

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday March 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Eddie Coleman
Cheryl Altis
Jack Baker
Clint Hilliard
Brian Anton

City Clerk Cheyenne Beasley, Angela Leist, Rob Quillin, Bill McCullah, Larry Smith, David Forrest, Chris Snyder, Nathan Bower, Scott Novak, Jeremy Stucky, Lacey Stucky, Bethany Stucky, and Cody Stucky, Chris Robertson, Becky Roberts, Mark Shinn, AJ Wilder, and Corey Ross.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rob Quillin followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

JEREMY STUCKY – BRANSON’S JELLYSTONE PARK – HWY 76 CAMPGROUND

Jeremy Stucky informed the board that he is the new owner of the Branson’s Jellystone Park on Highway 76. Would like to get permission from the board to have a horse and mini pig on the property.

At this time the board agreed that should follow the current ordinance. The current ordinance does not allow farm animals in the city limits.

REPUBLIC SERVICES EXTENSION CONTRACT

Chris Snyder with Republic Services presented the board with a request for a renewal of the existing agreement for three years and an increase of 2%. On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was agreed to accept the three year renewal and the 2% increase with Republic Services. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

This increase will be on the May 15, 2018 billing cycle.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF BILL NUMBER 512 – WATER AND SEWER RATES

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Cheryl Altis bill number 512 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 512 with a roll vote of Cheryl Altis, aye, Jack Baker, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, and Brian Anton, aye.

YOUNGBLOOD’S CARPORT VARIANCE – 397 HOBART

Chris Robertson explained that the Youngblood’s would like to build a carport where a sewer line is located on the property. Chris feels there is no problem with getting to the sewer line and would suggest allowing a five foot variance to build the carport.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was agreed to allow a five foot variance on the Youngblood’s property at 397 Hobart to build a carport. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

STORM SIREN AGREEMENT – BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that this is a yearly renewal for the storm sirens and there is no increase in the cost. On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to pay the renewal for the storm siren with Blue Valley Public Safety for \$2,808.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BOND PAYMENT APPROVAL - \$83,985.00

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to pay the bond payment in the amount of \$83,985.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BIDS FOR COPY MACHINE

Received three bids for a new copy machine. Canon IR4525 from Lakeland Office Systems for \$2,979.00, Sharp MX-M3050 from Lakeland Office Systems for \$3,027.00, and a Sharp MXM3570 from GFI Digital for \$3,285.34. The contract with Lakeland Office Systems after three years would increase 9%. The price would go from \$25.00 to \$27.25, and checked references and they have good customer service.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was approved to purchase the Canon IR4525 from Lakeland Office Systems for \$2,979.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BIDS FOR SALE OF 2001 DODGE TRUCK

Received eight sealed bids for the sale of the 2001 Dodge truck. Travis Collins, \$5,001.25, Roberta Rechlein, \$1,283.50, Tyson Blevins, \$2,000.00, Dustin Benton, \$1001.01, Brett Holmberg, \$2,100.00, Missi Hesketh, \$1,257.00, John Koch, \$851.00, and David Williams, \$1,250.00.

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to sell the Dodge truck to Travis Collins for \$5,001.25. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON February 23, 2018 TO HIRE OFFICER MARK SHINN

A phone vote was taken on February 23, 2018 to hire Mark Shinn 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 Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on February 23, 2018 to hire Mark Shinn as a police officer. Motion carried with all members present.

RENEWAL PAYMENT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES – POLICE DEPT. RECORDS MANAGEMENT

This is the computer software program that the police department uses for their records management. On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to pay the renewal for the records management software for the police department to Omnigo software for \$3,846.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

KNOX BOX DISCUSSION

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained his concerns about requirements for a knox box. The box is used to store keys to a building in case of a fire or other emergency that fire fighters can open the door to the building. The cost of the knox box is around \$308.00.

The board felt should have a form for the business owner to sign if they decline to put a knox box on their building. The business would be aware that there may be damage to the building if the fire department has to enter the building without a key, and if a knox box is purchased it will be the knox box approved by the Fire Chief.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Brian Anton is was approved that a business owner/building owner must sign a form if they decline installing a knox box on their building, and if a knox box is purchased it is the knox box approved by the Fire Chief, and if a knox box is not installed only access to the building would be a key holder off site or forcible entry to the building. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SENIOR CENTER ANNEXATION DISCUSSION

Chris Robertson explained that there are some issues with the senior center annexation. This has been put on hold until a meeting can be scheduled with the senior center board. Attorney Bill McCullah and Chris Robertson to work together on this issue and meet with the Senior Center Board to discuss the annexations issues.

ANIMAL CONTROL CONTRACT DISCUSSION

The City received an animal control agreement from Taney County for temporary shelter and care of animals. The City would have to pick up and transport the animal to the county facility.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker is was approved to table this item until the meeting in April to have time to visit with the local veterinarians about the services the maybe able to offer the city for animal care. Motion carried with all member present voting aye.

ANIMAL ISSUE

The trustee of the estate to be notified of the cost of the animal care charged by the Branson Veterinary Hospital, and the City to contact Taney County about the charges for the Taney County Animal Shelter and notify the trustee of the cost.

APPROVE TO HIRE POLICE OFFICER

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to hire David Forrest as a police officer. Starting wages to be \$12.00 per hour and after completing the FTO Program wages will increase to \$13.00 per hour. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE WAGE INCREASE FOR DISPATCHER MARY ALAWA

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Brian Anton a wage increase was approved for part time dispatcher Mary Alawa to increase the wage to the wage that the current dispatcher is making. The wage would increase .7875cents. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Police Chief Roger Ellis explained to the board that the department has started a new schedule. The schedule includes revolving weekends off for the officers. The new schedule and hiring of new officers will cut down on the overtime. The officers keep up on the training required which includes active shooting training with the school.

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 12, 2018

On a motion by Clint Hilliard and seconded by Brian Anton the minutes of the February 12, 2018 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 February 15, 2018 for \$5,497.36, February 22, 2018 for \$5,062.90, March 1, 2018 for \$10,322.10, March 8, 2018 for \$22,681.66, and March 15, 2018 for \$36,929.31 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2018

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Jack Baker the financial statements as of February 28, 2018 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM FEBRUARY 15, 2018 THRU MARCH 15, 2018

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton the transfers from February 15, 2018 thru March 15, 2018 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BIDS FOR AUDIT SERVICES, BANKING SERVICES, AND INSURANCE

Received two bids for audit services. KPM for \$7,000.00 for 2018 and Decker and DeGood for \$7,950.00 for 2018. On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to accept the audit bid from KPM for \$7,000.00 for 2018. This is for three years of service.

Received proposals for banking services from Southern Bank, Branson Bank and 1st Community Bank of the Ozarks. After reviewing the rates and fees proposed, a motion was made by Brian Anton and seconded by Clint Hilliard to accept the bid from Branson Bank with the following votes, Cheryl Altis, aye, Clint Hilliard, aye, Brian Anton, aye, and Jack Baker, abstain.

Received four bids for insurance. MPR for \$77,245.00 declined to quote work comp, Travelers, \$71,851, HCC, \$68,801, and MEMIC, \$34,411.00 work comp only.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard it was agreed to send a letter to Midwest Public Risk and notify them that the City will be seeking other bids for property and work comp insurance.

PARK BOARD UPDATE

Easter egg hunt was held on Saturday March 24, 2018. Had over 100 kids in attendance. Everyone had a fun time.

The basketball goals have been ordered and will be installed soon and the courts will be painted after the goals are installed.

The Mayor explained that as the Shoals Bend Park develops would like to have the restrooms open for the public to use. The City crew to open the bathrooms in the morning and the police department to lock the bathrooms at night. Chris Robertson to check on getting bids for a security system for the restroom area at Shoals Bend Park.

MISC BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Attorney Bill McCullah explained that Verizon has e-mailed him about the changes he suggested for the contact with them. He will be writing to them and suggest that the agreement be on a month to month basis.

Rodney Ballance with Taneynet will be installing the internet in the park soon.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Clint Hilliard the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.