

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday September 18, 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

City Clerk Cheyenne Beasley, Angela Leist, Nathan Bower, Larry Smith, Bruce Fisher, Cory Larson, Holly Smith, Craig Smith, Jann Clark, Billy Murphy, Travis Heier, Nathan Henderson, Joe Larue, Gerry Grummens, Jack Harrison, Kristi Bachman, Beth Schaller, John Robinson, Missi Hesketh, Dave Oliphant, Scott Novak, Chris Robertson, Bill McCullah, and Zach Addington.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Chris Robertson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PARK CLEAN UP AND UPGRADE DISCUSSION

Chris Robertson explained that the park and campground one are cleaned up and open for everyone to enjoy. Would like to thank the River Church, they painted the buildings in the park over the weekend. Will have more volunteer days in the future. Will be doing some upgrades to the playground equipment. Will overlay the roads in park after the bridge project is finished.

Chris explained that the cabin means a lot to the City and to the community. The cabin is an unsafe building and beyond repair. The City is open to ideas on what to do with the cabin. Would like to see the cabin removed and the fireplace left and a pavilion built for the community to enjoy.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was agreed to put the cabin discussion on the October agenda to have a discussion and a vote on what to do with the cabin. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MODOT – KRISTI BACHMAN – MO HWY & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT – ROUNDABOUT PROJECT

Kristi Bachman with MoDot explained that the letting for the round about project will be in January 2018. The roundabout will have an apron to allow large trucks to get around. There will be lane closures during the project and the bridge will be closed 14 days or less to tie in the new bridge to the roadway.

The municipal agreement presented requires an ordinance. City Attorney Bill McCullah to prepare an ordinance for the next meeting. Also, will have easements to approve for the roundabout at the next meeting October 16, 2017.

EMPIRE ELECTRIC – ASSIGNMENT, ASSUMPTION INDEMNITY AGREEMENT – WARNING SIREN

Corey Larson with Empire Electric Co. explained that Empire will install a warning siren in the park. The siren will be a warning for dam failure and storm warnings. Empire would like to donate the siren to the City of Forsyth and the City can incorporate the siren into the current maintenance program.

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was agreed to accept the agreement from Empire Electric and to accept the siren as a donation from Empire Electric Co. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY – MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – EMPIRE WARNING SIREN

Bruce Fisher with Blue Valley Public Safety explained that can add the Empire siren to the current maintenance agreement for \$66.00 a month.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to accept the maintenance agreement with Blue Valley Public Safety with the Empire siren addition for \$66.00 a month. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MISSI HESKETH – GREEN PAWS – BEE CITY USA

Missi Hesketh explained the Bee City USA program to the board. The program is to promote awareness for bee habitats and to get the community involved in producing areas for bee pollination. The fee for the program is \$100.00. The facilitator of the program would be responsible for awareness activities and events. A resolution is required to become a Bee City.

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

Resolution to be presented for approval at the next board meeting October 16, 2017.

FORSYTH LIONS CLUB – GERRY GRUMMENS – SIGN ON HWY 160

Jerry Grummens with the Forsyth Lions club explained to the board that the Lions Club would like to put up a sign on highway 160 across from Forsyth Grace Funeral Home. The property is owned by T-Como Motel.

The board responded that the City has no authority over the sign location. The sign discussion would need to be between the property owner and the Forsyth Lions Club.

ACCEPT LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM OFFICER JORGE AZUARA

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to accept the letter of resignation from Officer Jorge Azuara. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 9-18-17 – ADOPTING THE TANEY COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved accept Resolution 9-18-17 adopting the Taney County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BOND PAYMENT

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to pay the capital improvements bond payment in the amount of \$2,985.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES AUGUST 21, 2017

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton the minutes of the August 21, 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 August 24, 2017 for \$11,870.10, August 31, 2017 for \$2,853.14, September 7, 2017 for \$57,834.65 and September 14, 2017 for \$6,077.15 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2017

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

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM AUGUST 17, 2017 THRU SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton the transfers from August 17, 2017 thru September 14, 2017 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD UPDATE

Brian Anton informed the board that Taney County has put the asphalt down for the basketball courts at Shoals Bend Park. Will need to paint and stripe the court in the spring. This will cost approximately \$6,000.00.

Brian Anton to work with Angela and Cheyenne on drafting a thank you letter for the County for their work on the basketball courts.

Jack Harrison will donate the labor to build a tennis hitting board at Shoals Bend Park. The materials for the hitting board will be approximately \$500.00

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to purchase the materials for the tennis hitting board for \$500.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The lights are up at Shoals Bend ballfield, and will be hooked up and working next week.

MISC BOARD OF ALDERMAN

Joe LaRue with Simple Simon Pizza explained to the board that they plan to open for pizza in the old Home Town Appliance building. Have had some issues with the parking and have added some parallel parking and have been working with the owner and have the parking issues solved.

Jack Baker informed the board that there is a gentleman interested in the police officer position. They have turned in an application and have 14 years of experience.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.