

The Forsyth Board of Alderman met in regular session on August 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Missi Hesketh
Dennis Winzenried
Shawn Mathenia
Scott Novak
Dustin Krob

Shane Keys, Mandy Gray, Devra Leach, Glenda Hunt, Julie AuBushon, Frank Dieduce, Chris Swain, Debbie Mace, Bob Mace, Jim Viebrock, Cheyenne Beasley, Ann Roberts, John Roberts, Travis Douglas, Lorie Taylor, Sue Harrelson, Nick Kenny, Nathan Bower, Carol Linkus, Will Mattegat, Inez Anderson, Bruce Bewely, Mark Moore, Rudy Armbrilio, Pedro Rodriguez, Ron Adams, Pat Gray, Christine Roth, Marolyn Rodriguez, Rose Backlin, and Mike Harrelson.

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

TAX LEVY HEARING – SET TAX LEVY .5331- APPROVE TAX LEVY RESOLUTION 8-19-24

The Mayor opened the tax levy hearing and there were no comments from those present. On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to accept the tax levy resolution 8-19-24 and set the tax levy at .5331. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SIGNED – IN SPEAKERS

Ann Roberts asked the board about her culvert. There is a washed out area that needs repaired. The city administrator to look at the area.

GLEND HUNT – FORSYTH SENIOR CENTER

Glenda Hunt with the Forsyth Senior Center explained that the seniors have been working on raising funds for a community senior center. They will also be putting in a community garden for everyone to use. The building will be located on highway 76 close to their current farmer's market.

APPROVE BIDS FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING FOR SEWER LIFT STATIONS

City Administrator Jim Viebrock explained to the board that need to have electronic monitoring for the sewer lift stations. The city currently has monitoring for the wells and the system works great. The city will be getting funds for this project from the Taney County Regional Sewer District. The City received a three part bid from Automated Control Solutions, \$148,000 for 37 lift station sites for lift station monitoring, \$11,100.00 annual fee for estimated monthly cellular charges, and \$31,871.00 for upgrade to the SCADA software program.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to accept the three part bid from Automated Control Solutions for the amounts stated above. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE BIDS FOR REPAIRS TO TREATMENT PLANT FROM STORM DAMAGE

The city received three bids for repairing washed out area at the wastewater treatment plant due to a storm. Rock N Wood for \$10,700.00, Zanescales for \$17,431.40, and Strain Excavating for \$10,880.00.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to accept the bid from Strain Excavating for \$10,880.00. The board approved Strain Excavating due to good working relationship and they have the proper equipment for the repairs. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CHRIS SWAIN – VARIANCE FOR BUILDING AN ACCESSORY BUILDING IN FRONT OF FUTURE HOUSE AT 410 SHOALS BEND BLVD

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to grant Chris Swain a variance for building an accessory building in front of a future house at 410 Shoals Bend Blvd. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE DENTAL INSURANCE RENEWAL AND DISCUSS VISION PLAN

Devra Leach with Connell Insurance explained that the dental insurance plan the city currently has will be going up. She bid out the dental insurance and Kansas City Life came in lower than our current plan. Also, would like to offer vision insurance to the thru Kansas City Life.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to accept the dental insurance with Kansas City Life Insurance for \$27.51 for employee and offer vision insurance to the employees thru Kansas City Life for \$6.10 for employee. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT BIDS FOR RESURFACING TENNIS COURTS AT SHADOWROCK PARK

Alderman Shawn Mathenia explained that he received two bids for the resurfacing the tennis courts in Shadowrock Park. Gerald Perry Tennis Co. for 23,950.00 and Advanced Sealing & Stripping for \$14,881.60. On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to accept the bid from Advanced Sealing & Stripping for \$14,881.60. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICANTS

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dustin Krob the following fire applicants were approved: Douglas Aljets, Sonny McGowan, and Pedro Rodriguez motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ACCEPT AND APPROVE TO SIGN ARPA COMMUNICATIONS GRANT – APPROVE BIDS

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that the fire department received an ARPA communications grant for portable radios. He received two bids for the radios. RCS for 107,781.00 and Motorola Solutions for 159,426.60 On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to accept the grant and approve the Mayor to sign the grant documents and approve the bid from RCS in the amount of \$107,781.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TO REMOVE STEVE MARLER AS ALTERNATE FOR BIO SOLIDS AND APPROVE TO ADD JIM VIEBROCK AS THE ALTERNATE

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to remove Steve Marler as the alternate for Biosolids and add Jim Viebrock as the alternate. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

Police Chief Pat Gray explained that the police department is working on some special events that are coming up and will be working on getting the new body cameras set up.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF BILL NUMBER 574 – INCREASE BALL LEAGUE FEES

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia bill number 574 was placed on its second and final 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 Shawn Mathenia and adopted as ordinance 574 with a roll call vote of Dustin Krob, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, Scott Novak, aye, and Shawn Mathenia, aye.

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 575 – SHOALS BEND TRASH COLLECTION FEES

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia bill number 575 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 Shawn Mathenia motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS FEES FOR SPECIAL EVENTS FOR POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES

Police Chief Pat Gray has concerns about the cost of police and fire services at special events. The board would like to have some estimates from other towns that charge for these services. Chief Gray to get estimates for the board to review.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

City Administrator Jim Viebrock explained that is working with DNR on getting the treatment plant running smoothly and working on getting generators at the lift stations in case of a power outage.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the budget amendment was approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE FY 2025 BUDGET

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob the FY 2025 budget was approved with a 2.5 percent raise increase for the employees. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS TRANSFERRING MONEY FROM MOSIP TO BRANSON BANK

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to keep the money in MOSIP at this time. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE MINUTES – JULY 15, 2024 AND JULY 23, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the minutes of the July 15, 2024 meeting and the July 23, 2024 meeting were approved as written. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Dustin Krob the bills for July 18, 2024 for \$5,585.73, July 25, 2024 for \$25,743.77, August 1, 2024 for \$ 27,490.57, August 8, 2024 for \$39,307.05, and August 15, 2024 for \$18,879.61 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF JULY 31, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the financial statements were approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

TRANSFERS FROM JULY 18, 2024 THRU AUGUST 15, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the transfers from July 18, 2024 thru August 15, 2024 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from those present.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to go into closed session under authority of section 610.021(1) – legal and section 610.021(3) – personnel at 7:55 p.m. with the following roll call vote taken: Dennis Winzenried, aye, Dustin Krob, aye, Scott Novak, aye, and Shawn Mathenia, aye.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was agreed to terminate the current lease with the Taney County Fair Board effective immediately. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The City Attorney to send a letter to Taney County Fair Board to notify them of the termination.

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to hire Justin Layne for the public works maintenance worker position. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to return to open session at 8:23 p.m. with a roll call vote of Scott Novak, aye, Shawn Mathenia, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, and Dustin Krob, aye.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The announcement was made that the following votes were taken, and decisions made in closed session.

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was agreed to terminate the current lease with the Taney County Fair Board effective immediately. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The City Attorney to send a letter to the Taney County Fair Board to notify them of the termination.

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to hire Justin Layne for the public works maintenance worker position. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Cheyenne Beasley, City Clerk

Missi Hesketh, Mayor