

The City of Forsyth met in regular session on Monday July 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Eddie Coleman
Greg Dougherty
Jack Baker
Cheryl Altis
Larry Moehl

Craig Smith, Holly Smith, Cheyenne Beasley, Angela Leist, Bill McCullah, Larry Reynolds, Shirley Reynolds, Missi Hesketh, Julie Ann Schanda, Summer Hankins, Baylee Henderson, Neeka Campbell, Sophia Hesketh, Paige Pettit Hannah Blair, Amanda Zellers, Bobby Zellers, Linda Worster, Amy Blair, Melinda Rogers, Carolyn Donovan, Tim Donovan, Melissa Gilmore, Tammy Pollard, Jo Sanchez, Larry Blair, Nikki Combs, Roger Ellis, Alan Pennington, Lewis Campfield, Donna Blair, Ben Baldrige, David Clark, Raelien Clark, Brady Rogers, Brock Rogers, Kate Turner, Jessica Pyatt, Chris Robertson, Joseph Chip Sheppard, Tim Church, Becky Smith, Pat Shay, Shanna Tilley, Tiffany Yarnell, Lisa Lux, Dusty Goforth, Bobby Sanderson, Joseph Giddens, Ginny Anderson, and Scott Novak.

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

MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISCUSSION/DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS – DONNA BLAIR – BUSY BEAR DAYCARE/JOSEPH CHIP SHEPPARD – REPRESENTATIVE FOR OWNER OF FORMER ARVEST BANK BUILDING

Joseph Chip Sheppard explained the process for getting a license for a medical marijuana dispensary and that no facility can be within one thousand feet of any school, daycare, or church. The City may lower the distance requirements.

There will be security at each dispensary and the City may set the hours of operation. A medical card will be required to purchase the medical marijuana from the dispensary and can only be consumed at home.

Donna Blair with Busy Bear Daycare and many other concerned parents and citizens voiced their concerns about the dispensary being located close to the daycare. Main concern is safety of the kids that attend the daycare. The daycare is a state licensed daycare and is less than one thousand feet from the proposed medical marijuana dispensary site.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was agreed that the Board of Alderman will not lower the distance requirements for the medical marijuana dispensary. The distance requirement of one thousand feet from a school, daycare, or church stands in the City of Forsyth. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PETITION FOR CHICKENS – MISSI HESKETH

Missi Hesketh explained that she had submitted an initiative petition to City Hall that would allow chickens. City Attorney Bill McCullah explained that other than for annexations of territory, there is no provisions for an initiative petition that applies to the City.

DENTAL INSURANCE RENEWAL

Finance Officer Angela Leist explained that received quotes from Principal Life and Anthem for dental/life insurance. Principal is our current provider with a monthly cost of \$43.57, and Anthem with a monthly cost of \$31.52. Both have the same coverage. If the city changes to Anthem will be a savings of \$1,800 a year.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to change the dental insurance coverage to Anthem for a monthly cost \$31.52. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON JULY 9, 2019 TO HIRE JOSEPH GIDDENS AS A POLICE OFFICER

A phone vote was taken on July 9, 2019 to hire Joseph Giddens as a police officer with the following votes taken, Cheryl Altis, aye, Larry Moehl, aye, Jack Baker, aye, and Greg Dougherty, aye.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on July 9, 2019 and hire Joseph Giddens as a police officer for the City of Forsyth. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DRAFT BUDGET DISCUSSION

Finance Officer Angela Leist explained that the draft budget is slightly higher than last year on expenditures. The draft budget includes the purchase of two patrol vehicles, a wage increase for employees, overtime for the police department, and lump sum payment for long term pension plan contributions.

Will have final budget for approval at the August 19, 2019 meeting.

INSURANCE CLAIM – 2 WELLS LIGHTNING STRIKE

Chris Robertson informed the board that the well by the school and the well on Skyline Hill both were hit by lightning. Claims have been turned into the insurance company and repairs have been made to both wells.

MINUTES – JUNE 17, 2019

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis the minutes of the June 17, 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 June 20, 2019 for \$5,527.41, June 27, 2019 for \$81,995.89, July 3, 2019 for \$84,727.97 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2019

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

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM JUNE 20, 2019 THRU JULY 11, 2019

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty the transfers from June 20, 2019 thru July 11, 2019 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD UPDATE

Greg Dougherty thanked everyone that helped with the Saturday at the park event. Will be working on the parking lot and pavilion soon.

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.