

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday December 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, Linda Worster, Angela Leist, Cliff Sain, Larry Smith, Billy Murphy, AJ Wilder, Darrell Mitchell, Donetta Mitchell, Vanessa Armentrout, Jeremiah Springer, Joe Cutting, Dennis Carter, Daniel Meinsen, and Ashley Schnake.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION – DEER BOW HUNTING IN CITY LIMITS

Cheryl Altis explained that have a serious problem in town with over population of deer. Explained some of the regulations of the ordinance. Ashley Schnake with the Department of Conservation explained that these urban hunts are a helpful way to manage the deer population. There were concerns on the number of permits that will be allowed and may look into changing the number at a later time. Concerns on getting permission on property that is listed by a real estate agent.

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NUMBER 509 – DEER BOW HUNTING IN CITY LIMITS

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard bill number 509 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 Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton bill number 509 was placed on its second reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Read by title only and approved on a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker and adopted as Ordinance number 509 with a roll call vote of Cheryl Altis, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, Brian Anton, aye, and Jack Baker, aye.

BOW HUNTING ON CITY PROPERTY DISCUSSION – PERMISSION TO SIGN FORMS

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to allowing bow deer hunting on City owned property as per guidelines in Ordinance 509. Mayor, President of the Board, or City Clerk to be authorized to sign the owner permission forms. Chris Robertson to be

notified by hunter of date and time will be hunting on City owned property, and location. Motion carried with all member present voting aye.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

The Mayor presented Finance Officer Angela Leist with an appreciation certificate for five years of service with the City of Forsyth.

FENCING AND STORAGE BUILDING DISCUSSION

Cheryl Altis explained that she has been working with Fire Chief Nathan Bower and Building Inspector Larry Smith on regulations for fencing and storage buildings. Have a list of regulations presented to the board and would like to add if electric is connected to the building a permit will be required, and that the storage buildings are not designed for residential use.

Attorney Bill McCullah to draft an ordinance for the January 22, 2018 meeting for first reading.

MEETING DATES – JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to have the meeting dates changed in January and February due to the meeting dates falling on holidays. The January meeting to be held on January 22, 2018 and the February meeting to be held on February 12, 2018. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

GRANT DISCUSSION – POLICE ACADEMY

No information on this issue at this time. To be on next agenda in January.

VERIZON REPLACEMENT LAND LEASE AGREEMENT

To discuss at the January meeting to allow City Attorney time to review the agreement.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM JAYME BODI – FIRE DEPARTMENT

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard the resignations from Jayme Bodi was accepted. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

HIRE OF POLICE OFFICER

A phone vote was taken on December 15, 2017 to hire AJ Wilder as a police officer with the following votes taken. Cheryl Altis, aye, Jack Baker, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, and Brian Anton, aye.

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on December 15, 2017 to hire AJ Wilder as a police officer for the City of Forsyth. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FIRE FIGHTER APPROVAL – AJ WILDER

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to accept AJ Wilder as a fire fighter for the Forsyth Fire Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DATA TECHNOLOGIES RENEWAL – ANNUAL SUPPORT

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to pay the annual fee to Data Technologies for support for the computer program in the amount of \$6,091.40. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – NOVEMBER 20, 2017

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton the minutes of the November 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 November 23, 2017 for \$29,501.64, November 30, 2017 for \$16,193.76, December 7, 2017 for \$50,456.08, and December 14, 2017 for \$10,375.59 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2017

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

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM NOVEMBER 22, 2017 THRU DECEMBER 14, 2017

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker the transfers from November 22, 2017 thru December 14, 2017 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT TERMINATION OF EMPLOYEE

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to accept the termination of Officer Dennis Thornton. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD UPDATE

Brian Anton explained that have received the light bill on the new lights at the Shoals Bend ball field. Estimates to be about \$5.00 an hour to operate the lights. The recommendation from the Park Board is to charge \$35.00 for 4 hours of light usage and \$200.00 fee for a tournament up to a 2 day event.

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to charge \$35.00 for 4 hours of light use, and \$200.00 fee for a tournament up to a 2 day event. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MISC BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Mayor Eddie Coleman explained that he has some concerns about some of the empty buildings in town. Would like to discuss the plans for these buildings with the owners. Would like the board to do some research on these buildings for discussion in February.

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.