

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met for a meeting/work session on October 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Missi Hesketh
Dennis Winzenried
Scott Novak
Mark Moore
Dustin Krob

AJ Meakins, David Veldman, Nicole Maez, Pat Gray, Cheyenne Beasley, Matt Bailey, Nathan Bower, Hank Griffin, Darren Carter, Angela Leist, Steve Marler, Pam Bullough, and Christine Roth.

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

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 565 – AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 162 & 187 ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE REGULATING DANGEROUS & UNSAFE STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY OF FORSYTH

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Mark Moore bill number 565 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 Dustin Krob. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

Will have the second and final reading at the meeting on October 16, 2023.

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 566 – AN ORDINANCE DECLARING WEEDS, TRASH, AND JUNK A NUISANCE AND PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION AND ABATEMENT THEREOF

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Mark Moore it was approved to table this item until the October 16, 2023 meeting due to some changes need to made to the title of the bill. To have first and second reading at the October 16, 2023 meeting. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS AND REVIEW SPECIAL EVENT POLICY

The board discussed the insurance requirements of the policy and if would like to charge an application fee. Also, discussed fees for setting up the events. Staff to review and make changes and have on the agenda at the November 20, 2023 board meeting for approval.

DISCUSS STREET LIGHT ON HWY 160 NEAR WOODLANDS II ENTRANCE

There are concerns about it being very dark along Highway 160 at the Woodland II entrance. On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Scott Novak it was approved to look into installing a streetlight at this location. City Clerk to contact Liberty utilities. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FIRE ARMS TRAINING – CHIEF PAT GRAY

Chief Gray explained that the department does not currently have ready access to a high quality shooting facility for firearms training and qualifying of its sworn officers.

He recommends that the department join the Thorp Creek Range as a Founding Group Member. The department will have 10 roster spots. The fee for joining is \$2,500.00. The department will be billed \$100.00/year per rostered member. Thorp Creek will waive the yearly fee for any member on the roster that volunteers to serve as on-site range officer for 1 day, 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m. per calendar year.

On a motion by Scott Novak and seconded by Dustin Krob it was approved to table this until the next meeting on October 16, 2023. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

DISCUSS POSSIBLE CHANGES TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PACKAGE

Dustin Krob explained that would like to offer a better way to recruit and retain employees. Would like to see vacation and sick time accrued on each paycheck instead of the employee having to wait a year to start accruing time. To discuss the benefit package at a later date.

APPROVE MOU FOR PROCUREMENT & DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO FIRST RESPONDERS IN TANEY COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM

It was agreed to move this item to the October 16, 2023 meeting. Due to this meeting being a work session.

APPROVE ELECTRICAL BIDS FOR FIRE STATION 1 HVAC UNIT

It was agreed to move this item to the October 16, 2023 meeting. Due to this meeting being a works session.

TIME CARD SYSTEM DISCUSSION

Finance Officer Angela Leist explained that she contacted 3 vendors for timecard systems. Board would like to move this to the November meeting to give the finance officer time to contact some other vendors.

DISCUSS MODOT GROWING TOGETHER AGREEMENT

Public works supervisor Steve Marler has been in contact with MoDot about the roundabout at Hwy 160 and Hwy 76. We will need a Growing Together Agreement with MoDot to be able to plant flowers, plants, and shrubs in this area. Will be working with Beth Shaller with MoDot to get the agreement in place.

DISCUSS USTA GRANT OPPORTUNITY

The Mayor explained that she has been in contact with the US Tennis Association about reconstruction of the tennis courts in Shadowrock Park. The USTA will come to the park and look at the tennis court and determine what needs to be done to the tennis courts.

PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION

No comments from those present.

Closed session under authority of section 610.021(1) legal/section 610.021(2) real estate

The board did not go into closed session. Nothing to report or discuss on this issue at this time.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Dustin Krob the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.