

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday October 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Eddie Coleman
Cheryl Altis
Brian Anton
Greg Dougherty
Jack Baker, absent

City Clerk Cheyenne Beasley, Angela Leist, Bill McCullah, Glenda Hunt, Chris Robertson, Bill Walley, Dorothy Wittieff-Sandgren, Dean Jepsen, Roger Ellis, Ben Baldrige, James Zwicky, Cliff Sain, Brent Butler, Craig Pollard, Gryffon Roberts, Cindy Santee, Mr. Dempsey, and Carole Linkous.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Ben Baldrige followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

GLENDA HUNT – SENIOR FRIENDSHIP SITE – GRANT DISCUSSION

Glenda Hunt with the Senior Center explained that they are planning to build a new building on Highway 76. They have outgrown their current building and the current building has sewer issues that would be costly to repair. They will be applying for a Community Development Block Grant through SMCOG. Dorothy Wittorf-Sandgren with SMCOG explained that the City of Forsyth would have to apply for the grant on behalf of the Senior Center. They will need to apply for the grant and NAP credits. This will be no cost to the City.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved for the City of Forsyth to apply for the Community Development Block Grant and NAP credits on behalf of the Senior Center. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

James Zwicky explained to the board that he has concerns about the road in front of his house at 792 Skyline Drive. The asphalt is broken up at the entrance of his driveway. Chris Robertson explained that the City is in the process of working on a road project to address some of the road issues in town. He explained to Mr. Zwicky that he needs to put some gravel where the road and driveway meet to make the driveway the same height as the road to help with this problem.

DISCUSS DOWNTOWN EVENTS – ROAD CLOSINGS

Police Chief Roger Ellis explained that for the Chamber event they did not use proper items to close the roads. Large equipment was used that could not have been moved if there was an emergency. The fire department and police department would like to adopt an application for events that would like to close the roads in town for an event. Would like a set of guidelines to follow and the organization holding the event should be responsible for providing the road

closing items. The fire department, police department, and public works to work together on some guidelines and bring to the board for review.

T-MOBILE AND VERIZON ISSUE

Chris Robertson explained that he has talked with both companies and told them that after they work everything out between them the City will consider signing the consent forms for each company.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON OCTOBER 2, 2018 TO HIRE ASHLEY BRESHEARS AND GARRETT COULSON – POLICE OFFICERS

A phone vote was taken on October 2, 2018 to hire Ashley Breshears and Garrett Coulson as police officers for the City of Forsyth with the following votes taken. Jack Baker, aye, Cheryl Altis, aye, Brian Anton, aye, and Greg Dougherty, aye.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on October 2, 2018 and to accept the resignation from Ashley Breshears. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ENGINEER SELECTION – ROAD PROJECT

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to hire HDR Engineering as the Engineer for the road project. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS CONCESSION TRAILER

Chris Robertson explained that he has visited with Jack Baker about considering loaning or renting out the concession trailer. Would like to come up with a policy for use of the concession trailer.

HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty the health insurance renewal with Anthem for \$10,845.81 was approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ITRON MAINTENANCE CONTRACT RENEWAL – AUTOMATIC METER READING EQUIPMENT

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Greg Dougherty the renewal with Itron for support for the automatic meter reading equipment for \$6,272.91 was approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FIRE FIGHTER APPLICATION APPROVAL

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to accept Dean Jespen as a fire fighter for the fire department. Motion carried with all member present voting aye.

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Greg Dougherty the minutes of the September 17, 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 Greg Dougherty the bills for September 20, 2018 for \$911.02, September 27, 2018 for \$33,134.40, October 4, 2018 for \$29,908.98, and October 11, 2018 for \$4,624.31 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty the financial statements as of September 30, 2018 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM SEPTEMBER 20, 2018 THRU OCTOBER 11, 2018

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Cheryl Altis the transfers from September 20, 2018 thru October 11, 2018 were approved. Motion carried with members present voting aye.

HALLOWEEN PARADE – OCTOBER 27, 2018

The Halloween parade will be held on October 27, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

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