

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on May 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor, Missi Hesketh
Dennis Winzenried
Dustin Krob
Scott Novak
Mark Moore

AJ Meakins, Jason Ray, Dorde Grabez, Nathan Bower, Julie AuBuchon, Jake Phillips, Mary Ruth Grabez, Mia Grabez, Angela Leist, Cheyenne Beasley, Summer Hankins, Michele Rackley, and Christina Algya.

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

JACK PHILLIPS WITH SMCOG – DISCUSS PROCESS FOR DEVELOPING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Jack Phillips explained that a comprehensive plan is a guide document for the community. The plan is based on the community needs. Will need to get the community involved through surveys and community meetings. SMCOG will have a contract for service with the city for developing the comprehensive plan. There are grants available and SMCOG will write the grants at no cost to the city. To set a meeting to discuss the planning process.

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 559 – APPOINTMENT OF A PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dennis Winzenried bill number 559 was placed on its first reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The reading was approved with a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Will have the second reading at the May 15, 2023 meeting.

EQUIPMENT INVENTORIES BY DEPARTMENT

Alderman Mark Moore suggested an inventory be done on large items in each department. This will help future budget planning. Would like each department to come up with an inventory list of large items.

REVIEW CHAPTER 505 – DANGEROUS BUILDINGS FOR UPDATE

The board discussed chapter 505 dangerous building ordinance. Would like to see a stronger penalty section for this chapter, and setting time limits on the repairs of the buildings. Alderman Dennis Winzenried to review changes the Mayor and board would like to see with Fire Chief and Building Inspector.

DISCUSS DONATION OF OLD BALLFIELD LIGHTS

The Mayor explained that the Bradleyville School is interested in the old ballfield lights. The city received the lights from the Forsyth School several years ago and has no use for the lights.

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Mark Moore it was approved to donate the lights to the Bradleyville School. The school must pick up the lights, and there is no guarantee the lights will work. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

No comments from those present.

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to go into closed session under authority of Section 610.021(3) personnel and section 610.021(2) real estate at 7:10 p.m. with a roll call vote of Dustin Krob, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, Scott Novak, aye, and Mark Moore, aye.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to terminate Dordre Grabez as a public works employee with the following roll call vote taken: Dustin Krob, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, Mark Moore, aye, and Scott Novak, aye.

Dordre Grabez terminated as per City of Forsyth Personnel Policy termination section stating: Employment and compensation with the City is "at will" in that it can be terminated with or without cause and with or without notice, at anytime, at the option of the city or yourself, except as otherwise provided by law.

Closed session real estate under section 610.021(2)

No discussion or decisions made on this item at this time.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was agreed to return to open session at 8:03 p.m. with a roll call vote of Scott Novak, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, Dustin Krob, aye, and Mark Moore, aye.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

An announcement was made that, while in closed session, it was approved to terminate Dordre Grabez as a public works employee with the following roll call vote taken: Dustin Krob, aye, Scott Novak, aye, Mark Moore, aye, and Dennis Winzenried, aye.

No discussion or decisions were made under closed session real estate.

On a motion by Dennis and seconded by Mark Moore the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.