

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday March 25, 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, Roger Ellis, Steve Huggins, Angela Leist, Larry Smith, Nathan Bower, Mike majors, Tim Church, Jeff Mingus, Bill McCullah, Lynn Cronboy, Sherrie Veltkamp, Charlie Nida, David Holvick, S.K. Yianitsas, Missi Hesketh, Julie Ann Schanda, and paige Pettit.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by David Holvick followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

FORSYTH SCHOOL – NO INCREASE BOND ISSUE

Jeff Mingus with the Forsyth School explained to the board and those present about the no increase bond issue that is on the ballot for April 2, 2019. This bond will not increase taxes and will be used for renovations to the school for more classroom space, larger cafeteria, and upgrades to the safety and security system.

DISCUSS COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

Brian Anton explained that several towns in the area have adopted the property maintenance code. The board gave Brian Anton permission to work with the building and fire department on this issue and bring to the board for discussion.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF BILL NUMBER 519 – WATER & SEWER RATES

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty bill number 519 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 Brian Anton and adopted as Ordinance 519 with a roll vote of Jack Baker, aye, Brian Anton, aye, Greg Dougherty, aye, and Cheryl Altis, aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON 2-7-19 RELEASE ROBERT SANDERSON FROM FTO PROGRAM

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on 2-7-19 to release Robert Sanderson from the FTO program. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MO HIGHWAY SAFETY GRANT APPROVAL

Seargent Steve Huggins with the Forsyth Police Department explained the Mo Highway safety grant to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen. This grant was discussed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. The grant is for laptop computers that the officers do their reports on. The City will maintain the equipment once the grant is in place.

OFFICER PROMOTIONS – FIRE DEPARTMENT

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to accept Mike Majors as Captain for the Forsyth Fire Department and accept Patrick Holmes as Lieutenant for the Forsyth Fire Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

STORM SIREN MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to renew the annual maintenance agreement in the amount of \$3,652.80 with Blue Valley Public Safety for the storm sirens. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MAILING FOR BOND ISSUE

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to mail the information to the citizens on the bond issue for the street project to be on the ballot on April 2, 2019. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DEPT SERVICE PAYMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - \$81,175.00

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to pay the capital improvements payment in the amount of \$81,175.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM OFFICER BILLY MURPHY AND DISPATCHER HANNAH HIEDEN

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to accept the resignations from Billy Murphy and Hannah Hieden. Billy Murphy may be eligible for a reserve officer only for the department in the future. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON 3-1-19 TO HIRE OFFICER DUSTY GOFORTH

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on 3-1-19 to hire Dusty Goforth as an officer for the Forsyth Police Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON 2-22-19 TO PROMOTE OFFICER MARK SHINN TO SERGEANT AND INCREASE WAGE TO \$14.66 PER HOUR

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on 2-22-19 to promote Officer Mark Shinn to Sergeant and increase wage to \$14.66 per hour. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

RADIO REPEATER REPAIRS AND DIGITAL RADIOS – POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Roger Ellis explained that the portable radios are very scratchy and you can hardly hear the officer talk on them. Also had to replace the radio repeater, and still owe approximately \$3,985.90 for the repeater repairs. The portable radios need to be replaced. The cost for seven handheld digital radios and seven units for the cars with installation is \$8,090.81. A bid received for Moswin radios was \$36,066.99.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to purchase the digital radios for \$8,090.81 and pay for the repeater repairs in the amount of \$3,985.90 to RCS. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL TO HIRE DISPATCHER

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Brian Anton it was approved to hire Tara Sanders for the dispatcher position for the Forsyth Police Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT RESERVE OFFICER – POLICE DEPARTMENT

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to accept Allen Carpenter as a reserve for the Forsyth Police Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 11, 2019 MEETING

On a motion by Brian Anton and seconded by Greg Dougherty the minutes of the February 11, 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 Brian Anton the bills for February 14, 2019 for \$18,787.57, February 21, 2019 for \$21,049.42, February 28, 2019 for \$1,684.05, March 7, 2019 for \$34,066.63, and March 14, 2019 for \$86,089.62 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2019

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty the financial statements as of February 28, 2019 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM FEBRUARY 14, 2019 THRU MARCH 14, 2019

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty the transfers from February 14, 2019 thru March 14, 2019 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD UPDATE

The Easter egg hunt is scheduled for April 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Shoals Bend Park.

MISC BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Lynn Cronboy with the Forsyth Chamber of Commerce explained that the Chamber will be having a cleanup day on Earth Day on April 27, 2019. They will be helping people with cleaning up their homes and doing home repairs.

Martha with Giraffic Graphics would like to have the Saturday Main Street market the starting first and third Saturdays in May. The vendor booths would be in the parking spaces and the roadway would not be blocked.

The board suggested putting up cones or some type of barriers to keep traffic away from the vendor tents. Will need to fill out an application for special permit for the event with the City of Forsyth.

Sergeant Steve Huggins would like to revise Ordinance 369 concerning tobacco use. Bill McCullah to check state law and if possible make recommended revisions. Will have first reading at the April Board of Aldermen meeting.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Brian Anton the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.