017 THRU JUNE 15, 2017

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard the transfers from May 18, 2017 thru June 15, 2017 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONE – MEMBER APPOINTMENTS

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to re-appoint board members Mike Gailey and Mark Campbell to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPOINT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY ASSISTANT

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to appoint Cheyenne Beasley as the Prosecuting Attorney Assistant. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ANIMAL CONTROL DISCUSSION

The City received a letter from the Taney County Health Department stating that as of December 31, 2017 they will no longer provide animal control. There has been discussion and meetings held to try and resolve the problems with animal control.

PARK BOARD UPDATE

County will begin work at Shoals Bend Park as soon as their schedule will allow.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.