

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on April 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Dennis Winzenried
Missi Hesketh
Dustin Krob
Scott Novak

Cheyenne Beasley, Chris Logue, Nathan Bower, John Koch, Steve Marler, Pat gray, Chris Carlson, Bill McCullah, Angela Leist, Carolyn Donovan, Tim Donovan, Will Mattegat, Andy Brown, Nicole Maez, David Veldman, Julie AuBuchon, Derek Hunter, Mark Moore, and Maddex Kinsey.

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

ACCEPT ELECTION RESULTS FROM COUNTY CLERK – SWEAR IN NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Scott Novak the election results from the County Clerk were accepted as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

City Clerk swore in the newly elected officials. Missi Hesketh, Mayor, Scott Novak, Ward One Aldermen, and Dennis Winzenried, Aldermen Ward Two.

Mayor Missi Hesketh took her seat as Mayor to conduct the rest of the meeting.

APPOINT ALDERMAN WARD ONE – SWEAR IN ALDERMAN

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to appoint Mark Moore as Alderman Ward One. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

City Clerk swore in Mark Moore as Alderman Ward One. Alderman Mark Moore joined the meeting.

APPOINT PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to re-appoint Dennis Winzenried as the President of the Board. Motion carried with all members present voting aye. Branson Bank will be notified by Finance Officer to prepare new signature cards to include Mayor Hesketh, and President of the Board Winzenried.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

Mayor Miss Hesketh presented John Koch with a certificate of appreciation for keeping Forsyth beautiful.

ALDERMEN DEPARTMENT ASSIGNMENTS

The following aldermen departments were assigned:

Parks department – Mark Moore
Public Works – Scott Novak
Fire department – Dennis Winzenried
Police Department – Dustin Krob
Administration – Missi Hesketh

APPROVE CONTRACT AND PRICE CHANGE FOR GATEWAY TRAIL AND APPROVE ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN DOCUMENTS

The board was presented with an updated contract from Reserve Concepts for the Gateway Trail that includes prevailing wage. Adding prevailing wage increased the contract by \$133,310.12.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to accept the contract from Reserve Concepts and to use the recreation fund for the additional funds in the amount of \$133,310.12 and authorize the Mayor to sign the contract. Motion carried with the following votes taken: Scott Novak, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, Dustin Krob, aye, and Mark Moore, abstain.

APPROVE HIRING PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob the hiring of Allen McCarthy as a public works employee was approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION WEEK MAY 7- MAY 13 AND APPROVE TRUMAN DAY AS A PAID HOLIDAY FOR EMPLOYEES

Mayor Hesketh explained that May 7th thru May 13th is Municipal employee recognition week. Would like to have a lunch sometime that week to show appreciation to the City employees. Also, would like the board to consider giving the employees a paid day off on May 8th for Truman Day.

On a motion by Dustin Krob and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to give the employees a paid holiday on May 8th for Truman Day. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

REVIEW DED GRANT APPLICATION

Mayor Hesketh explained that the City of Forsyth did not receive any funds from the DED grant.

DISCUSS OLD JAIL BUILDING AND USACE LEASE

Dustin Krob expressed his concerns about the condition of the old jail building and the city complying with the lease with the Corp of Engineers, and concerns about the flooding of

Shadowrock Park and the lease addressing possible financial help from the Corp for flood clean up.

On a motion by Scott and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to have Dustin Krob draft a letter to the Corp of Engineers addressing his concerns. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE FIRE FIGHTER APPLICATION

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to accept Maddex Kinsey as a fire fighter for the Forsyth Fire Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FIRE CHIEF UPDATE – ISO UPDATE, DANGEROUS BUILDING UPDATE, STORM READY RENEWAL

Fire Chief Nathan Bower gave the board an update on the ISO rating. The City's rating is 4 at this time. The department is working on a plan to increase the rating. Chief Bower explained the progress on several dangerous buildings. The Shadowrock Lodge should be ready for demolition in about two weeks. Chief Bower presented the board with a Storm Ready Renewal Recognition Certificate.

APPROVE BIDS FOR A COPY MACHINE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Bower explained that he received bids from two companies for black and white copier and color and black and white copier. Lakeland Office Systems b/w for \$3,032.85, color and b/w for \$3,381.20 with a \$30.00 per month maintenance fee. The second bid was from GFI Digital for b/w \$4,399.50, and color and b/w for \$4,985.70.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to accept the bid from Lakeland Office Systems for a color and black and white copy machine in the amount of \$3,381.20 with monthly maintenance fee of \$30.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE BODY/DASH CAMERA POLICY FIRE DEPARTMENT

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to accept the body/dash camera policy as presented for the Forsyth Fire Department. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

POLICE CHIEF UPDATE

Police Chief pat Gray explained that the work to the evidence is complete. Have some evidence that needs to be disposed. Will be working a schedule for the department, and working on recruitment tools to draw attention to the department.

GREAT ESCAPES REQUEST FOR FENCE

Chris Logue with Great Escapes explained that they have had some problems with vandalism and things getting stolen from the campground. Would like to put up a fence to help provide a safer environment for their guests. The fence would run from the corner of the water tower to the ballfield and from the field to the communication tower. The cost of the fence is \$9,960.00.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to pay half the cost of the fence in the amount of \$4,890.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF GREAT ESCAPES RE-PLAT

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Mark Moore it was approved to accept the re-plat from Great Escapes as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TRANSFER OF 30 PERCENT OF BUILDING INSPECTOR TO FIRE DEPARTMENT

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to transfer 30 percent of payroll cost of the building inspector to the fire department as stated in the budget. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS ADDING SECOND BOARD MEETING EACH MONTH AS WORK SESSION

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to have two meetings a month. The first meeting of each month as a work session. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – MARCH 20, 2023

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak the minutes of the March 20, 2023 meeting were approved as written. Motion carried with the following votes taken: Scott Novak, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, Dustin Krob, aye, and Mark Moore, abstain.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob the bills for March 23, 2023 for \$175,392.20, March 30, 2023 for \$1,916.00, April 6, 2023 for \$58,897.18, and April 13, 2023 for \$69,593.25. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF MARCH 31, 2023

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob the financial statements as of March 31, 2023 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TRANSFERS FROM MARCH 23, 2023 THRU APRIL 13, 2023

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob the transfers from March 23, 2023 thru April 13, 2023 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CONFIRM MONTHLY AUDIT REPORTING SHEET WAS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

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

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

No comments from those present.

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Mark Moore it was approved to go into closed session under authority of Section 610.021.3 Personnel at 8:15 p.m. with a roll call vote of Dustin Krob, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, Mark Moore, aye, and Scott Novak, aye.

CLOSED SESSION

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to terminate William McCullah's legal representation for the City of Forsyth effective immediately, with the following roll call taken: Dustin Krob, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, Mark Moore, aye, Scott Novak, aye.

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Mark Moore it was agreed to return to open session at 8:37 p.m. with a roll call vote of Dustin Krob, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, Mark Moore, aye, Scott Novak, aye.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

An announcement was made that, while in closed session, it was approved to terminate William McCullah's legal representation for the City of Forsyth effective immediately, with the following roll call taken: Dustin Krob, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, Mark Moore, aye, Scott Novak, aye.

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Mark Moore the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.