

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday June 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Eddie Coleman
Greg Dougherty
Jack Baker
Cheryl Altis
Larry Moehl

Roger Ellis, Nathan Bower, Craig Smith, Holly Smith, Bill McCullah, Travis Heier, Carolyn Donovan, Tim Donovan, Sherrie Veltkamp, Shelly Wyatt, Amanda Zellers, Bobby Zellers, Samantha Yianitsas, Daniel Meinsen, Larry Reynolds, Shirley Reynolds, Charyl Nida, Carl Soyland, Missi Hesketh, Kelli Dougherty, Justin Turney, Julie Ann Schanda, Issac Neeper, Kyden Snyder, Seth Ervin, Terry Leeper, Isabella, Craig Snyder, Willy Snyder, Chad Ervin, Tim Church, and Chris Robertson.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Daniel Meinsen followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Boy Scout Troop 546.

SOPHIA HESKETH – WOULD LIKE ADDRESS THE BOARD REGARDING FOWL

Mayor Eddie Coleman explained that chickens cause problems with their droppings and smell. Feels chickens do not belong in the City.

Missi Hesketh explained to the board that she has visited with about 50 people in town that would be in favor of allowing chickens in town. She explained the benefits of having chickens. The chickens eat ticks and other bugs in the yard and their droppings are a natural fertilizer, also the main benefit is the eggs they produce. Ms. Hesketh suggested there be a limit on the number of chickens allowed and required to be kept in pens.

Jack Baker explained that there is a report from the CDC stating that the salmonella outbreak has been linked to backyard poultry.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded Jack Baker it was agreed to not allow chickens in the city limits at this time and no change to the ordinance at this time. With the following votes taken: Cheryl Altis, aye, Larry Moehl, aye, Jack Baker, aye, and Greg Dougherty, nay.

HDR ENGINEERING – AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to accept and authorize the Mayor to sign the amendment to agreement for engineering services from HDR Engineering for the street resurfacing project. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS LICENSES FOR CONTRACTORS

Jack Baker explained that he has two problems with license for contractors. How is the licenses monitored and feel it is the responsibility of the home owner to pick a respectable person do the work they need done. Carl Soyland just thought might be something to look into to protect the city.

APPROVE IMPROVEMENTS FOR SHOALS BEND PARK – PARKING AND PAVILIONS

Jack Baker explained due to flooding at Shadowrock Park would like to transfer budgeted funds to be used at Shoals Bend Park for parking, playground, and pavilions.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to transfer the budgeted funds to be used at Shoals Bend Park for parking, playground, and pavilions. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

T-MOBILE SECOND AMENDMENT TO WATER TOWER LEASE

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to accept the second amendment to water tower lease from T- Mobile. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM AGREEMENT

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to accept the School Resource Officer Program Agreement with the Forsyth School for the school resources officer. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT VERBAL RESIGNATION FROM OFFICER MARK SHINN

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to accept the verbal resignation from Officer Mark Shinn. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS/SALARY

Police Chief Roger Ellis read to the board a certificate presented to Officer Bobby Sanderson on his achievements in the police department. Chief Ellis would like to promote Officer Sanderson to Patrol Sergeant/Patrol Supervisor with a \$1.00 an hour wage increase.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Alits it was approved to promote Officer Bobby Sanderson to Patrol Sergeant/Patrol Supervisor with a \$1.00 an hour wage increase. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON 5-28-19 TO HIRE DISPATCHER LOGAN WINKERT

A phone vote was taken on May 28, 2019 to hire Logan Winkert as a dispatcher with the following votes taken: Cheryl Altis, aye, Jack Baker, aye, Larry Moehl, aye, and Greg Dougherty, aye.

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on May 28, 2019 and to hire Logan Winkert as dispatcher. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON 6-13-19 TO HIRE OFFICER SHAWN PREDMORE

A phone vote was taken on June 13, 2019 to hire Shawn Predmore as a police officer with the following votes taken: Jack Baker, aye, Cheryl Altis, aye, Greg Dougherty, aye, Larry Moehl, aye.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on June 13, 2019 to hire Shawn Predmore as an officer for the Forsyth Police Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MEDICAL MARIJUANA – DISCUSS WAIVE THE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS

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. Chief Ellis has measured the distance to be 309 feet. The Board of Aldermen can waive this regulation if they wish. Chief Ellis just wanted to inform the board that this is an option if the board would like to waive the regulation.

INSURANCE RENEWALS – WORK COMP, AUTO, PROPERTY, AND LIABILITY

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to accept the insurance renewals from the current insurance company with an \$800.00 increase. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM FIREMAN RICHARD PETERS

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

DISCUSS TO ACCEPT OR DECLINE ASSISTANCE FROM SEMA FOR PARK FLOODING

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained to the board that need to let SEMA know if the City wants to apply for assistance from the flooding. The City can withdrawal at a later date if needed.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to apply for assistance with SEMA for flooding in Shadowrock Park. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – MAY 20, 2019

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl the minutes of the May 20, 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 May 24, 2019 for \$2,869.60, May 31, 2019 for \$3,122.73, June 6, 2019 for \$64,210.36 and June 13, 2019 for \$5,718.26 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF MAY 31, 2019

Finance Officer Angela Leist explained that will have a draft budget to discuss at the July meeting, and one change to the budget will be a line item for board bills from the Taney County Jail.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty the financial statements as of May 31, 2019 were approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM MAY 23, 2019 THRU JUNE 13, 2019

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Cheryl Altis the transfers from May 23, 2019 thru June 13, 2019 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD UPDATE/DISCUSS NEW MEMBERS

Greg Dougherty explained that the Park Board will be participating in the National Day of Caring on June 20, 2019. Will be working on the nature trail behind the Boys and Girls Club. Also the Park Board will be hosting A Day at the Park the event will be held at Shoals Bend Park. There will be games, hotdogs, soda, and water. This is a free event to the public. The event will be held on June 29, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.