

The city of Forsyth met in regular session on Monday October 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

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

Paige Pettit, Megan Esiline, Cheyenne Beasley, Angela Leist, Nathan Bower, Chris Robertson, Roger Ellis, Tom Treat, Kelly Dougherty, Lynn Conboy, Travis Heier, Johnny Staufer, Craig Smith, Holly Smith, Tim Church, Bill McCullah, Dusty Goforth, Alan Carpenter, Dennis Sulgrove, Marcus Davajon, Christians Argilagos, and Charyl Nida.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Marcus Davajon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

MANSFIELD HOME STORE – MR. ROBERTS

President of the Board Cheryl Altis announced that Mr. Roberts was unable to attend the meeting.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON 9-15-19 TO HIRE OFFICER ALAN CARPENTER

Chief Roger Ellis introduced Officer Alan Carpenter to the Board of Alderman.

A phone vote was taken on September 15, 2019 to hire Alan Carpenter as a police officer 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 Larry Moehl it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on September 15, 2019 and to hire Alan Carpenter as a Police Officer for the Forsyth Police Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

TREAT ARCHITECTS – EASEMENT REQUEST

Thomas Treat with Treat Architects explained that will be building an ambulance barn for Taney County Ambulance at 17463 US Highway 160. Will be building a retaining wall on the Jefferson side of the property. Would like to request a variance of a five foot setback for the building.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to grant the variance for a five foot setback for the building of the ambulance barn located at 17463 US Highway 160. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT GRANT RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to accept the grant from the Department of Conservation that covers up to \$500.00 and is a 50/50 match grant. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained they will be holding an open house on October 26, 2019 at the fire station to educate the public and give out information on wildfire community preparedness.

BIDS FOR SIGN REPAIR – FIRE STATION 2

Fire Chief Nathan Bower received three bids for the replacement of the sign at fire station 2 that was damaged in a motorcycle accident. Native Signs for \$7,360.00, Signs Now for \$10,174.43, and Stewart Signs for \$17,176.00.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to accept the bid from Native Signs for \$7,360.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The accepted bid will be given the city's insurance company for them to work with the insurance company of the person that damaged the sign.

Also received a bid from Jim Lawrence Electric for the electrical work to the sign for \$300.00.

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to accept the bid from Jim Lawrence Electric in the amount of \$300.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CHANGE ORDER – JOURNAGAN CONSTRUCTION

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty the change order from Journagan Construction was approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

TWO PAY REQUEST – JOURNAGAN CONSTRUCTION

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to pay the two pay request from Journagan Construction for work on the street project for work completed in September 2019 and work completed October 1, 2019 thru October 14, 2019. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FORSYTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – PERMISSION TO CLOSE ROADS FOR EVENTS

Lynn Conboy with the Chamber of Commerce explained that would like to have permission from the board to close a small section of Main Street on October 26, 2019 for a movie on Main Street. Will be using cars to block the area where the movie will be held. The road will be closed from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Would also like to close Main Street for the Christmas parade from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on December 14, 2019.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to allow the Chamber to close Main Street for the movie event and the Christmas Parade. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The Boys and Girls Club will be sponsoring a zombie crawl on Saturday, October 26, 2019. If you buy an armband you can go to Frosted Mug, Elks Lodge, and Oaxaca Mexican Restaurant and get a free drink. This is a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club. People will be crossing Highway 160 to get from the Frosted Mug to Oaxaca Mexican Restaurant. The board felt crossing Highway 160 at night is very dangerous, and they will not support this event.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was agreed that the City of Forsyth will not support this event in anyway. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Chamber of Commerce would also like to use the bounce houses for the Christmas Parade the board to look into this and get back in touch with the Chamber on this issue.

APPROVE HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL FOR 2020 – 6.4% INCREASE

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to accept the health insurance renewal for 2020. Motion carried with all member present voting aye.

DISCUSS PROPERTY AT HWY 76 AND CORNERSTONE

Chris Robertson has been in contact with the owner of the small piece of land at the corner of Highway 76 and Cornerstone. The owner has a bank loan on this property and the bank would release and sell the property for \$6,500.00. Chris to visit with the owner and find out if bank will finance the property on for two years with two payments and no interest. Chris to bring information back to the board.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to purchase the land at the corner of Highway 76 and Cornerstone for \$6,500.00 if the bank will finance the property for two years with two payments and no interest. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

WELL REPAIR – WELL BY SCHOOL

Chris Robertson explained that the well by the school needed some repairs. The well needed a pump and piping. The repair cost is \$29,000.00. On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to pay for the well repairs in the amount of \$29,000.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS FROM DUSTY GOFORTH, JOSEPH GIDDENS, AND LOGAN WINKERT

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to accept the resignations from Dusty Goforth, Joseph Giddens, and Logan Winkert. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKE ON 10-3-19 TO HIRE DISPATCHER SAM SLOCUM

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to reaffirm the phone vote taken on October 3, 2019 and approve to hire Sam Slocum for the dispatcher position. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

POLICE HOLIDAY DISCUSSION

Discussed the police holiday policy. The board felt that Chris Robertson, Roger Ellis, and Bill McCullah need to work together on this policy and present to the board at a later date.

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl the minutes of the September 16, 2019 meeting was approved as written. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl the bills for September 19, 2019 for \$42,075.82, September 26, 2019 for \$25,337.07, October 3, 2019 for \$74,739.04, October 10, 2019 for \$28,013.65, and October 17, 2019 for \$5,718.94 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

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

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FORM SEPTEMBER 19, 2019 THRU OCTOBER 17, 2019

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl the transfers form September 19, 2019 thru October 17, 2019 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD UPDATE

Greg Dougherty explained that the company will be here this week to start putting together the playground equipment at Shoals Bend Park. A second exit/entrance is also open for use at Shoals Bend Park.

MISC BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Dennis Sulgrove is concerned about the parking downtown. He feels there will not be enough parking when the license bureau moves its office to Main Street. Would like to form a parking committee to discuss this issue.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to go into closed session under authority of Section 610.021.3 Personnel at 7:15 p.m. with a roll vote of Jack Baker, aye, Cheryl Altis, aye, Larry Moehl, aye, and Greg Dougherty, aye

CLOSED SESSION

Discussed personnel. No decisions made.

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl it was agreed to return open session at 7:34 with a roll call vote of Larry Moehl, aye, Cheryl Altis, aye, Jack Baker, aye, and Greg Dougherty, aye.

The announcement was made in open session that discussed personnel and no decisions made.

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.