

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on July 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Missi Hesketh
Dennis Winzenried
Scott Novak
Mark Moore
Dustin Krob

Cheyenne Beasley, Angela Leist, Nathan Bower, Pat Gray, Hank Griffin, Rose Racklin, AJ Meakins, Jennifer Fagan, Tim Crawley, Andy Brown, Cecilia Boatner, Lesa Crawley, Izabell Crawley, David Veldman, Debbie Mace, Nicole Maez, Mandy Gray, Will Mattegat, Alex Mattegat, Ethan Mattegat, Julie AuBochon, Clint Hilliard, Katherine Wiltse, Steve Marler, Christina Algya, Bob Mace, Johnny Horner, Matt Bailey, Andrew Cavaness, and Logan Fields.

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

DUC AND JENNY NGUYEN – NEW OWNERS OF SHADOWROCK LODGE – PROPERTY DISCUSSION

Katherine Wiltse spoke on behalf of the new owners of the Shadowrock Lodge building. They plan to develop the building into nightly rentals. They will be working with an engineering company on the pool area and what can be built on the current footers of the building. Will keep the City informed on the progress and information from the engineering company.

AMANDA JOHNSON – 229 CEDAR STREET – DISCUSS VACATING PORTION OF CEDAR ST

Ms. Johnson is not present at the meeting. She was to speak about vacating a portion of Rainey St. Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker that live a 170 Rainey are present and would like to discuss vacating a portion of Cedar Street next to their property. The vacating of Cedar Street or Rainey would require permission to vacate from all properties touching these streets.

On a motion by Mark Moore and seconded by Scott Novak it was agreed to table this issue until the property owners have all information and documents needed to proceed with the vacating of portion of Cedar Street and Rainey Street. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS TRASH SERVICE ISSUES

Jennifer Fagan with Republic Services explained that last weeks trash issues were due to a shortage of staff. They have implemented a new communication plan to help with missed trash and orders for trash and recycle carts. The program should take care of the communication issues and will not have these problems again.

APPOINT PARK BOARD MEMBER

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to appoint Debbie Mace to the Forsyth Park Advisory Board. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to appoint Matt Bailey to the Forsyth Park Advisory Board. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PARK BOARD INTRODUCTION

The following members were introduced as members of the Forsyth Park Advisory Board: Bob Mace, Debbie Mace, Matt Bailey, Andy Brown, Johnny Horner, and Clint Hilliard. They plan to have a meeting soon.

DISCUSS CAMPER REPAIRS – CAMPER DAMAGED DURING STORM AT SHADOWROCK PARK

The board felt that the damage to the camper was not the fault of the City. On a motion by Mark Moore and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to deny the claim as advised by the City Attorney. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 562 – DOG TAG FEE INCREASE, DISCUSS DRAFT BUDGET, REVIEW AND DISCUSS CHANGES TO DANGEROUS BUILDING ORDINANCE

On a motion by Mark Moore and seconded by Scott Novak it was agreed to table these items until the next meeting to give more time to review. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

A meeting will be held on Monday, July 31, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the above items.

APPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATIONS

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to following fire department applications. Alex Mattegat as support member, Logan Fields as firefighter, Ethan Mattegat as Junior firefighter, and Andrew Cavaness as firefighter. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

POLICE CHIEF UPDATE – POSSIBLE HIRE EMPLOYEE

Police Chief Pat Gray presented Officer Christina Algya with a Life Saver Award for her life saving response that saved the life of a resident in town.

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to hire Cecilia Boatner as a police officer for the Forsyth Police Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TRANSFER OF 30% OF BUILDING INSPECTOR PAYROLL COST TO FIRE DEPARTMENT PAYROLL

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to transfer 30% of the building inspector payroll cost to the fire department payroll. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE INVESTMENT POLICY

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Mark Moore it was approved to accept the investment policy with the following changes stated below. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The following changes were approved to the investment policy. Under section 3 Standards of Care, section C replace City Administrator with Board of Aldermen, sections D replace City Administrator with Finance Officer, section 6 replace City Administrator with Board of Aldermen, and the last page section B replace City Administrator with Board of Aldermen.

MINUTES – JUNE 19, 2023 AND BUDGET WORKSHOP JUNE 28, 2023

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the minutes of June 19, 2023 and the minutes of the budget workshop on June 28, 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 Mark Moore the bills for June 22, 2023 for \$49,728.15, June 29, 2023 for \$92,391.31, July 6, 2023 for \$45,042.79, July 13, 2023 for \$38,233.03 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2023

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dustin Krob the financial statements as of June 30, 2023 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM JUNE 22, 2023 THRU JUNE 30, 2023

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the transfers from June 22, 2023 thru June 30, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

Several people were concerned about the clean up around town after the storm Friday night. Several trees and limbs down. Will try to get the community together to clean up some of the neighborhoods.

On a motion by Mark Moore and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to go into closed session under authority of section 610.021(1) legal at 7:35 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 Dennis Winzenried and seconded Mark Moore it was approved to have the City Attorney Hank Griffin draft a letter and send to the Taney County Fair Board concerning the agreement between them and the City of Forsyth. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dustin Krob it was agreed to return to open session at 8:15 p.m. with a roll call vote of Scott Novak, aye, Dustin Krob, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, and Mark Moore, aye.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The announcement was made that in closed session it was agreed to have the City Attorney draft a letter to the Taney County Fair Board concerning their agreement with the City of Forsyth.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded Dustin Krob the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.