

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on March 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Kelly Dougherty
Greg Dougherty
Jack Baker
Cheryl Altis
Larry Moehl

Cheyenne Beasley, Angela Leist, Nathan Bower, Bill McCullah, AJ Meakins, Chris Snyder, Craig Smith, Holly Smith, Darrin Anstead, Steve Huggins, Dennis Winzenried, Ryan Sanders, Cory Ross, JB Henderson, Roxanne Amundsen, Lonnie Smith, Melanie Smith, Cammie Cook, Ella Cook, Scott Novak, Chris Robertson, and Darin Carter.

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

BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMENT OF STATE AUDIT

Mayor Kelly Dougherty read the written response to the state audit.

ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT – KPM CPA’S

The Board of Aldermen moved this item to the end of the agenda.

PROCLAMATION – KCNQ2 AWARENESS WEEK

Mayor Kelly Dougherty read the proclamation for KNQ2 Awareness Week. Proclaiming March 1st thru March 7th as KCNQ2 Awareness Week. The City of Forsyth supports the efforts of the KCNQ2 Cure Alliance. The proclamation was presented to Ella Cook and her family.

DISCUSS MASK ORDINANCE

The Mayor explained that the cases for Covid -19 are at 1.50 percent. Wearing the mask should be left up to the individual and each business.

BILL NUMBER 535 – REPEALING FACE COVERING ORDINANCE

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty Bill Number 535 was placed on its first reading. The Mayor read the complete bill to those present. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The reading was approved on a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Greg Dougherty Bill Number 535 was placed on its second and final reading. The Mayor read the complete bill to those present. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The reading was approved by a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker and adopted as Ordinance 535 with a roll call vote Jack Baker, aye, Cheryl Altis, aye, Greg Dougherty, and Larry Moehl, aye.

The staff at City Hall may wear masks if they prefer, but it is not required.

REPUBLIC SERVICES – TRASH CONTRACT RENEWAL – CHRIS SNYDER

Chris Snyder with Republic Services explained that last year there was no increase in the trash rate. Would like a 5 percent increase this year. The board approved Chris Snyder to negotiate an increase with City Administrator Chris Robertson not over 5 percent. Bring back to the board for approval at a later meeting.

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NUMBER 533 – RECREATIONAL VEHICLE REGULATIONS

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Jack Baker bill number 533 was placed on its first reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The reading was approved on a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Jack Baker bill number 533 was placed on its second and final reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The reading was approved with a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl and adopted as Ordinance number 533 with a roll call vote of Jack Baker, aye, Larry Moehl, aye, Greg Dougherty, aye, and Cheryl Altis, aye.

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NUMBER 534 – WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE

Scott Novak ask the board to consider waiting a few months before they do an increase on the water and sewer rates. Give the businesses time to get back on track now that the mask ordinance has been repealed.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to move the effective date on bill number 534 to be effective for the June water and sewer billing. With the following votes taken Greg Dougherty, nay, Jack Baker, aye, Larry Moehl, aye, and Cheryl Altis, aye.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl bill number 534 was placed on its first reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The reading was approved by a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl with the following votes taken Greg Dougherty, nay, Jack Baker, aye, Larry Moehl, aye, and Cheryl Altis, aye.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl bill number 534 was placed on its second and final reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The reading was approved by a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Larry Moehl and adopted as Ordinance number 534. With the following roll call vote taken. Greg Dougherty, nay, Jack Baker, aye, Larry Moehl, aye, and Cheryl Altis, aye.

APPROVE BANKING AND AUDIT SERVICES

Finance Officer Angela Leist explained that received three responses for banking services. Proposals were submitted by our current bank Branson Bank and also received a proposal from Southern Bank, First Community Bank of the Ozarks declined the opportunity. The proposals are about the same, therefore suggest the City stay with Branson Bank.

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to use Branson Bank for the banking services for the City. The following votes were taken: Jack Baker, abstain, Larry Moehl, aye, Cheryl Altis, aye, and Greg Dougherty, aye.

Finance Officer Angela Leist explained that received one proposal for audit services. The proposal is from our current auditor KPM CPA's. The proposed fee is \$31,200.00 over three years. This is a 46 percent increase over the current contract.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty it was approved to table this discussion due to the proposed fee having such a high increase. Finance Officer Angela Leist will seek other proposals with a lower cost. To discuss at a later meeting. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR 6 MONTHS

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

APPROVE FINANCIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PIPER/SANDLER

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to the financial service agreement with Piper/Sandler and accept Todd Goffoy as the Financial Advisor for the City. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH MO DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker the updated Mutual Aid Agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation was approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY – OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN SYSTEM

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker the maintenance contract with Blue Valley Public Safety for the outdoor warning siren system was approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL TO SUPPORT TANEY COUNTY 100 CLUB

JB Henderson with the Taney County 100 Club explained to the board that they are a not-for-profit organization that helps surviving families of law enforcement officers, firefighters, and EMS personnel killed in the line of duty in Taney County.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to support the Taney County 100 Club. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – JANUARY 11, 2021 AND FEBRUARY 25, 2021

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl the minutes of the January 11, 2021 meeting and the minutes of the February 25, 2021 meeting were approved as presented. 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 January 14, 2021 for \$39,226.79, January 21, 2021 for \$1,653.90, January 28, 2021 for \$29,602.23, February 4, 2021 for \$39,344.43, February 11, 2021 for \$12,302.62, February 18, 2021 for \$29,309.47, February 25, 2021 for \$3,353.30, March 4, 2021 for \$33,104.25, and March 11, 2021 for \$38,626.50 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF JANUARY 31, 2021 AND FEBRUARY 25, 2021

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl the financial statements ending January 31, 2021 and the financial statements ending February 25, 2021 were approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM JANUARY 14, 2021 THRU FEBRUARY 4, 2021 AND FEBRUARY 11, 2021 THRU MARCH 11, 2021

On a motion by Greg Dougherty and seconded by Larry Moehl the transfers from January 14, 2021 thru February 4, 2021 and the transfers from February 11, 2021 thru March 11, 2021 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD UPDATE

Greg Dougherty announced that will be having the annual Forsyth Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Shoals Bend Park on highway 76.

Chris Robertson thanked Greg Dougherty for serving as Alderman and all the work he has done for the City. He will be missed.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Greg Dougherty the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

