

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on February 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Kelly Dougherty  
Dennis Winzenried  
Larry Moehl  
Jack Baker  
Cheryl Altis

Ethan Mattegat, Rose Backlin, Madison Moore, Cody Mathew, Viola Beyer, Will Mattegat, Tim Crawley, Bill McCullah, Clyde Henscheid, Nathan Bower, Becky Shay, Pat Shay, Chris Robertson, Angela Leist, Cheyenne Beasley, Holly Smith, Holly Mattegat, Craig Smith, Brannon Tew, Missi Hesketh, David Forrest, Julie Aubuchon, and David Veldman.

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

#### ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT – KPM

Madison Moore with KPM presented the audit to the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen. The City received a clean opinion on the audit.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to accept the audit as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### BECKY SMITH – QUESTIONS FOR MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Becky had questions for the board concerning ordinances and the state audit.

#### FORSYTH CHAMBER – EVENT APPROVAL AND ROAD CLOSURES FOR EVENTS

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to allow the Forsyth Chamber of Commerce to have the spring event, Christmas parade, and fall harvest moon. The road closures presented for these events were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

#### ECODE SOLUTIONS PRICING FOR ONLINE CITY CODE BOOK

There are three options for putting the code book online with the E-Code solutions from General Code. Ecode 360 Lite for \$695.00, Ecode standard for \$995.00, and Ecode premium for \$1,195.00.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Jack Baker it was approved to accept the Ecode standard option for \$995.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

## BUDGET AMENDMENT

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Dennis Winzenried the budget amendment was approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

## FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 541 – WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASE

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Dennis Winzenried bill number 541 was placed on its first reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The reading was approved on a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Second and final reading on the March meeting agenda.

## ACCEPT FIRE DEPARTMENT APPLICANTS

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to accept Joshua Easterly as a fireman, Alexandra Mattegat into the junior program, and Holly Mattegat as a support member. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

## DISCUSS METAL DETECTING IN CITY PARKS

Jack Baker explained that the City has a current ordinance that does not allow digging in the park. Would like to allow metal detecting in the park. Would allow an 8" X 8" hole to be dug and then covered back with soil and turf.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to allow metal detecting with the above requirements. City Attorney Bill McCullah to draft an ordinance for the next meeting in March. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

## MINUTES – JANUARY 10, 2022

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Larry Moehl the minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting were approved as written. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

## BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker the bills for January 13, 2022 for \$21,974.73, January 27, 2022 for \$3,912.61, February 3, 2022 for \$33,341.12, and for February 10, 2022 for \$47,683.51 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF JANUARY 31, 2022

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl the financial statements ending January 31, 2022 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

## APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM JANUARY 13, 2022 THRU FEBRUARY 10, 2022

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Dennis Winzenried the transfers from January 13, 2022 thru February 10, 2022 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

## CONFIRM MONTHLY AUDIT REPORTING SHEET WAS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was confirmed that the Mayor and board received and reviewed the monthly audit reporting sheet prepared by the Finance officer. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Jack Baker explained that the City received \$258,000.00 Covid 19 relief money from the federal government. The City opened a special account at the bank for this money. The use of the money is very restricted. It can only be used for Covid 19 related items.

The City has until 2024 to spend the money. There are no means at this time that gives any direction on what specific things the money can be spent on.

If it meets the criteria maybe able to use part of the money toward tennis courts for Shoals Bend Park.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Jack Baker the meeting was adjourned at 6.55 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.