

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday February 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Eddie Coleman
Greg Dougherty
Jack Baker
Brian Anton
Cheryl Altis

City Clerk Cheyenne Beasley, Pat Shay, Larry Reynolds, Shirley Reynolds, Sara Burrows, Roger Ellis, Larry Smith, Marla Ramsey, Dennis Manis, Charyl Nida, Lynn Cronboy, Tanya Manis, John Matlage, Linda Matlage, Craig Smith, Holly Smith, Angela Leist, Chris Robertson, Missi Hesketh, Julie Schanda, Isophene Wyatt, Cindy Santee, Tim Church, Dean Jespen, Ben Baldrige, Nathan Bower, Christy Biggs, Paige Pettit, and Bill McCullah.

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

AUDIT REPORT – KPM CPAS

Sara Burrows with KPM CPAS presented the audit report to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen. The City received a good clean audit.

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to accept the audit as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BECKY SMITH – CONCERNS ON CLOSING BUSINESSES, COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD ORDINANCES, CURRENT HOMELESS (CRIME) POPULATION, AND SPEED LIMIT LOWERED TO 25 MPH

Becky smith and several other citizens in attendance have concerns about the businesses that are closing in town. Concerned about the condition of commercial and residential buildings. Discussed what can be done to get the business owner to maintain the buildings and get the buildings rentable. Brian Anton to call other towns and find out what they have done about these issues. To discuss this issue at the next meeting in March.

FORSYTH CHAMBER – DISCUSS EVENT AT SHADOWROCK PARK

The Chamber would like to host an animal swap meet in Shadowrock on the second Saturdays of each month in the arena. To check with the riding club on their events dates for the use of the arena. The road will not be accessible and all animals will need to be kept on the right side of the ditch.

DANNY MANIS – MASTER GARDENERS – PERMISSION TO BLOCK SECTION OF MAIN STREET FOR PLANT SALE

Danny Manis with the Master Gardeners informed the board that they will be having their annual plant sale downtown on April 27, 2019. Would like permission to block a portion of Main Street for this event. Will need to close the road from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. They have talked with the business owners in the area and also talked with the Judicial Building about the road closure. A map is attached showing the area that will be closed.

The board will allow the road to be closed for the event and a special event permit application will need to be approved by the police and fire department.

APPLICATION FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to accept Cindy Santee as a support team member for the Forsyth Fire Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MOU AGREEMENT WITH EXTENSION OFFICE – PERMISSION TO SIGN

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty is was approved to accept the Mou agreement with the Extension Office and give Nathan Bower permission to sign the agreement. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

HDR INVOICE – FOR STREET PAVING PROJECT

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton the invoice from HDR Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$15, 387.36 was approved for payment for the street resurfacing project. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 519 – WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Jack Baker bill number 519 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 Greg Dougherty. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Second and final reading at the next meeting in March.

PARK BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

Greg Dougherty explained the ten year plan presented by the Park Board. This includes improvements at Shoals Bend Park, Shadowrock Park, and the nature preserve.

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to accept the ten year plan from the park board. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

OLD JAIL DISCUSSION

Chris Robertson explained that the Historical Society has approached him about the old Taney County Jail building in Shadowrock Park. The Historical Society would like to do some upgrades to the building but the Corp of Engineers would not give them a letter stating that the building would not be torn down.

The City has received a letter from the Historical Society stating that it is their intention to cancel the sublease with the City of Forsyth on the building.

At this time the board instructed Chris Robertson to have the electricity turned off at the old jail building.

MINUTES – JANUARY 14, 2019 MEETING

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Brian Anton the minutes of the January 14, 2019 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 January 17, 2019 for \$9,421.44, January 24, 2019 for \$11,980.55, January 31, 2019 for \$5,150.66 and February 7, 2019 for \$55,729.17 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIALS STATEMENTS AS OF JANUARY 31, 2019

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Brian Anton the financial statements as of January 31, 2019 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM JANUARY 17, 2019 THRU FEBRUARY 7, 2019

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker the transfer from January 17, 2019 thru February 7, 2019 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.