

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on March 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Dennis Winzenried, President of the Board
Missi Hesketh
Dustin Krob
Scott Novak

Cheyenne Beasley, Shane Keys, David Veldman, Nicole Maez, Josh Evans, Tim Crawley, Derek Hunter, Shawn Mathenia, Andy Brown, Joe Sweeney-Legore, Tim Donovan, Carolyn Donovan, AJ Meakins, Julie AuBuchon, Casey Gideon, Quentin Gideon, Pat Gray, Angela Leist, Steve Marler, Nathan Bower, Bill McCullah, Sherrie Veltkamp, Will Mattegat, Damien Chapman, Mack May, and Jeff Goodall.

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

APPROVE FIRE FIGHTER APPLICATION

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Missi Hesketh it was approved to accept Damien Chapman as a firefighter for the Forsyth Fire Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF BILL NUMBER 558 WATER/SEWER RATE INCREASE

On a motion by Missi Hesketh and seconded by Dustin Krob bill number 558 was placed on its second reading by title only. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

The reading was approved with a motion by Missi Hesketh and seconded by Dustin Krob and adopted as ordinance 558. With a roll call vote of Dustin Krob, aye, Missi Hesketh, aye, Scott Novak, aye, and Dennis Winzenried, aye.

UPDATE FROM FAIR BOARD

Quinton Gideon with the fair board explained that they have hired a grounds keeper for the area. Will have an area for the county to dump and make a place for the city to dump. These areas will not be for public use. Will be providing a place to dump the materials from the Shadowrock Lodge. Will be having several events and would like to help with the city Easter egg hunt.

UPDATE ON SHADOWROCK LODGE

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that the owner has a signed contract with Turners Heavy Equipment Company LLC to remove the building and is waiting on a contract with Sunbelt for the asbestos removal.

DISCUSS USE TAX

The City Clerk explained that the use tax was on the ballot in 2018 and failed. The county is considering placing the use tax on the August ballot. To discuss the use tax at a later date and consider putting it on the April 2024 ballot.

POLICE CHIEF UPDATE – EVIDENCE & PROPERTY POLICY & DEPARTMENT FIREARMS & PROFICIENCY POLICY

Chief Gray explained that all the officers have been to training, and the evidence room has been upgraded. Would like the board to approve the Evidence and Property Policy and the Firearms and Proficiency Policy as presented.

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to accept the Evidence and Property Policy and the Department Firearms and Proficiency Policy as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS DOLLAR GENERAL REQUEST FOR CITY PARTICIPATION IN TURN LANE ON HWY 160

Dustin Krob explained that the City should consider working with MoDot on a turn lane thru town and not just in the area of Dollar General. The turn lane thru town would be more of a benefit for the town. The turn lane by Dollar General is not a requirement by MoDot. To work with MoDot, Taney County, and other agencies on the turn lane thru town project.

BUDGET AMENDMENT

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Missi Hesketh it was approved to accept the budget amendment as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REQUEST PERMISSION TO TAKE CARE OF EXPENSE FOR ONE NIGHT MOTEL STAY FOR ADA CONFERENCE

On a motion by Dustin and seconded by Missi Hesketh it was approved to pay for one night motel stay for the upcoming ADA Conference. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL TO PURCHASE CUSTOMER SPOTS FOR UTILITY ONLINE PAY SYSTEM

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to purchase 50 customer spots for the utility online bill pay system. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS WATER TOWER/WELL HOUSE ON NORTH HICKORY

Scott Novak explained that would like the board to consider taking bids to remove the water tower on North Hickory. The City will be keeping the well and well house in case ever need to use the well. The public works department working on fixing up the well house. Finance Officer and City Clerk to work on bid process to remove the water tower.

DISCUSS EXTRA CITY INVENTORY

Scott Novak explained that have some items that are no longer needed or not in working order. Would like to have a report from each department on items that are no longer needed or not in working order. Will review the process of selling these items by sealed bid or online bid process.

SHOALS BEND HISTORY INFORMATION

A brief history of the Shoals Bend park annexations was presented.

DISCUSS AND VOTE ON GATEWAY TRAIL PROJECT FUNDING

Missi Hesketh explained that may not hear on the grant until April. The board felt should use the funding plan that was discussed at the February 23, 2023 meeting.

On a motion Missi Hesketh and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to use funding from the following funds for the Gateway trail project: ARPA fund \$250,000.00, Krehbiel fund \$25,093.00, and \$169,007.00 from the recreation fund. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY CONTRACT FOR STORM SIREN MAINTENANCE

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to accept the contract with Blue Valley Public Safety for the storm siren maintenance for one year in the amount of \$4,989.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE TO SIGN FIRE PROTECTION GRANT AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS GRANT

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Missi Hesketh it was approved to accept and authorize the President of the Board to sign the Fire Protection Grant and Emergency Medical Service Providers Grant. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE TO SIGN - PEACE OFFICERS GRANT

On a motion by Missi Hesketh and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to accept the Peace Officers Grant and authorize the President of the Board to sign the grant documents. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE BID FOR SCBA BOTTLES AND MAINTENANCE ON BOTTLES

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that he received 2 bids for SCBA bottles and maintenance on the bottles. The bids were from White River Outpost LLC for \$1,056.00 and Kenco Fire Equipment Inc for \$2,733.60.

On a motion by Missi Hesketh and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to accept the bid from White River Outpost LLC for SCBA bottles and maintenance on the bottles in the amount of \$1,056.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ANNOUNCE POSSIBLE OPENING FOR ALDERMAN WARD ONE POSITION

President of the Board Dennis Winzenried explained that may have an opening for Alderman Ward one position after the election. If anyone is interested please send your letter of interest to the City Clerk's office at City Hall.

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 9, 2023 AND FEBRUARY 23, 2023

On motion by Missi Hesketh and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to accept the minutes of February 9, 2023 as written and amend and approve the minutes of February 23, 2023 to read under section power point presentation financial discussion of grant projects Missi Hesketh explained that the trail system will increase support for local businesses and increase tax revenue to benefit all city departments. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Missi Hesketh and seconded by Scott Novak the bills for February 9, 2023 for \$69,697.91, February 16, 2023 for \$28,704.13, February 23, 2023 for \$12,715.16, March 2, 2023 for \$11,056.60 and March 9, 2023 for \$73,344.47 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF FEBRUARY 23, 2023

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Missi Hesketh the financial statements as of February 23, 2023 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TRANSFERS FROM FEBRUARY 9, 2023 THRU MARCH 16, 2023

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dustin Krob the transfer from February 9, 2023 thru March 16, 2023 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CONFIRM MONTHLY AUDIT REPORTING SHEET WAS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS SECTION

Relay for Life will be having some events and are needing volunteers. Please contact Missi Hesketh for details. April 26, 2023 is the trail summit would like to have a display for the Gateway Trail system.

On a motion by Missi Hesketh and seconded by Dustin Krob the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. motion carried with all members present voting aye.