

The City of Forsyth met in regular session on Monday September 16, 2019 with the following present:

Mayor Eddie Coleman
Greg Dougherty
Jack Baker
Larry Moehl
Cheryl Altis, absent

Todd Goffey, Dennis Sulgrove, Tim Church, Garrett Coulson, Travis Heier, Craig Smith, Holly Smith, Nathan Bower, Roger Ellis, Chris Robertson, Cheyenne Beasley, Angela Leist, Charlie Nida, Julie Ann Schanda, Samantha Yianitsas, Rebecca Argilagos, Christiana Argilagos, David Holvick, Ashley Welter, Colby Combs, Lynn Conboy Carin Combs ,and Bobby Sanderson.

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

City Supervisor Chris Robertson apologized to the citizens on the misunderstanding on the road project. There was a miscalculation made on the cost of the project and the bond will not cover the bids on all of the roads. The City is doing the best they can to address this issue. The roads in the Shoals Bend area and North and South Hickory area will not be done under this bond issue. Will address each street that did not get done as finances are available.

The citizens are concerned about the downtown streets along Main Street. Would like to see sidewalks in this area. They feel there maybe water run off issues if the street and sidewalk are at the same level. Chris Robertson to look into this issue for possible solutions to this problem. Business owners would like to see curbing to keep cars off the sidewalks.

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NUMBER 522 – AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ISSUE A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SALES TAX REFUNDING AND IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BOND SERIES 2019 IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,230,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING STREET IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY AND REFUNDING AN OUTSTANDING ISSUE OF THE CITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SALES TAX REVENUE BONDS

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl bill number 522 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 Greg Dougherty and seconded by Jack Baker with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty bill number 522 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 Larry Moehl and adopted as Ordinance number 522 with a roll vote of Jack Baker, aye, Larry Moehl, aye, Greg Dougherty, aye and Cheryl Altis, absent.

AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN – CONTRACTS, NOTICE TO PROCEED, AND CHANGE ORDER WITH JOURNAGAN FOR ROAD PROJECT

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to accept the contract, change order, and notice to proceed and approve the Mayor to sign these documents. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BOND PAYMENT FOR \$1,187.50

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to pay the capital improvements bond payment in the amount of \$1,187.50. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS BUILDING AT 16199 US HWY 160

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that have received several complaints on this property. Have discussed this property in the past and have sent the owner a letter concerning the issues with the property. There has been no response from the owner. Nathan Bower to meet with Attorney Bill McCullah about this issue and to discuss at the next meeting in October.

FIRE STATION 2 SIGN DAMAGE UPDATE

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that an accident occurred involving a motorcycle at Fire Station 2. The sign was damaged and he is in contact with the owner of the motorcycle insurance company.

STORM READY COMMUNITY APPLICATION RENEWAL

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that he is in the process of application renewal for storm ready community. This program gives the City guidelines for outdoor siren awareness and information on how to be storm ready.

APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR USDA GRANT FOR TWO PATROL CARS

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved for Police Chief Roger Ellis to apply for the USDA grant for two patrol cars. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON 8/27/19 TO APPROVE CONTRACT WITH SPRINGFIELD STRIPING & SEALING FOR DOWNTOWN STREET IMPROVEMENTS FOR \$32,544.50

Received two bids for sealing and striping downtown. Springfield Striping & Sealing for \$32,544.50 and Advanced Sealing & Striping for \$35,630.80.

A phone vote was taken on August 28, 2019 to approve the bid from Springfield Striping & Sealing for downtown in the amount of \$32,544.50. With the following votes taken: Cheryl Altis, aye, Jack Baker, aye, Greg Dougherty, aye, and Larry Moehl, aye.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was agreed to reaffirm the phone vote taken on August 28, 2019 to accept the contract with Springfield Striping & Sealing for \$32,544.50. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SEWER SALES TAX REQUEST

Chris Robertson informed the board about the project submitted for sewer sales tax funds. The project includes replacing the aeration rotor at the waste water treatment plant. The estimated cost is \$126,000.00.

APPROVE BIDS FOR STUCCO REPAIR AND PAINT TO CITY HALL BUILDING

Received two bids for stucco repair to City Hall building. American painting for \$6,225.00 and T&M painting for \$7,330.00.

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to accept the bid from American painting for \$6,225.00 for stucco work to the City Hall building. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – AUGUST 19, 2019

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl the minutes of the August 19, 2019 meeting were approved as written. Motion carried with all member present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl the bills for August 22, 2019 for \$15,566.46, August 29, 2019 for \$29,181.86, September 5, 2019 for \$35,109.72, and September 12, 2019 for \$13,473.38 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2019

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

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM AUGUST 22, 2019 THRU SEPTEMBER 12, 2019

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl the transfers from August 22, 2019 thru September 12, 2019 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

EEZ BOARD – APPROVE TO REAPPOINT SEAN CALHOUN AND APPOINT RYAN SANDERS

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to reappoint Sean Calhoun to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone and appoint Ryan Sanders to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD UPDATE

Greg Dougherty explained the playground equipment at Shoals Bend Park will be installed in October. Fall softball has started at the Shoals Bend field. Hope everyone can enjoy the two new pavilions at Shoals Bend Park. Also, have a new entrance to Shoals Bend Park off of Birmingham Road and new parking area.

Chris Robertson informed the board the cleanup has started in Shadowrock Park. The playground side, boat ramp, and bathrooms are all open. Will be working on the campground side of the park in the next several weeks.

Chris Robertson thanked everyone that has helped with the park clean up. Empire Electric has been a big help, and also the City Public Works crew has been working very hard on both parks so everyone can enjoy and have fun.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m. and it was agreed to go into closed session under authority of section 610.021.3 Personnel with a roll call vote of Jack Baker, aye, Larry Moehl, aye, Greg Dougherty, aye, and Cheryl Altis, absent.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to promote Chris Robertson to City Administrator and he is to supervise all employee with a roll call vote of Jack Baker, aye, Greg Dougherty, aye, Larry Moehl, aye and Cheryl Altis, absent.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was agreed to return to open session at 7:40 p.m. with a roll call vote of Larry Moehl, aye, Jack Baker, aye, Greg Dougherty, aye, and Cheryl Altis, absent.

The announcement was made in open session that it was approved to promote Chris Robertson to City Administrator and he is to supervise all employees.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.