

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on May 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Kelly Dougherty
Dennis Winzenried
Jack Baker
Larry Moehl
Cheryl Altis

Bill McCullah, Addie Cantrell AJ Meakins, Cheyenne Beasley, Angela Leist, Chris Robertson, Holly Smith, Craig Smith, Nathan Bower, Becky Shay, Pat Shay, David Forrest, Chris Snyder, and Tim Crawley.

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

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NUMBER 536 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF COMBINED WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM REFUNDING REVENUE BOND SERIES 2021 IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,080,000

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Dennis Winzenried Bill Number 536 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 Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl Bill Number 536 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 536 with a roll call vote of Jack Baker, aye, Larry Moehl, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, and Cheryl Altis, aye.

APPROVE BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Larry Moehl the bond purchase agreement was approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

TRASH CONTRACT EXTENSION AND RATE INCREASE – REPUBLIC SERVICES

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Cheryl Altis the trash rate increase in the amount of 3.5 percent from Republic Services was approved. The current agreement allows the contract to be renewed for an additional 3 years. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

In place of city wide clean up twice a year. Residents will be able to put out one large item per month on regular trash pick up day.

UPDATE ON SIGN FOR SHOALS BEND PARK – CHRIS

Chris Robertson explained that he has received three bids for the sign at Shoals Bend Park. The sign Man for \$520.00, Brady Creative Services for \$700.00, and Backwoods Graphics for \$640.00.

The City Public Works will build the sign the sign. On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl the bid from The Sign Man was accepted in the amount of \$520.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS PURCHASE OF DRINKING FOUNTAIN FOR SHOALS BEND PARK

Dennis Winzenried explained that the Park Board met on May 5, 2021 and discussed the needs for Shoals Bend Park. The Park Board would like to request that the board consider installing a drinking fountain at Shoals Bend Park.

City Administrator Chris Robertson to purchase a drinking fountain at the cost of approximately \$405.00 to be installed on the bathroom building at Shoals Bend Park.

PARK BOARD DISCUSSION

Jack Baker explained that the park board is an advisory board and currently has a problem with membership. The Board of Aldermen can make decision for anything the parks need.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to eliminate the Forsyth Advisory Park Board. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Attorney Bill McCullah to prepare and Ordinance for the meeting in June to eliminate the Park Board.

DISCUSS ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONE MEMBERS APPOINTMENTS

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to re-appoint Debbie Redford to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Finance Officer Angela Leist explained to the board that there is still an empty seat on the EEZ if anyone is interested.

APPROVAL TO WRITE OFF UNPAID UTILITY ACCOUNTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,574.92

Finance Officer Angela Leist explained that the amount is less due to and account being collected

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to write off the unpaid utility accounts in the amount of \$11, 574.92. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE PROMOTION AND WAGE INCREASE FOR DAVID WILLIAMS

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to promote David Williams to public works outside supervisor with a wage increase of \$3.42 per hour and the wage increase to retro-active back to March 5, 2021. Due to a 60 day probation period. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE FIRE FIGHTER APPLICANT

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to accept Brent Burnett as a fire fighter for the Forsyth Fire Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT RESIDENCY APPLICATION

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that the fireman that had been interested in staying at the station resigned. Would like to discuss with the board and increase in the cost of rent for the living area for the station. The current rent is \$30.00 and the resident is required to have 80 hours of volunteer time.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to increase the rent for the living area at the fire station on Skyline Drive to \$50.00 per month. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – APRIL 19, 2021 MEETING

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Larry Moehl the minutes of the April 19, 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 Jack Baker the bills for April 22, 2021 for \$21,452.18, April 29, 2021 for \$1,909.19, May 6, 2021 for \$31,771.88, and May 13, 2021 for \$147,123.94 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF APRIL 30, 2021

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Larry Moehl the financial statements ending April 30, 2021 were approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM APRIL 22, 2021 THRU MAY 13, 2021

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker the transfers from April 22, 2021 thru May 13, 2021 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.