

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday March 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Kelly Dougherty  
Larry Moehl  
Cheryl Altis  
Jack Baker  
Greg Dougherty

Brenden Dougherty, Alan Forrest, Holly Smith, Craig Smith, Sherrie Veltkamp, Bill McCullah, Cheyenne Beasley, Angela Leist, Tim Church, Steve Huggins, David Forrest, Becky Forrest, Pat Shay, Becky Shay, Lisa Marshall, Nathan Bower, Chris Robertson, Loryn Edmonds, Lynn Eischens, Jake Eischens, and Christiana Argilagos.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Chris Robertson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment from those present.

#### PROMOTE DAVID FORREST TO POLICE CHIEF AND INCREASE WAGE BY \$4.00 AN HOUR

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to promote David Forrest to Police Chief. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to increase Police Chief David Forrest wage by \$4.00 an hour. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### APPOINT STEVE HUGGINS AS ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF – SALARY UNCHANGED

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to appoint Steve Huggins as Assistant Police Chief with salary unchanged. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### CORONA VIRUS DISCUSSION – HEALTH DEPARTMENT, MAYOR, FIRE CHIEF NATHAN BOWER

Mayor Kelly Dougherty explained that the City is doing all it can to sanitize the building and Lisa Marshall with the Taney County Health Department is here to give an update on the corona virus.

Lisa Marshall with the Taney County Health Department explained that there are no cases of the corona virus in Taney County at this time. The Health Department has a task force working on updating and informing the public on the virus to prevent and slow the virus. They will be getting information out to the public and mainly high risk groups. They will be following CDC guidelines. Testing is available if the person meets certain criteria.

Fire Chief Nathan Bower also addressed those present that his department is working with the Health Department and updating the public when information is available and he is available if anyone has any questions.

#### SECOND AND FINAL READING OF BILL NUMBER 523 – WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Jack Baker bill number 523 was placed on its second and final reading. Motion carried with all member present voting aye.

The Mayor read bill number 523 to those present.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Larry Moehl bill number 523 was approved and adopted as Ordinance number 523 with a roll call of Cheryl Altis, aye, Greg Dougherty, aye, Jack Baker, aye, and Larry Moehl, aye.

#### INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH TANEY COUNTY – WWTF OXIDATION ROTOR REPLACEMENT PROJECT

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to accept the Inter-Governmental Agreement with Taney County for the WWTF Oxidation rotor replacement project. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### DISCUSS JMUC AGREEMENT FOR BIO-SOLIDS

City Administrator Chris Robertson explained that the bio-solids organization is going to become a Joint Municipal Utility Corporation. The lawyers are working on an agreement and we hope to have it for the May board meeting.

#### FIRE FIGHTER APPROVAL – LYNN EISCHENS AND LORYN EDMONDS

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to accept Lynn Eischens and a support member for the fire department and Loryn Edmonds and a fire fighter for the department. Motion carried with all member present voting aye.

#### ACCEPT FEMA FUNDS AND AUTHORIZE FIRE CHIEF NATHAN BOWER TO SIGN DOCUMENTS

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that have the City received the funds from FEMA for the last flooding of Shadowrock Park. The funds were for the cleanup of the park.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to accept the funds from FEMA and authorize Fire Chief Nathan Bower to sign the necessary documents. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 524 – AUTHORIZE COLLECTION OF COURT AUTOMATION FEES

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Jack Baker bill number 524 was placed on its first reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye. Second reading at the board meeting in April.

#### OMNIGO SOFTWARE QUOTE FOR PA PORTAL – SHOW ME COURTS REQUIRED

Received a quote from Omnigo Software for the PA portal interface in the amount of \$1,004.93. This is the current company the police department uses for their records management.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to accept the bid from Omnigo Software for the PA portal interface in the amount of \$1,004.93. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### AUTHORIZE TO OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT FOR SHOW ME COURTS – EXCEPTION TO CITY POLICY

Finance Officer Angela Leist explained that need to open a bank account for the courts which is required for Show Me Courts, and it is City policy to have Mayor, City Clerk, and finance officer on the account. The account that needs to be opened can only have the judge and the Court Clerk on the account.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to open a bank account for the Show Me Courts and make an exception to the city policy for bank accounts. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### DISCUSS APPROVE TO MOVE MUNICIPAL COURT TO TANEY COUNTY COURT

Court Clerk Angela Leist explained that several changes to the City Hall building would have to be made to keep having court at City Hall, and changes made to the staff. At this time Rockaway Beach and Merriam Woods have their courts at Taney County Court. Angela to visit with both and bring more information to the board.

#### REAFFIRM PHONE VOTE TAKEN ON FEBRUARY 13, 2020 TO ORDER 5 BULLET PROOF VEST

A phone vote was taken on February 13, 2020 to order 5 bullet proof vests with the following votes taken: Jack Baker, aye, Cheryl Altis, 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 February 13, 2020 and to order 5 bullet proof vest for the police officers. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### APPROVE PAYMENT OF INVOICE FOR 6 BULLET PROOF VEST - \$5,744.00

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to pay the invoice from 911 Custom for 6 bullet proof in the amount of \$5,744.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye

#### APPROVE UPGRADES OF EXISTING COMPUTERS, PURCHASE 3 DESKTOPS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND PURCHASE 2 LAPTOPS FOR SMC FOR JUDGE AND PROSECUTOR FROM CELIPSO CONSULTING

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to upgrade existing computers, purchase 3 desktops for police department, and purchase 2 laptops for Show Me

Courts for the Judge and Prosecutor from Celipso Consulting in the amount of approximately \$7,000.00 plus labor. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### PURCHASE OF BODY CAMS AND IN CAR DASH CAMS - \$24,339.00 PLUS INSTALLATION

Only received one bid for the body cams and in car dash cams. Recieved bid from Digital-Ally in the amount of \$24,339.00. The board felt need to have another bid on these items. Police Chief to have a second bid to present at the next board meeting in April.

#### REPLACEMENT OF IN-CAR COMPUTERS – APPROXIMATE COST \$9,000.00

Received one bid from SHI International Corp. for replacement of laptops for the patrol cars. The bid was in the amount \$7,540.68 plus assorted accessories for installation. These are the same type of tablets the Taney County Sherriff's office is using. The tablets will have a mapping system that will be able to give the location of the officer. The bid from SHI International is lower than the current equipment the police department is using, which are the Toughbook laptops.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to accept the bid from SHI International Corp. and purchase the computers for the patrol cars in the amount of \$7,540.68 plus assorted parts and items for installation. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

City Administrator Chris Robertson explained that will finish the road overlay project when the weather allows. The Ozark Water Watch will be having a shore line clean up along Bull Shoals Lake on June 27, 2020. They are looking for volunteers for this project. He would also like to thank the public works crew. They do a great job taking care of the town and cleaning up Shadowrock Park.

#### MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 6, 2020 AND MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 2020

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Jack Baker the minutes of the special meeting held on February 6, 2020 and the minutes meeting held on February 10, 2020 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 February 13, 2020 for \$72,419.57, February 20, 2020 for \$16,327.76, February 27, 2020 for \$17,424.49, March 5, 2020 for \$49,333.45 and March 12, 2020 for \$4,539.48 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ENDING JANUARY 31, 2020 AND FEBRUARY 29, 2020

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl the financial statements ending January 31, 2020 and the financial statements ending February 29, 2020 were approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

## APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2020 THRU MARCH 12, 2020

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty the transfers from February 13, 2020 thru March 12, 2020 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

## PARK BOARD UPDATE

Greg Dougherty explained that He would like to thank the public works crew for their work at Shoals Bend Park. They put up a chain link fence around the playground area. Softball will start in April signup sheets available at City Hall or on the city website. Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for April 4, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Chris Robertson explained that will be replacing the merry go rounds in Shadowrock Park.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.