

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on February 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Missi Hesketh
Dennis Winzenried
Scott Novak
Mark Moore
Dustin Krob

Mary Cummings, Cleo Moehl, Ron Adams, Debi Mace, Bob Mace, Nicole Maez, David Veldman, Madison Moore, Frank Diecidue, Cheyenne Beasley, Dale AuBuchon, Pat Gray, Nathan Bower, Morgan Legore- Sweeney, Courtney Sweeney-Legore, Mandy Gray, Steve Marler, Bobby Lehmann, and Joe Sweeney- Legore.

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

DISCUSS AND APPROVE LENDING LIBRARY PROGRAM

Morgan Sweeney-Legore gave a presentation about a lending library program. The ROTC members will be constructing the lending boxes to be placed in several locations around town. The boxes will be for books and other items. You can take a book or leave a book or other educational items. If any knows of a location for a lending box, please let the mayor know and she will contact Morgan with the location.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

Ron Adams is the representative for the city for the Taney County Airport. He gave the board an update on the airport. He will be attending the meetings once a month.

AUDIT REPORT – KPM – MADISON MOORE

Madison Moore with KPM presented the audit to the board. The city received a clean audit. This is the best opinion you can receive.

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

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 567 – WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE

The Mayor informed the board that the biosolids prices for sludge has increased. The increase is \$302.00 higher per dry ton. Need to look at rate increase for sewer rates to make sure will cover this cost increase. To have finance department run some numbers and see what the rate increase needs to be before bill can be read.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to table the reading of bill number 567 until next meeting so finance department can determine the rate increase needed. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE WAGE INCREASE FOR PARK ATTENDANTS

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to give park attendants a wage increase of \$1.50 each. We have two attendants and the wage will be \$13.50 each. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SMCOG UPDATE AND NEED FOR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR GRANTS – DEBI MACE

Debi Mace is the representative for SMCOG. She wanted to give the board an update after the SMCOG meeting. She explained that there are several grants available, and the grants are very competitive. Most grants require the city to have a comprehensive plan in place before the grant can be applied for. It takes about a year to get a comprehensive plan in place. Most grant work on a point system and having a comprehensive plan gives several points toward the grant. A comprehensive plan involves all of the community and their ideas.

RE-AFFIRM APPROVAL OF FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICATION

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to accept Bobby Lehmann as member of the Forsyth Fire Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

OLD FIRE ENGINE 1 UPDATE – REAFFIRM APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER FOR ADDITIONAL REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,695.53

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that the additional repairs to old fire engine 1 were in the amount of \$5,695.00. In the process of getting the truck running the ECM went out and the cost of the ECM is \$3,170.00.

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to pay the additional repairs to the old fire engine 1 in the amount of \$5,695.53 and the ECM in the amount of \$3,170.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS SALE OF FIRE ENGINE #2

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that there are several ways to sale the fire truck. Can put it on line on gov.com and can set a reserve, or can sale to a local fire department. Would like thoughts from the board of how to sale the truck.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION LETTER FORM CITY ATTORNEY/PROSECUTOR HANK GRIFFIN

Attorney Hank Griffin had to resign due to health reasons. On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to accept the letter of resignation from Attorney Hank Griffin. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NUMBER 568 – ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR EMPLOYMENT & COMPENSATION OF A CITY ATTORNEY AND PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Mark Moore bill number 568 was placed 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 Mark Moore. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Mark Moore bill number 568 was placed on its second reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The reading was approved on a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Dennis Winzenried and adopted as ordinance 568 with a roll call vote of Dennis Winzenried, aye, Dustin Krob, aye, Mark Moore, aye, and Scott Novak, aye.

On motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to hire Rudy Arambulo as the City Attorney and City Prosecutor for the fee \$700.00 per month for city attorney and \$650.00 per month for prosecutor as stated in ordinance 568. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

Police Chief Pat Gray informed the board that the department is still looking for another officer. The department has some training come up and will be teaching the training course. Taneyville has been having some trouble with speeding and would like to loan the speed trailer to them to help with their problem.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to loan the speed trailer to Taneyville for 30 days. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SURPLUS VEHICLE – PAT GRAY

Chief Gray explained that he has a 2015 Dodge Charger that would like to sell. The board discussed keeping the car as a staff vehicle.

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Mark Moore it was approved to keep the 2015 Dodge charger as a staff vehicle. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS PURCHASING SIGNAGE FOR STREET PARKING

Police Chief Pat Gray explained that Blair Street is a very narrow road and there are no good places for people to park on their own property. May be possible to look at widening the street but would have water drainage problems. Will do some neighborhood awareness to try to help with the parking problems.

DISCUSS EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TO ACCUMULATE WHEN EMPLOYEE STARTS

In the interest of providing immediate sick and vacation to our employees, the Board of Aldermen would like to implement an accrual process for each benefit that would provide the appropriate number of hours per week that aligns with their allotted number of annual hours each.

The board agreed to have the department heads meet with one of the aldermen to discuss how the benefit accrual process will work and present to the board for approval.

ACCEPT VERBAL RESIGNATIONS FROM PARK BOARD MEMBERS – CLINT HILLIARD & ANDY BROWN

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to accept the verbal resignation from park board members Clint Hilliard and Andy Brown. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – JANUARY 23, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob the minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob the bills for January 25, 2024, for \$6,219.54, February 1, 2024 for \$15,031.14, February 6, 2024 for \$4,307.31, and February 8, 2024 for \$39,947.92 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF JANUARY 31, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the financial statements as of January 31, 2024 were approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TRANSFERS FROM JANUARY 25, 2024 THRU FEBRUARY 8, 2024

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the transfers from January 25, 2024 through February 8, 2024 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CONFIRM AUDIT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2024 WAS RECEIVED LAND REVIEWED

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

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to go into closed session under authority of section 610.021(2) real estate at 7:45 p.m. with a roll call vote of Dustin Krob, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, Scott Novak, aye, and Mark Moore, aye.

CLOSED SESSION

The board discussed real estate issue. No decisions were made, and no votes were taken.

On a motion by Mark Moore and seconded by Dustin Krob it was agreed to return to open session at 8:18 p.m. with a roll call vote of Dennis Winzenried, aye, Dustin Krob, aye, Mark Moore, aye, and Scott Novak, aye.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

An announcement was made that in closed session the board discussed real estate issue, but no decisions were made.

The board decided to have a board meeting on March, 4, 2024.

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

Cheyenne Beasley, City Clerk

Missi Hesketh, Mayor