

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday October 16, 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, absent

City Clerk Cheyenne Beasley, Terri Williams, Linda Worster, Nathan Bower, Roger Ellis, Angela Leist, Bill McCullah, Chris Robertson, Daniel Meinsen, Holly Smith, Craig Smtih, Billy Murphy, and John Robinson.

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

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NUMBER 508 – MODOT ROUNDABOUT AGREEMENT AND EASEMENTS

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard bill number 508 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 Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton bill number 508 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 Clint Hilliard and adopted as Ordinance number 508 with a roll vote of Jack Baker, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, Brian Anton, aye, and Cheryl Altis, absent.

LOG CABIN IN SHADOWROCK PARK DISCUSSION

Chris Robertson explained that he has received estimates to take down the cabin and put it back up at a different location. The estimate is \$50,000.00 plus any repairs that need to been done. FEMA also has a new program that will reimburse the city to take the cabin down.

Chris explained that the Williams family and others that had family members involved in building the cabin would like to take photos of the cabin before it is taken down. The Mayor explained that Gay Cobbs grandpa helped build the cabin and she would like to have a piece of the cabin.

The City would give an opportunity to any family involved with the cabin to have a piece of the cabin. No hurry to take it down and let everyone take pictures and enjoy the cabin.

The board to discuss when to take down the cabin and discuss the options from FEMA at the next board meeting November 20, 2017.

RESOLUTION 10-16-17 – BEE CITY USA

The City becoming a Bee City was discussed at the last meeting. The application requires a \$100.00 fee.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved that the City of Forsyth pay the \$100.00 fee required for the Bee City application. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard Resolution 10-16-17 designating the City of Forsyth as a Bee City was approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

TANEY COUNTY PARTNERSHIP – APPROVAL OF LETTER OF INTENT

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to accept the letter of intent from the Taney County Partnership and commit the City to pay the dues for \$1,000.00 a year for three years. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BALL FIELD LIGHTS INVOICE APPROVAL – SHOALS BEND PARK

The lights have been installed at the ball field at Shoals Bend Park and accepted by the City. On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to pay the invoice for the lights from Bills Electric Inc. in the amount of \$145,088.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CELL TOWER DISCUSSION

Chris Robertson explained that he has been contacted by Verizon about their cell phone antenna on the water tower by the school. They claim T-Mobile has caused some blocking of their signals. Verizon would like to put up a separate pole and pay the City less money a year.

Chris feels this is a problem between Verizon and T-Mobile. The board directed Chris to contact Verizon and explain that the City will not accept less money for the use of the tower, and need to send a proposal in writing before any further discussion will be considered.

FIRE FIGHTER RESIGNATION – KALEB SUTTON

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to accept the resignation from Kaleb Sutton. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TO HIRE OFFICER RHOADS TAKEN ON 9-19-17/ACCEPT VERBAL RESIGNATION

A phone vote was taken on September 19, 2017 to Hire James Rhoads as a police officer with the following votes taken. Jack Baker, aye, Brian Anton, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, Cheryl Altis, aye.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on September 19, 2017 to hire James Rhoads as a police officer and to accept the verbal resignation received on October 4, 2017. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The Mayor recognized Linda Worster she would like to address the board. Linda explained that she is concerned about the deer population in her neighborhood. Would like to board to consider allowing bow hunting in the city limits. The board to look at this and review ordinances from other towns. To discuss at the next meeting on November 20, 2017.

MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard the minutes of the September 18, 2017 meeting were approved as written. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton the bills for September 21, 2017 for \$15,689.16, September 28, 2017 for \$29,310.00, October 5, 2017 for \$31,106.90 and October 12, 2017 for \$5,339.60 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard the financial statements as of September 30, 2017 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 THRU OCTOBER 12, 2017

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton the transfers from September 21, 2017 thru October 12, 2017 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD UPDATE

Brian Anton explained that the lights are installed and working at Shoals Bend ball field and will estimate the fee to charge for the lights after we receive the first electric bill for the test period for the lights.

Bathroom at Shoals Bend is ready everyone to use. Will be having a Halloween parade on October 28, 2017.

MISC BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Chris Robertson explained that would like to have on the next agenda in November to discuss the cost of the annexation for the property for the Senior Friendship Site.

Jack Baker explained that there was an accident at the scenic overlook and would like to visit with Modot about lowering the speed limit from 45 to 35. Police Chief Roger Ellis to contact Modot about the speed limit and to be on the agenda in November.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.