

The Forsyth Board of Aldermen met in regular session on March 21, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present:

Mayor Kelly Dougherty
Dennis Winzenried
Larry Moehl
Jack Baker
Cheryl Altis

Vern Thompson, Viola Beyer, David Forrest, Steve Huggins, Missi Hesketh, Cheyenne Beasley, Nathan Bower, Craig Smith, Holly Smith, Stefanie Huggins, Amber Huggins, Bill McCullah, Chris Robertson, Buddy Roberts, Josh Easterly, Josselyn Easterly, Angela Leist, and Deanna Detraz.

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

JULIE AUBUCHON – QUESTIONS FOR MAYOR AND BOARD

The Mayor explained that Ms. AuBuchon was unable to attend the meeting tonight, but would like to address her questions. Ms. AuBuchon asked about the bills paid. The Finance Officer sent the financial statements and bills that were paid for February to Ms. AuBuchon.

The Mayor stated that the financial statements and bills paid are now on the city website.

LOT SPLIT REQUEST – BUDDY ROBERTS

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Larry Moehl the lot split presented by Buddy Roberts located on Tower Road was approved as presented. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF/SRO STEVE HUGGINS – AGENDA REQUEST

Assistant Police Chief Steve Huggins announced that he is going to retire. His last day will be June 10, 2022. He would like to thank former officer Bill Daggett and former Police Chief Mike Womack for giving him a chance in law enforcement and help train and mentor him. He would also like to thank Jack Baker and Tom Darnell for being part of starting the SRO program at Forsyth School.

Assistant Police Chief Huggins has been with the City of Forsyth for 31 years. He thanked everyone that he has worked with over the years.

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis it was approved to accept Assistant Chief Huggins retire letter. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

SECOND AND FINAL READING OF BILL NUMBER 541 – WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Jack Baker bill number 541 was placed on its second and final 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 and adopted as Ordinance number 541 with a roll call vote of Jack Baker, aye, Larry Moehl, aye, Dennis Winzenried, aye, and Cheryl Altis, aye.

FIRST READING OF BILL NUMBER 542 – METAL DETECTING SHADOWROCK PARK

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Cheryl Altis bill number 542 was placed on its first reading by title only.

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 next meeting agenda in April.

APPROVE FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPORT TEAM MEMBERS & JR FIREFIGHTER

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to accept Heather Easterly and Deanna Detraz as support team members for the Forsyth Fire department and Josselyn Easterly as a Junior firefighter. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE MOU AGREEMENT WITH ROCKAWAY BEACH & MERRIAM WOODS FOR OUTDOOR STORM SIREN ACTIVATION

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to accept the MOU agreements with Rockaway Beach and Merriam woods. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

TANKER/ENGINE APPROVAL TO PURCHASE (PENDING FINDING ONE)

Fire Chief Nathan Bower explained that he has been looking for a tanker/engine. They are selling very fast. Would like to have board approval to purchase when he finds one so he doesn't have to wait for approval and miss out on a good truck. The money to purchase this equipment is in the fire departments budget.

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Dennis Winzenried it was approved to allow Fire Chief Nathan Bower to purchase a tanker/engine and not exceed \$110,000.00 on the purchase. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVE TO PURCHASE BLOCK TIME FROM CELIPSO CONSULTING FOR COMPUTER SUPPORT - \$1,700.00

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl it was approved to purchase block time from Celipso Consulting for computer support for \$1,700.00. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 14, 2022

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Jack Baker the minutes of the February 14, 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 Dennis Winzenried the bills for February 17, 2022 for \$4,095.89, February 24, 2022 for \$20,788.15, March 3, 2022 for \$45,645.93, March 10, 2022 for \$33,800.86, and March 17, 2022 for \$3,521.50 were approved for payment. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2022

On a motion by Jack Baker and seconded by Larry Moehl the financial statements ending February 28, 2022 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS FROM FEBRUARY 17, 2022 THRU MARCH 17, 2022

On a motion by Cheryl Altis and seconded by Larry Moehl the transfers from February 17, 2022 thru March 17, 2022 were approved. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.

CONFIRM MONTHLY AUDIT REPORTING SHEET WAS RECEIVED AND REVIEWED

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried 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.

Cheryl Altis explained to the board that she felt should discuss the water tank on North Hickory Street. Will be on the next agenda on April 18, 2022 board meeting for discussion.

City Administrator Chris Robertson explained that are working on the Charlie Campbell memorial at the scenic overlook. Will have a picture of Charlie and stories about his life.

On a motion by Dennis Winzenried and seconded by Larry Moehl the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried with all members present voting aye.