

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on June 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Kelly Dougherty
Dennis Winzenried
Missi Hesketh
Dustin Krob
Jack Baker

AJ Fahr, Pierce Fahr, Cheyenne Beasley, Steve Marler, David Forrest, Becky Shay, Bob Cafield, Viola Beyer, Julie Aubochon, David Veldman, Sherrie Veltkamp, Nathan Bower, Nicole Maez, Bill McCullah, and Eugene Thomas.

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

DISCUSS WARD CHANGES – DUE TO 2020 CENSUS RESULTS

Must have the population of the wards as equal as possible. The map attached from the Taney County mapping office shows the change needed to be made to get the population equal. This will remove 44 people from ward two and put into ward one to equal out the wards.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to accept the ward change as presented from the Taney County mapping office. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Will have an ordinance for the board to consider at the meeting in July.

ANNEXATION REQUEST – JELLYSTONE CAMPGROUND HWY 76

The City received a letter from Great Escapes Resorts the owners of Jellystone campground requesting to annex three parcels connected to the campground into the city. There are some concerns due to this property being located in the Central Taney County fire department district. Fire Chief Nathan Bower and Aldermen Dennis Winzenried to attend the Central Taney County Fire Department board meeting on July 11, 2022 to discuss the concerns.

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to proceed with the annexation process for the campground. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Attorney Bill McCullah stated that the next step would be to have an annexation petition presented to City from Great Escapes Resort.

APPROVE TO HIRE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to hire a public works employee. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TO PURCHASE MINI EXCAVATOR AND BRUSH CUTTER

The City received two bids for a mini excavator and brush cutter. State Tractor and Equipment for \$78,000.00 and S & H Farm Supply for \$78,664.00. On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to purchase the mini excavator and brush cutter from State Tractor and Equipment for \$78,000.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 543 – REAFFIRMING GROSS RECEIPTS TAX ON ELECTRIC CO

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Dustin Krob bill number 543 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 Dustin Krob motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Will have the second and final reading on the meeting in July.

NAMING OF NATURE TRAIL BEHIND BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB & TRAIL ECONOMIC IMPACT FROM TRAILS

Missi Hesketh would like to discuss some needed upgrades to the trail behind Boys and Girls Club. The trail needs better signage at the trail head and a would like to have a sign stating no motorized vehicles. Would like to suggest naming the trail Jim and Margie Berry Gateway Trail. Would like to research grants for the trail for mountain biking. Getting the trail equipped for the mountain bikes and getting on the map for mountain bike trails would bring more people and businesses to town.

SHOALS BEND PARK DEVELOPMENT

Missi Hesketh explained that a Shoals Bend Development meeting was held on May 18, 2022 to discuss ideas for Shoals Bend Park. The group that met came up with several recommendations. Some of the main recommendations were getting the ballfield professionally set for varying ages, security lights, and security cameras.

DISCUSS WAGE INCREASE FOR EMPLOYEE WHEN RECEIVE A WATER/SEWER LICENSE

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to give a .50 cent per hour wage increase when an employee gets a water or sewer licenses. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 544 – ORDINANCE AMENDING PARK MODELS IN EXISTING CAMPGROUND

This item is tabled at this time due to further discussion. Will be on the agenda at a later date.

DISCUSS HAIL DAMAGE INSURANCE CLAIM – FORD EXPLORE FIRE VEHICLE

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Missi Hesketh it was approved to file a claim with the insurance company on the hail damage to the fire vehicle and accept the bid from Jim's Auto body for the repairs in the amount of \$4,538.10. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT BIDS FOR GRANT FROM ELKS CLUB – WATER RESCUE EQUIPMENT

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that received three bids for the water rescue equipment. White River Dive Co. for \$2,033.20, All Hands Fire Equipment for \$2,371.10, and Rescue Response Gear for \$2,314.11.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to accept the bid from White River Dive Co. in the amount of \$2,033.20. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – MAY 16, 2022 MEETING AND SPECIAL MEETING JUNE 13, 2022

On a motion by Missi Hesketh and seconded by Dustin Krob the minutes of the May 16, 2022 meeting and the minutes of the special meeting on June 13, 2022 were approved as written. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Jack Baker the bills for May 19, 2022 for \$1,301.43, May 26, 2022 for \$138,216.42, June 2, 2022 for \$33,667.19, June 9, 2022 for \$89,114.45, and June 16, 2022 for \$1,137.11. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF MAY 31, 2022

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob the financial statements as of May 31, 2022 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM MAY 19, 2022 THRU JUNE 16, 2022

On a motion by Missi Hesketh and seconded by Dustin Krob the transfers from May 19, 2022 thru June 16, 2022 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CONFIRM MONTHLY AUDIT REPORTING SHEET WAS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

On a motion by Missi Hesketh and seconded by Dustin Krob it was confirmed that the Mayor and board received and reviewed the monthly audit reporting sheet. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

Eugene Thomas has concerns on his property with the sewer and being to hook up to the city sewer.

On a motion by Missi Hesketh and seconded by Dustin Krob the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.