

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on June 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

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

Jennifer Fagan, AJ Meakins, Nathan Bower, Hank Griffin, Viola Beyer, Pat Gray, Steve Marler, Angela Leist, Cheyenne Beasley, Malen Bratcher, Will Mattegat, and Debbie Mace.

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

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

The mayor will be presenting an appreciation certificate to Sandy Wyatt for helping fight hunger in Forsyth with the blessing food box placed outside City Hall for everyone to use.

APPROVE FORSYTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO BORROW BOUNCE HOUSES FOR THE HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the bounce houses issue was opened for discussion. The motion failed as no vote was taken.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to table this until later in the meeting so Dustin Krob could join the discussion. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE LOT SPLIT – BARBARA PRENGER – 338 FELKINS

Ms. Prenger does not have the plat ready at this time will be on the July 17, 2023 agenda.

INSURANCE RENEWAL PACKAGE – CONNELL INSURANCE

On a motion by Mark Moore and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to accept the insurance proposal presented by Connell insurance in the amount of \$86,751.00 with the wind and hail buy back option added for \$4,040.40. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE RATE INCREASE FOR TRASH SERVICES – REPUBLIC SERVICES

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Mark Moore it was approved to accept the trash rate increase of 6 percent for trash services from Republic Services to be in affect on July 1, 2023. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

RE-APPOINT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBER – DAVE ALTIS

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to re-appoint Dave Altis to the board of adjustments. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

Police Chief Pat Gray gave the board an update on the police department. The evidence room project is complete and will be working on expunging marijuana convictions. Have several events scheduled in town and will have police presence at each event.

DISCUSS RENTAL INSPECTION ORDINANCE

Police Chief Pat Gray presented the board with a policy from Nixa concerning rental properties. The policy is for inspections on rental properties before someone can move in. The inspection would be done to see if the rental is safe to live in. The board to review the policy and discuss at the next work session.

ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONE REAPPOINTMENTS – SHERRIE VELTKAMP AND DEBBIE REDFORD

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to re-appoint Sherrie Veltkamp and Debbie Redford to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

GENERAL FUND REIMBURSEMENT FOR COVID RELATED SOFTWARE IMPROVEMENTS – ARPA FUNDS

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Mark Moore it was approved to use ARPA funds to reimburse the city funds used to pay for the software improvements. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SET BUDGET WORKSHOP – DEPARTMENT PRIORITY LIST

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Mark Moore it was approved to have a budget workshop on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

WAGE INCREASE DISCUSSION

Finance Officer Angela asked that the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen to give suggestions on the wages they would like to see before the budget workshop so she can work on the wage section of the budget. The board to discuss wages at the budget workshop.

MINUTES – MAY 15, 2023 AND JUNE 5, 2023

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the minutes of May 15, 2023 and the minutes of June 5, 2023 were approved as written. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the bills for May 18, 2023 for \$18,503.24, May 25, 2023 for \$ 153,605.36, June 1, 2023 for \$13,836.74, June 8, 2023 for \$26,845.14, June 15, 2023 for \$63,729.80 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF MAY 31, 2023

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Mark Moore the financial statements as of May 31, 2023 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM MAY 18, 2023 THRU JUNE 15, 2023

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the transfers from May 18, 2023 thru June 15, 2023 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CONFIRM MONTHLY AUDIT REPORTING SHEET WAS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

All members of the board and the mayor confirmed that they received and reviewed the monthly audit reporting sheet.

APPROVE FORSYTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO BORROW BOUNCE HOUSES FOR THE HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL

The board had some concerns about insurance for the event. Chamber to have insurance and a rider to cover special events.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Mark Moore it was approved to allow the Forsyth Chamber of Commerce to borrow the bounce houses for the harvest moon festival. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

No comments from those present

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.