

The Forsyth Board of Alderman met in regular session on May 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Missi Hesketh
Dennis Winzenried
Scott Novak
Dustin Krob
Shawn Mathenia

Nathan Bower, Pat Gray, Mandy Gray, Misty Sanders, Steve Marler, Nicole Maez, David Veldman, Terri Smith, Corey Smith, Jack Gates, Lori Gates, Mary Cummings, Cathy Stapp, Frank Diecidue, Julie AuBochon, Debi Mace, Bob Mace, Rudy Armabulo, Ron Adams, Bill Beltran, Sarah Ervin, Michelle Rackley, and Jason Flowers.

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

SIGNED - IN SPEAKERS

Bill Beltran wanted to thank the first responders for coming to help when he was hurt. He appreciates all that they do.

Cathy Stapp has concerns about the increase in the camping rates at Shadowrock Park. She would like the board to consider letting the campers use the gold card and receive half price camping.

DISCUSS INCREASE IN CAMPING FEES AT SHADOWROCK PARK

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to amend ordinance 569 to allow campers to use the golden life time pass at Shadowrock Park to receive half price camping rates, also the campground will give discounts of half price camping to members of the military. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The fees for using the gold card and military discount will be: A. water, sewer, electric \$15.00 per day, B. water and electric \$12.50 per day, and C. tent space no electric \$7.50 per day.

To have an amended ordinance for approval at the June meeting.

TANEY COUNTY RIDING CLUB – SHADOWROCK ARENA

Sarah Ervin with the Taney County Riding Club addressed the board about a possible lease between the Taney County Riding Club and the City for the arena. At this time the board will allow the riding club to use the arena for their practice days and play days without having to provide the special events form with the city. The club to let city hall know the dates they will be using the arena.

PRESENTATION – POLICE CHIEF PAT GRAY

Police Chief Pat Gray presented Officer Jason Flowers with a Purple Heart award for his bravery and to honor him for his dedication to the police department. Jason also received a police challenge coin.

DISCUSS SEWER IMPACT FEE FOR GREAT ESCAPES

Great Escapes has put in 135 new camping sites and need to discuss the sewer impact fee for this new expansion. Utility Clerk Misty Sanders presented the board with two options for the impact fees.

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to charge a sewer impact fee of \$50.00 per unit for the 135 campsite units. The fee cost will be \$6,750.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS RESURFACING TENNIS COURT AT SHADOWROCK PARK

The board had a discussion about the tennis courts at Shadowrock Park. The courts need to be power washed, crack filled and repainted. Shawn Mathenia received bid from Gerald Perry Tennis Co. for the work to the courts. Will put this project on hold for now and discuss in June.

APPROVE TO MOVE 30 PERCENT OF WILL'S WAGES TO FIRE DEPT AS PER BUDGET

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to move 30 percent of Will's wages to the fire department as per the budget. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

Police Chief Pat Gray explained that he needs tires for three of the patrol cars. The state bid is \$127.00 per tire.

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved for the Police Chief to purchase tires for three patrol cars using state bid in the amount of \$127.00 per tire. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS TERMS OF LEASE WITH VERIZON – TOWER SITE BY THE SCHOOL

The city has been contacted by Verizon and is wanting a lower lease amount for their equipment on the tower by the school. The board would like the city attorney to review the lease option and will discuss at the June 17, 2024 board meeting.

APPROVE TO PURCHASE AND ACCEPT BID FOR WATER GAUGES FOR FIRE ENGINE 2

Fire Chief Nathan Bower received three bids for water gauges for fire engine 2. Still Fire Services for \$1,968.00, Fire Line Equipment for \$2,043.17, and Field Fire for \$2,712.61. On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to accept the bid from Still Fire Services in the amount of \$1,968.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SHADOWROCK LODGE UPDATE

Fire Chief Nathan Bower gave the board an update on the Shadowrock Lodge building. They will be moving the fence around the pool area in about a month, and will be remodeling the first and second floors for apartment type living space.

The board also discussed bill boards regulations. The city attorney to draft an ordinance for regulations for signs and billboards.

PRESENTATION

Police Chief Pat Gray presented a certificate of commendation to officer Michele Rackley for her dedication and bravery on a call she responded to at Shadowrock Park.

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NUMBER 570 – GATEWAY TRAIL REGULATIONS

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shaw Mathenia it was approved to place bill number 570 on its first reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak bill number 570 was placed on its second and final reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The second reading was approved with a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia, and adopted as ordinance 570 with number 7 to read no motorized vehicles except e-bikes with a roll call vote of Dennis Winzenried, aye, Dustin Krob, aye, Scott Novak, aye, and Shawn Mathenia, aye.

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 571 – AUTHORIZING LIQUOR SALES AT EVENTS

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to place bill number 571 on its first reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

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

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to remove number 4 from bill number 571. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Bill number 571 is going to have the second reading and read in its entirety due to a organization is planning an event in June and would like to have alcohol at the event.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak bill number 571 was placed on its second and final reading. To be read in its entirety. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Then Mayor read bill number 571 in its entirety.

The second reading of bill number 571 was approved with a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak and adopted as ordinance 571 with a roll call vote of Dustin Krob, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, Scott Novak, aye, and Shawn Mathenia, aye.

MINUTES – APRIL 15, 2024 AND MAY 6, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the minutes of the April 15, 2024 meeting and the minutes of the May 6, 2024 meeting were approved as written. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia the bills for April 18, 2024 for \$77,150.09, April 25, 2024 for \$13,010.44, May 2, 2024 for \$15,196.71, May 9, 2024 for \$5,265.37 and May 16, 2024 for \$3,789.32. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF APRIL 30, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob the financial statements ending April 30, 2024 were approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

TRANSFERS FROM APRIL 18, 2024 THRU MAY 16, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the transfer from April 18, 2024 thru May 16, 2024 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CONFIRM MONTHLY AUDIT REPORTING SHEET FOR APRIL WAS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

There were some concerns about the fish kill down by the lake and how the city notifies the public when this type of event happens. DNR has been contacted and is looking into the issue. The Mayor to look into this and gather information.

There were some concerns about the sewer smell on Blunk Terrace and what can be done about this problem.

Frank Diecidue addressed the board that he would be interested in helping with a plan for planning and zoning. He would be willing to lead a group or start a committee on the issue.

On a motion by Shawn Mathenia and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved go into closed session under authority of section 610.021.3 personnel and section 610.021.1 legal at 8:10 p.m. with a roll call vote of Scott Novak, aye, Shawn Mathenia, aye, Dustin Krob, aye, and Dennis Winzenried, aye.

CLOSED SESSION

Legal section 610.021.3

The board discussed a legal issue and no votes were taken.

The board would like to have a meeting in June on ADA issues.

The board will have an ADA prioritize meeting on June 10, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. the meeting is open to the public.

Personnel section 610.021.1

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to give finance officer Mary Cummings the option to resign or be terminated from her duties and remove her from all bank accounts at Branson bank. with the following roll call vote taken: Dennis Winzenried, aye, Dustin Krob, aye, Scott Novak, aye, and Shawn Mathenia, aye.

Finance officer Mary Cummings chose to resign from her duties with the city.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Shawn Mathenia it was approved to return to open session at 9:22 p.m. with the following roll call vote taken: Dennis Winzenried, aye, Dustin Krob, aye, Scott Novak, aye, and Shawn Mathenia, aye.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

An announcement was made that in closed session the board set a meeting to discuss ADA. The meeting is set for June 10, 2024 for an ADA prioritize meeting from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

In closed session it was approved to give Finance officer Mary Cummings the option to resign or be terminated from her duties, and to remove her from all bank accounts at Branson Bank. On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob with a roll call vote of Dustin Krob, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, Scott Novak, aye, Shawn Mathenia, aye.

Finance officer Mary Cummings resigned from her duties with the city.

The board also discussed a legal issue and no votes were taken and no decisions made.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Cheyenne Beasley, City Clerk

Missi Hesketh, Mayor