

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday April 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Kelly Dougherty
Larry Moehl
Cheryl Altis
Jack Baker
Greg Dougherty

Craig Smith, Holly Smith, Cheyenne Beasley, Dan Anstead, Tim Church, Angela Leist, David Forrest, Steve Huggins, Bill McCullah, Becky Shay, Chris Robertson, Nathan Bower, and Sherrie Veltkamp.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from those present.

APPROVAL OF HIRING POLICE OFFICER ADAM HALE ON APRIL 3, 2020 FOR \$13.00 AN HOUR

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to hire Adam Hale as a police officer for a wage of \$13.00 an hour. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF BILL NUMBER 524 – MUNICIPAL COURT COST

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis bill number 524 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 Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty and adopted as Ordinance number 524 with a roll vote of Cheryl Altis, aye, Greg Dougherty, aye, Larry Moehl, aye, and Jack Baker, aye.

BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY – STORM SIREN MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that he received an e-mail from Blue Valley stating that the city's contract runs April 1, 2019 thru March 31, 2020. They have not had anytime in that time frame to perform the maintenance. Due to the COVID-19 situation they have not been able to travel. They are offering the Annual Siren Maintenance Contract for April 1, 2020 thru March 31, 2022 at no charge to the City.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to accept the maintenance contract from Blue Valley Public Safety for no charge for April 1, 2020 thru March 31, 2022. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM HUNTER MCCONNELL

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to accept the verbal resignation from the Forsyth Fire Department from Hunter McConnell. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE CHANGES TO FIRE DEPARTMENT POLICIES: HELMET WORN CAMERAS, INFECTIOUS DISEASE CONTROL, AND RESPIRATORY PROTECTION

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to accept the changes to the following fire department policies: helmet worn cameras, infectious disease control, and respiratory protection. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE LOT SPLIT – FELKINS AVENUE – BARBARA PRENGER

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to accept the lot split on Felkins Avenue as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH TITLE SEARCH ON HWY 160 OVERLOOK PROPERTY AND APPROVE TITLE COMPANY TO HANDLE TITLE SEARCH

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to proceed with the title search on the overlook property on Highway 160 and to use Continental Title for the title work. Attorney Bill McCullah suggested having a preliminary title commitment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE 2 PAY REQUESTS FROM JOURNAGAN CONSTRUCTION – STREET PROJECT – PAY REQUEST #6 FOR \$239,545.40 AND PAY REQUEST #7 FOR \$101,464.13 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$341,009.53

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to pay the two pay requests from Journagan Construction for the street project in the amount of \$341,009.53. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR JOURNAGAN CONSTRUCTION AND APPROVE CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION – STREET PROJECT

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was agreed to approve the change order and the certificate of completion from Journagan Construction for the street project. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl the budget adjustment was approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

VACANCY ON THE EEZ BOARD

Finance Officer Angela Leist explained that there is a vacant seat on the EEZ Board if anyone knows someone that may be interested in serving on the board. On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was agreed to table this until the next meeting in May.

REAPPOINT DAVE ALTIS TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPOINT DANNY WYATT TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to reappoint Dave Altis to the board of adjustments and appoint Danny Wyatt to the board of adjustments. Motion carried with the following votes taken: Jack Baker, aye, Greg Dougherty, aye, Larry Moehl, aye, and Cheryl Altis, abstain.

MINUTES – MARCH 16, 2020, MARCH 26, 2020, AND MARCH 28, 2020

On motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl the minutes of the March 16, 2020 meeting, March 26, 2020 meeting, and the March 28, 2020 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 March 19, 2020 for \$19,239.31, March 26, 2020 for \$146,107.01, April 2, 2020 for \$8,991.30, April 9, 2020 for \$50,530.49, and April 16, 2020 for \$13,788.29 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF MARCH 31, 2020

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl the financial statements ending March 31, 2020 were approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM MARCH 19, 2020 THRU APRIL 16, 2020

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty the transfers from March 19, 2020 thru April 16, 2020 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MISC BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Mayor Kelly Dougherty presented an appreciation certificate to City Administrator Chris Robertson for his 15 years of service to the City of Forsyth.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to go into closed session on authority of Section 610.021.(3) Personnel at 6:26 p.m. With a roll call vote of Cheryl Altis, aye, Greg Dougherty, aye, Jack Baker, aye, Larry Moehl, aye.

CLOSED SESSION

Discussed personnel issues.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to ask Officer Garrett Coulson for his resignation if not given will be terminated from employment.

With a roll call vote of Jack Baker, aye, Larry Moehl, aye, Greg Dougherty, aye, and Cheryl Altis, aye.

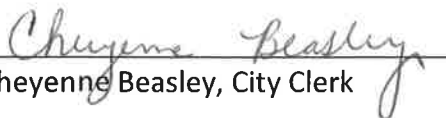
On motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker it was agreed to return to open session at 6:56 p.m. with a roll call vote of Jack Baker, aye, Cheryl Altis, aye, Larry Moehl, aye, and Greg Dougherty, aye.

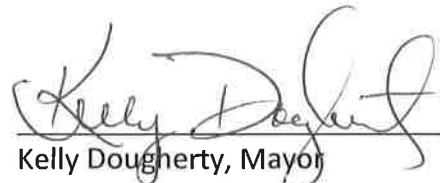
Alderman Greg Dougherty, City Clerk Cheyenne Beasley, and City Administrator Chris Robertson left the meeting after the closed session.

The board discussed personnel issues with Officer Coulson.

Officer Garret Coulson presented a letter of resignation to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Larry Moehl the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.


Cheyenne Beasley, City Clerk


Kelly Dougherty, Mayor