

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday September 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Kelly Dougherty
Larry Moehl
Greg Dougherty
Jack Baker
Cheryl Altis, absent

Cheyenne Beasley, Melissa Hannah, Angela Leist, Nathan Bower, David Forrest, Alan Carpenter, Bill McCullah, Craig Smith, Holly Smith, Chris Robertson, Marie Carmichael, Joe Carmichael, Sierra Laughter, Joe Laughter, Casey Gideon, Eric Anderson, Tim Church, and Scott Novak.

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

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 9-16-2020 – RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT AND A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT BY AFFORDABLE HOMES DEVELOPMENT

Joe and Marie Carmichael with Affordable Homes Development explained that they developed the Woodlands housing project located by Casey's several years ago and this will be the same type of project. They have purchased part of the Owen property on highway 160 for the project.

A resolution of support and a letter of support from the City of Forsyth is needed to get the project started. Will be at the meeting in October with a replat of the property for approval.

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to accept Resolution 9-16-2020 – Resolution of support and a letter of support for the project. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

LARRY COOK – FACE COVERING CONCERNS

Mr. Cook was unable to attend the meeting.

TANEY COUNTY FAIR BOARD – DERBY APPROVAL

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to allow the Taney County Fair Board to have the demolition derby on October 10, 2020. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM POLICE OFFICER SHAWN PREDMORE

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to accept the resignation from Police Officer Shawn Predmore. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL TO HIRE POLICE OFFICER

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to hire Joseph Laughter as a police officer for the Forsyth Police Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS SHOALS BEND HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION POLICY

Jack Baker explained that the Shoals Bend Home Owners Association has covenants that have been in effect before the area was annexed into the city limits of Forsyth. The covenants state that horses are permitted on a lot or tract, but in no event shall no more than two horses be permitted on any lot or tract. Please see covenants attached.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to grandfather the Home Owner Association horse policy, until the next meeting in October when an ordinance will be presented for approval. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

POLICE BODY CAMERA DISCUSSION

Police Chief David Forrest presented the board with three bids for body cameras. The board felt should look at grants and all other resources before purchasing the body cameras.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to table this discussion until a later date. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

RESOLUTION 9-21-20 – SOLID WASTE REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT

On a motion by Greg and seconded by Larry it was approved to accept Resolution 9-21-20 appointing city representatives to the Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District N Council. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TANEY COUNTY RESPONSE PLAN TO ACTIVE SHOOTER POLICY – POLICE AND FIRE

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to adopt the Taney County Response Plan for Active Shooter Policy as a department policy for the police and fire departments. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL TO APPLY FOR MO CONSERVATION GRANT

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that would like to have approval to apply for a MO Conservation grant. Radios will be purchased with the grant. Grant funding will be awarded for 50% of approved purchases with a maximum reimbursement of \$4,000.00.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved for Fire Chief Nathan Bower to apply for the MO Conservation grant. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – AUGUST 17, 2020 AND SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty the of the minutes of the August 17, 2020 meeting and minutes of the September 3, 2020 meeting were approved as written. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Jack Baker the bills for August 27, 2020 for \$1,458.50, September 3, 2020 for \$38,992.20, September 10, 2020 for \$22,385.06, and September 17, 2020 for \$3,042.82 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2020

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

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM AUGUST 20, 2020 THRU SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl the transfers from August 20, 2020 thru September 17, 2020 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MISC BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Chris Robertson explained that the agreement with MoDot has been signed for the round about project. Also, public works has been working on getting the playground side of the park cleaned up and will be open soon.

On a motion by Larry Moehl and seconded by Greg Dougherty the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.