

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday May 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Eddie Coleman
Greg Dougherty
Jack Baker
Cheryl Altis
Larry Moehl

Carla Combs, Lexi Combs, Ronnie Combs, Nathan Bower, Larry Reynolds, Lynn Conboy, Cheryl Nida, Bill McCullah, Julie Ann Schanda, Tim Church, Russ Rosencrans, Sherry Veltkamp, Daniel Meinsen, Travis Heier, Dusty Goforth, Roger Ellis, Cheyenne Beasley, Samantha Yianitsas, Girl Scout troop 70373, Carl Soyland, Charis Myers, Addison, Lucille Cano, Cathleen Miller, Alanna Miller, Becca Viard, Evelyn Miller, Jade Robison, Jalee Robison, Leader Stepanie Miller and Co-leader Jo Anna Robison.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Daniel Meinsen followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by the Girl Scout Troop 70373.

Russ Rosencrans explained to the board that a disk golf course has been put in at Empire Park. Would be willing to work with the City on putting a course in town in the future.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM ALDERMAN WARD ONE BRIAN ANTON

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to accept the resignation from Brian Anton Ward one Alderman. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPOINT ALDERMAN WARD ONE AND ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to appoint Larry Moehl as Ward One Alderman. Motion carried with all members present voting aye. City Clerk administered Oath of Office to Alderman Larry Moehl.

BILL THIBODEAUX – (PERMIT) STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS WORDING PROBLEMS WITH BUILDING DEPARTMENT. ALDERMAN FAIL TO GIVE PROPER PAPER WORK.

Fire Chief Nathan Bower presented the Mayor and Board of Aldermen with a survey from Miller Engineering on the property located at 16199 US Highway 160. Board felt the owner Mr. Thibodeaux needs to visit with adjoining property owners about the repairs needed on the building. The City of Forsyth will not consider the issuance of a building permit until Mr. Thibadeaux visits with the adjoining property owners.

KARL SOYLAND – CONTRACTORS LICENSE AND INSURANCE TO GET A BUILDING PERMIT

Mr. Soyland asked the Board of Aldermen if they would consider requiring contractors to have a license and insurance in order to get a building permit. This protects the city and the property owner. To be on the next agenda in June for discussion.

APPROVE FIRE FIGHTER APPLICATION

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to accept Jacob Stoneburner as a fire fighter for the Forsyth Fire Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF BILL NUMBER 520 – TOBACCO REGULATIONS

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Jack Baker bill number 520 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 Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty and adopted as Ordinance 520 with a roll call vote of Cheryl Altis, aye, Larry Moehl, aye, Greg Dougherty, aye, and Jack Baker, aye,

DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT – WATER/SEWER BOND PAYMENT - \$110,455.00

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to pay the debt service payment in the amount of \$110,455.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS ROAD PROJECT – HDR ENGINEERING

Travis Heier with HDR Engineering explained that will have bids for the road project for the City to accept at the July 15, 2019 meeting. Hope to start the project in August 2019.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON April 23, 2019 TO HIRE BRANDON WILLIAMS

A phone vote was taken on April 23, 2019 to hire Brandon Williams for the public works department with the following votes taken: Cheryl Altis, aye, Jack Baker, aye, Brian Anton, aye, and Greg Dougherty, aye.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on April 23, 2019 to hire Brandon Williams for the public works department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM DISPATCHER TARA SANDERS

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to accept the resignation from dispatcher Tara Sanders. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON 5-7-19 TO CREATE POOL FOR REMAINING SICK DAYS FOR EMPLOYEE USE

A phone vote was taken on May 7, 2019 to approve to create a pool for remaining sick days for employee use. The following votes were taken: Cheryl Altis, aye, Greg Dougherty, aye, Brian Anton, aye, and Jack Baker, aye.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on May 7, 2019 and approved to create a pool for remaining sick days for employee use.

APPROVE UPDATE TO EMPLOYEE HAND BOOK – ADD WORDING FOR CREATING SICK TIME POOL FOR EMPLOYEE USE

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to update the employee hand book with the sick leave pool approved above. The addition to the handbook attached. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – APRIL 22, 2019

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Jack Baker the minutes of the April 22, 2019 minutes 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 April 25, 2019 for \$15,256.17, May 2, 2019 for \$15,113.02, May 9, 2019 for \$165.763.12, and May 16, 2019 for \$17,955.32 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF APRIL 30, 2019

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty the financial statements as of April 30, 2019 were approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM APRIL 18, 2019 THRU MAY 16, 2019

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker the transfers from April 18, 2019 thru May 16, 2019 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD UPDATE – DISCUSS EVENT FOR JUNE 29, 2019 SHOALS BEND PARK

Greg Dougherty explained that the park board is planning a parking opening event at Shoals Bend Park on June 29, 2019. There will be free hotdogs, bounce houses, and games. Would like to have medals to give out for the winners of the games. Would like to request a budget for the event in the amount of \$500.00.

On a motion by Jack baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to allow the park board to have the park opening event on June 29, 2019 at Shoals Bend Park and approve a budget for the event in the amount of \$500.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MISC BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Police Chief Roger Ellis explained that the City has been contacted by the owner of the Arvest Bank building. They are in the process of making this building a medical marijuana dispensary. This building is across from a daycare. There is a regulation that such building has to be 1,000 feet from a daycare. The Board of Alderman has the right to waive this regulation.

This to be on the agenda for discussion at the June 17, 2019 meeting.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.