

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on July 31, 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, Jack Gates, Lori Gates, Leslie Killingsworth, Alan Killingsworth, Joe Gideon, Buddy Roberts, Chris Robertson, Nicole Maez, Pat gray, Mandy Gray, Steve Marler, Nathan Bower, Will Mattegat, Jerrad Saffle, David Veltman, Jim Chinnery, Hank Griffin, and Cheryl Altis.

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

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 562 – DOG TAG FEE INCREASE

On a motion by Mark Moore and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to table this item indefinitely and leave the dog tag fee at the current cost. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS DRAFT BUDGET – DISCUSS REPAIRS TO FIRE ENGINE 1

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak it was agreed to put in the budget to purchase a used police vehicle and a new truck for the public works department. A 5 percent wage increase for employees and the additional wage increases approved at the budget workshop. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Received an estimate for the repairs to fire truck engine 1 from Central Power Systems & Service in the amount of \$71,402.22. The board directed Fire Chief Nathan Bower to look for a used fire truck and not to repair engine 1 at this time.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS CHANGES TO DANGEROUS BUILDING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 505

The board received proposed changes to the dangerous building ordinance. Dennis, Jack, Will, and Nathan have been working on the proposed changes. The board to review and have any changes or suggestions by August 14, 2023 so the City Attorney can prepare an ordinance for the first reading at the August 21, 2023 meeting.

DISCUSS RENTAL INSPECTIONS

It was explained that this inspection process helped the City of Nixa with some problems they were having with rental properties. There were several concerns from the landlords present at the meeting. They felt the city does not need this type of inspection process. Most landlords have an inspection check list they go over before the property is rented. The board chose to take no action on rental inspections at this time.

REVIEW AND DISCUSS CHANGES TO CHAPTER 220 – NUISANCES

Discussed changes to chapter 220 – Nuisances. Would like to have a step-by-step process to correct the problem. Suggestions on changes need to be turned in by August 11, 2023 to have time to prepare the ordinance for the first reading at the August 21, 2023 meeting.

DISCUSS MARIJUANA TAX FOR AUGUST 8TH ELECTION

The marijuana tax will be on the ballot on August 8, 2023. The Mayor would like to thank the Taney County Partnership for handling the education on the issue.

DISCUSS AMENDING PARK ADVISORY BOARD ORDINANCE

Have some people interested in serving on the park board. The current ordinance states the board will have five members. Would like to amend the ordinance to allow seven members.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to have the park advisory board ordinance amended to allow seven members. Will have the ordinance for the first and seconding reading at the August 21, 2023 board meeting. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

Dennis Winzenried explained that a second blessing food box has been placed at the Forsyth Community Presbyterian Church. Dennis would like to thank Mandy Gray for painting the blessing box.

On a motion by Mark Moore and seconded by Scott Novak the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.